



from  
**Southern Water** 

Horsham District Council  
Parkside  
Chart Way  
Horsham  
West Sussex  
RH12 1RL

Your ref  
DC/25/1480

Our ref  
DSA000048155

Date  
13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Contact  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Erection of 4no. 3-bedroom dwellings with associated car parking, private amenity space and acoustic fencing. Creation of an ecological buffer zone.

**Site:** Land North of 6 Montpelier Cottages, Old London Road, Washington, West Sussex, RH20 3BW.

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

**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/st5orjvm/stand-off-distances.pdf>

**Tree planting**

We have restrictions on the proposed tree planting adjacent to Southern Water sewers, rising mains or water mains. Reference should be made to Southern Water's publication "A Guide to Tree Planting near water Mains and Sewers" ([https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/pddob0vn/ds-tree-planting-guide-1\\_nwm.pdf](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/pddob0vn/ds-tree-planting-guide-1_nwm.pdf)) and the Sewerage Sector Guidance (<https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/>) with regards to any landscaping proposals and our restrictions and maintenance of tree planting adjacent to sewers, rising mains and water mains.

## **Condition**

'In order to protect public apparatus, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following pre commencement condition is attached to the planning permission; The developer must advise the local authority (in consultation with Southern Water) of the landscaping proposals in proximity of public apparatus in order to protect it in accordance with Southern Water's guidance, prior to the commencement of the development.

## **Proposed SuDS features**

If it is the intention of the developer for Southern Water to adopt the proposed SuDS, the system shall be designed and constructed in line with the Design and Construction Guidance [www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/](http://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/).

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

The supporting documents make reference to drainage using Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Where SuDS form part of a continuous sewer system, and are not an isolated end of pipe SuDS component, adoption of SuDS will be considered if requested by the developer if they comply with: Design and Construction Guidance (Appendix C), CIRIA guidance and Southern Water SuDS Guidance available here:

[https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/](http://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/)

[https://www.ciria.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=C753F&Category=FREEPUBS](http://www.ciria.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=C753F&Category=FREEPUBS)

[https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/14ndl3db/suds-final-080824.pdf](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/14ndl3db/suds-final-080824.pdf)

Where SuDS rely upon facilities which are not adoptable by sewerage undertakers the applicant will need to ensure that arrangements exist for the long-term maintenance of the SuDS facilities. It is critical that the effectiveness of these systems is maintained in perpetuity. Good management will avoid flooding from the proposed surface water system, which may result in the inundation of the foul sewerage system.

Thus, where a SuDS scheme is to be implemented, the drainage details submitted to the Local Planning Authority should:

- Specify the responsibilities of each party for the implementation of the SuDS scheme.
- Specify a timetable for implementation.
- Provide a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development.

This should include the arrangements for adoption by any public authority or statutory undertaker and any other arrangements to secure the operation of the scheme throughout its lifetime.

This initial assessment does not prejudice any future assessment or commit to any adoption agreements under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

