

## The Adur Local Plan

### Inspector Note

At the hearing session on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February I raised the issue of achieving safe entry and egress from a building during flooding (as advised in Planning Practice Guidance). I was told by the Council that the EA do not seek to ensure that this is achievable and examples were given by the Council where such a requirement has not been sought. I have asked the Council to confirm that this is indeed the accepted approach.

However, on reading the most recent correspondence from the EA (dated 30 January 2017) in REP/006/001, Mr Griggs (EA) clearly indicates that ensuring 'that occupants are provided with suitable protection from flooding throughout the lifetime of the development, including access to safe refuge' (my underlining) should be the objective.

It is clear to me that the safety of residents would be paramount. It would therefore be helpful to me if the Council could liaise with the EA in drawing up its response to this issue and demonstrate why, in its view, an exception to current advice would be justified.

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