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**Our ref:** KT/2017/123369/08-L02  
**Your ref:** Y17/1042/SH  
**Date:** 12 June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**Updated surface water management system addendum- Hybrid planning application for the development of land at Princes Parade. An application for outline planning permission (with all matters reserved) for up to 150 residential dwellings (use class c3), up to 1,270sqm of commercial uses including hotel use (use class c1), retail uses (use class a1) and / or restaurant/cafe uses (use class a3); hard and soft landscaped open spaces, including children's play facilities, surface parking for vehicles and bicycles, alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access and highway layout within and around the site, site levelling and groundworks, and all necessary supporting infrastructure and services. full application comprising a 2,961sqm leisure centre (use class d2), including associated parking, open spaces and children's play facility**

**Princes Parade Promenade, Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent**

Thank you for consulting us on the addendum to the Environmental Statement, the purpose of which is to assess the potential environmental impact of the alternative surface water management scheme outlined within the applicant's revised Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy.

Whilst we understand that the Environmental Assessment addendum is a necessary part of the planning process to ensure that there will be no harm caused by the revised arrangement, we consider that any discharge of surface water to the Royal Military Canal should only be pursued as an option if it is demonstrably unfeasible to direct the runoff from the development site to the sea.

We appreciate that this will require additional planning and permitting, but these requirements should not be used to solely justify the adoption of the least favoured means of surface water disposal.

We would refer you to our previous correspondence for the reasoning behind the (caveated) withdrawal of our objection and for clarification on our position on the Environment Agency's preferred arrangement.

Yours faithfully

  
**Planning Specialist**