## **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. 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.

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,

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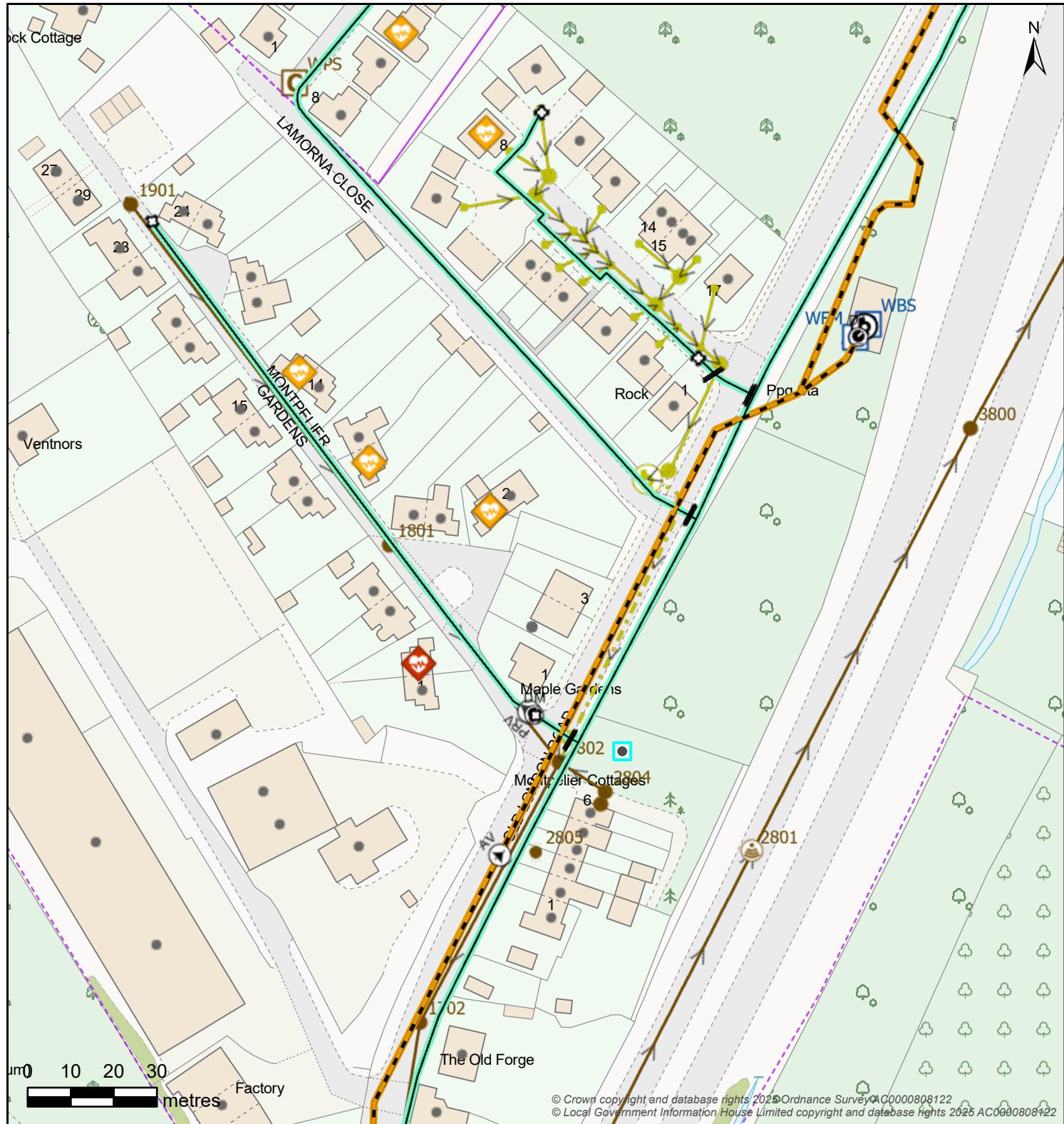


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[southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development](http://southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development)

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Controllable Valve	Flow Control	Inlet-Outfall
Damboards	Penstock	Valve
BIF	Anti Flood Device	Pumped Anti Flood Device
Bifurcation	Cascade	Reflux Valve
CP	Catchpit	Inlet
Head Of Public Sewer	IC	Outfall
Interceptor	Manhole	
Chamber	S	
Soakaway	WO	
Manhole		
BIF	CP	WO
Bifurcation	Cascade	Washout
Head Of Public Sewer	Interceptor	
Interceptor	Manhole	
Chamber	S	
Soakaway	WO	
Outfall Headworks	Overflow Chamber	Pipe Bridge
Outfall Headworks	CSO Combined Sewer Overflow	EMO Emergency Overflow
Outfall Headworks	Overflow	Pipe Bridge
		— Pipe Bridge
		— Micro Pumping Station
		— Pumping Station
Pumping Station		
Sewer Level Monitor	Storage	Treatment Works
Sewer Level Monitor	Storm Tank	Tidal Storage Tank
		Treatment Works
		Weir
		Wastewater Site
Wastewater Pipe	Wastewater Use	Developer Services
Culverted Water Course	Syphon	Foul
Drain	Tank Sewer	Combined
Outfall	Trunk Sewer	Sludge
Overflow	Vacuum Main	Treated Effluent
Rising Main	Decommissioned Pipe	Surface Water
Sewer		Private

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