The Stables, Hook Mill Lane, Lightwater GU18 5UD

Report on Flood Resilience Measures

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to address the requirements to discharge condition 10 of planning permission 21/0398. The wording of the condition is:

No development above slab level shall be undertaken until flood resilient measures have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These shall be retained and maintained for their designated purpose in perpetuity or if necessary replaced with similar.

The Flood Risk Assessment

Section 6.6 of the FRA says:

The average ground level within the proposed dwelling location is around 39.5m AOD. As such, establishing the FFL of the building at a minimum of 300mm above the general ground level (i.e. **39.8m AOD**) would exceed the recommendations of the EA in respect of climate change, with the FFL raised **0.88m** above the 1 in 100 year flood level, and **0.74m** above the 1 in 100 year plus 70% climate change level.

Section 6.7 of the FRA goes on to say:

It should be noted that the FFL will be set such that the dwelling is flood resistant, and resilience measures <u>should not be required.</u>

The only reason that section 6.7 qualifies this statement by referring to an event of more severe flooding is because the EA was not able to provide information in respect of a 1 in 1000 year flood. The statistical likelihood of flood water ever entering the building is so remote as to be inconceivable.

The substructure and ground floor construction

Nevertheless, the following information is provided to demonstrate that, even in the highly unlikely event of a flood, the substructure and ground floor construction is resilient to the effects of flooding.

Substructure: Concrete piles and reinforced concrete ring beam

Floor: Proprietary concrete beam + block with closed cell aircrete blocks

Closed cell phenolic insulation

Sand/cement screed Porcelain tile finish

Walls: Cavity walls with an outer leaf of either brick or medium density concrete block

plus decorative timber cladding. The timber cladding is not integral to the

construction and could be replaced if damaged.

Dense concrete blocks with concrete filled cavity below ground level

Closed cell phenolic insulation in the cavity Inner leaf of closed cell aircrete blocks

Internal finish of plasterboard on adhesive dabs. This can be regarded as

sacrificial and could be replaced if damaged.

Drawing AD10 is attached indicating a typical wall/floor junction detail.

