



from  
**Southern Water** 

Horsham District Council  
Parkside  
Chart Way  
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West Sussex  
RH12 1RL

Your ref  
DC/26/0024

Our ref  
DSA000050392

Date  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Contact  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Change of use of building to provide 9 residential units.

**Site:** Bentley House, North Heath Lane Industrial Estate, North Heath Lane, Horsham, RH12 5QE.

Thank you for your correspondence. Please see our comments below regarding the above planning consultation application.

#### Insufficient Information provided

#### Condition

Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul drainage disposal have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water.

#### Existing Southern Water Assets – General within boundary but no tree, buildings, assets within standoff distance (approximate)

Please see the attached extract from Southern Water records showing the approximate position of our existing sewer and water main assets crossing/in the vicinity of the development site. The exact position of the public assets must be determined on site by the applicant in consultation with Southern Water before the layout of the proposed development is finalised. To get in contact to confirm the exact position of the asset please visit;

[https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/ph4fk3pe/ds-location-of-rising-mains\\_pb.pdf](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/ph4fk3pe/ds-location-of-rising-mains_pb.pdf).

For information on required stand-off distances from public sewers please refer to:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/st5orivm/stand-off-distances.pdf>

## **Proposed Soakaways**

The Council's Building Control officers or technical staff should be asked to comment on the adequacy of Soakaways to dispose of surface water from the proposed development. No new Soakaways should be located within 5 metres of a public or adoptable gravity sewer, rising main or water main.

**No Soakaways should be connected to the public surface water sewer.**

### **Hierarchy of Building Regulations H3 for disposal of surface water - not yet provided documentation proving compliance**

If the applicant has not already provided documentation demonstrating compliance with the surface water hierarchy reflected in part H3 of the Building Regulations, as shown below, we will require this to be provided where surface water is being considered for discharge to our network. Whilst reuse does not strictly form part of this hierarchy, Southern Water would encourage the consideration of reuse for new developments.

- Reuse
- Infiltration
- Watercourse
- Storm Sewer
- Combined Sewer

Guidance on Building Regulations is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drainage-and-waste-disposal-approved-document-h>

We would like to engage with you on the design for disposal of surface water for this development at the earliest opportunity and we recommend that civil engineers and landscape architects work together and with Southern Water. In many cases this may negate or reduce the need for network reinforcement and allow earlier completion of the development.

Where a surface water connection to the foul or combined sewer is being considered, this should be agreed by the Lead Local Flood Authority, in consultation with Southern Water.

## **Condition**

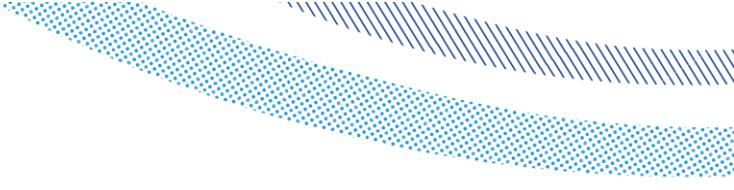
We request that should this application receive planning approval, the following condition is attached to the consent: Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of surface water run off disposal in accordance with Part H3 of Building Regulations hierarchy as well as acceptable discharge points, rates and volumes have been agreed by the Lead Local Flood Authority, in consultation with Southern Water.

## **S106 Connection application**

Any new connections to the public sewerage system will require a Section 106 connection application to be submitted and approved by Southern Water Services.

To make an application visit Southern Water's Get Connected service:

<https://developerservices.southernwater.co.uk> and please read our New Connections Charging Arrangements documents which are available on our website via the following link:  
<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements>



Please note that, where there are separate systems available Southern Water will not allow surface water to connect into the public foul sewer. If this is not possible, please provide evidence that all other options have been explored.

