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Chart Way  
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West Sussex  
RH12 1RL

**Your ref**  
DC/25/0362

**Our ref**  
DSA000046177

**Date**  
31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025

**Contact**  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Full planning permission for demolition of existing workshop, barn and offices and erection of a new barn and workshop building and office building and creation of open storage along with the full enclosure and refurbishment of existing barn.

**Site:** Menzies Wood Farm Okehurst Lane Billingshurst West Sussex.

Thank you for your correspondence, please see our comments below regarding the above application.

#### **Proposed Disposal to ground from package treatment plant**

The Environment Agency should be consulted directly by the applicant regarding the use of a private wastewater treatment works which disposes of effluent to sub-soil irrigation.

#### **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/>



<https://www.ciria.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=C753F&Category=FREEPUBS>

<https://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 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.

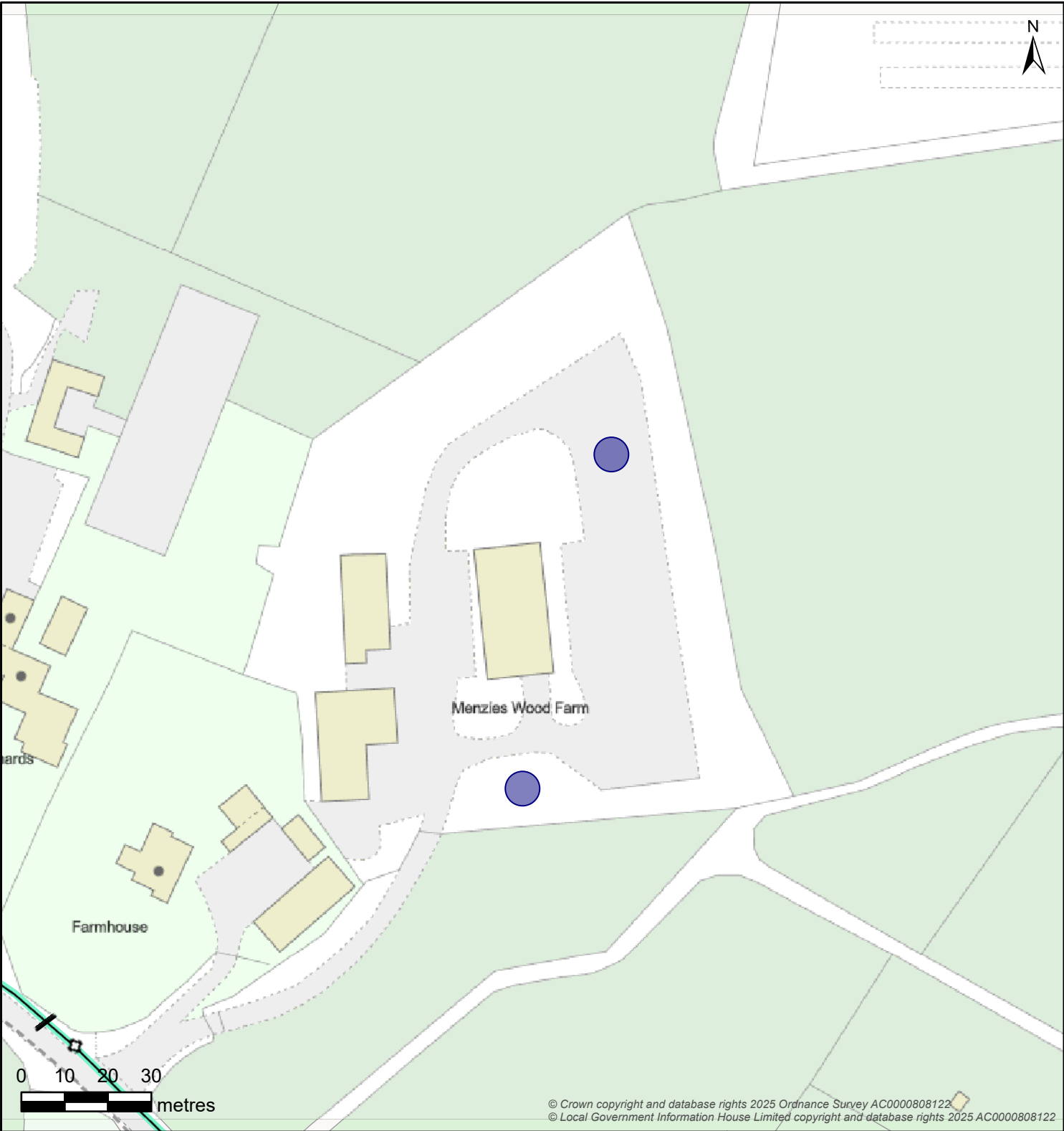
For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119)

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



























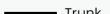




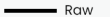
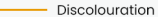

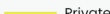
Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team

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



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Boundary Box		Break Pressure Tank		Capped End		Hydrant		
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Pressure Monitoring		Service Reservoir		Meter		Valve – Controllable		
 Logger	 Covered	 Tower	 Meter	 Open Valve	 Closed Valve	 Stop Tap		
Site			Valve – Flow					
 Abstraction Point	 Supply Works	 Air Valve	 Non-Return Valve	 Washout Empty Valve				
 Booster Station	 Transfer Station	Valve – Pressure			Pipe Bridge			
 Surface Reservoir	 Underground Source	 Pressure Reducing Valve	 Pressure Sustaining Valve	 Pipe Bridge				
Water Pipe			Water Area					
 Communication	 Trunk	 Decommissioned		 Water Supply Zone	 District Meter Area			
 Distribution	 Raw	 Discolouration						
 Non-Potable	 Private							

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