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Your ref
DC/25/2131

Our ref
DSA000044958

Date
15th January 2026

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings. Erection of four barn style detached dwellings with associated garages utilising existing access together with landscaping.

Site: Greenacres, Saucelands Lane, Shipley, West Sussex, RH13 8PU.

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

Our comments of 20th June 2025, as detailed below remain valid.

Insufficient Information provided

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.

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) 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

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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/

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/l4ndl3db/suds-final-080824.pdf](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/l4ndl3db/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.

Proposed works involve demolition

In order to protect and safeguard the existing water supply apparatus, Southern Water requests formal notification of any proposed demolition works prior to such works being undertaken.

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

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Yours faithfully,
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Controllable Valve	Flow Control	Inlet-Outfall
Damboards Penstock Valve	Anti Flood Device Pumped Anti Flood Device Reflux Valve	Inlet Outfall
BIF Bifurcation Cascade CP Catchpit Head Of Public Sewer IC Interceptor Chamber Manhole S Soakaway WO Washout		
Outfall Headworks	Overflow Chamber	Pipe Bridge
Outfall Headworks CSO Combined Sewer Overflow EMO Emergency Overflow		Pipe Bridge Micro 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 Drain Outfall Overflow Rising Main Sewer	Syphon Tank Sewer Trunk Sewer Vacuum Main Decommissioned Pipe	Foul Combined Sludge Treated Effluent Surface Water Private
		Build Over Agreement Section 104
		Wastewater Area
		Catchment Sub-Catchment

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