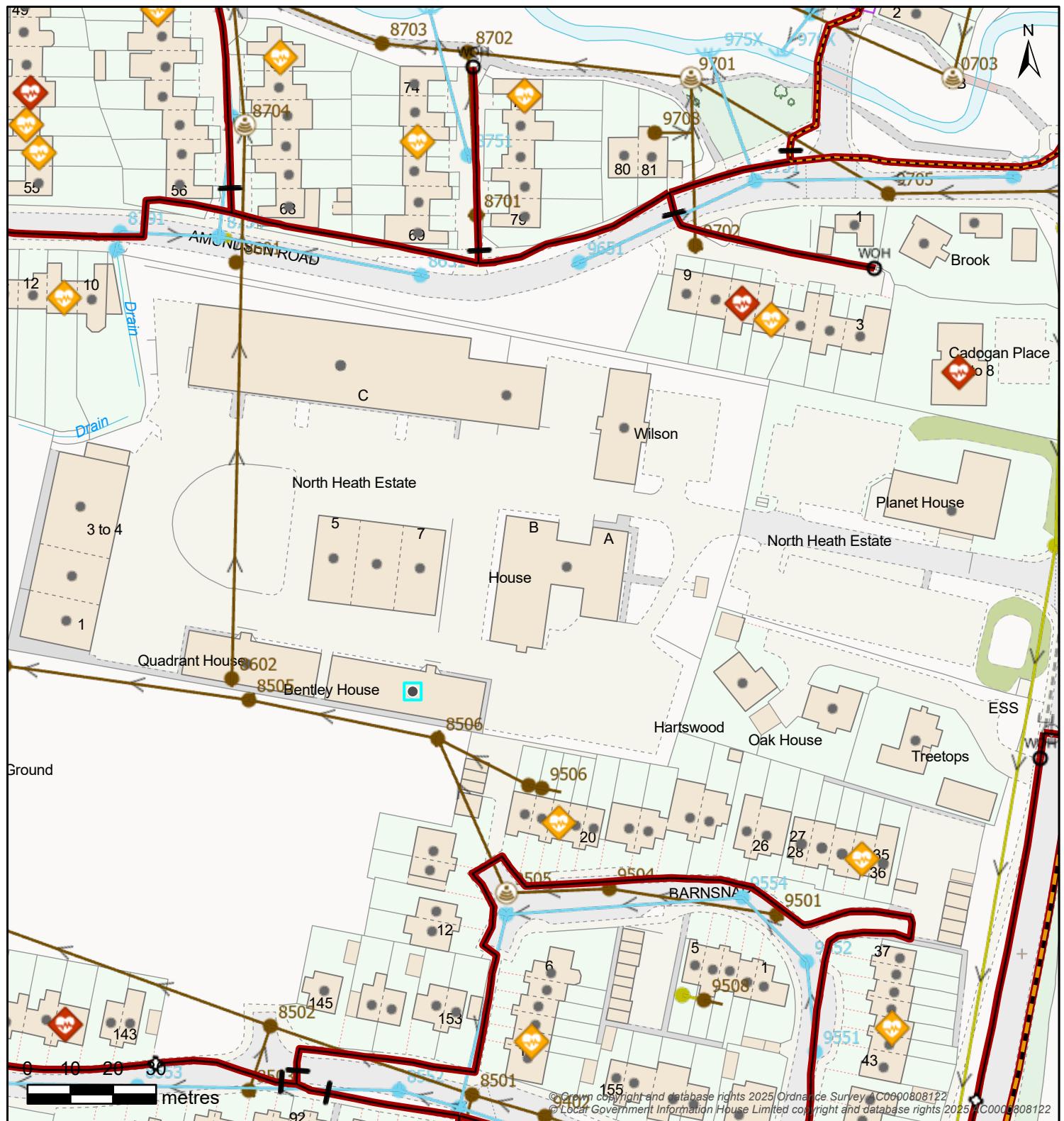
We request that should this planning application receive planning approval, the following informative is attached to the consent:

Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul sewerage and surface water disposal have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water.

For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119).

Website: [southernwater.co.uk](http://southernwater.co.uk) or by email at: [SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,  
Future Growth Planning Team  
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