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Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 1RL

Your ref
DC/26/1186

Our ref
DSA000057049

Date
2nd September 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Outline Application for redevelopment of the site to provide up to 125 dwellings, access, public open space and associated landscaping, drainage and highways infrastructure with all matters reserved except access.

Site: Land North of Rectory Lane, Ashington, West Sussex, RH20 3LL.

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

Proposed new pumping station located within the development Site.

If the applicant proposes to offer a new on-site drainage and pumping station for adoption as part of the foul/surface water public sewerage system, this would have to be designed and constructed to the specification of Southern Water Services Ltd.

<https://landsearch.southernwater.co.uk/media/4323/southern-water-design-and-construction-specification-water-codes-for-adoption.pdf>

In order to protect the amenity of prospective residents, no habitable rooms shall be located within 15 metres to the boundary of the proposed adoptable pumping station, due to the potential odour, vibration and noise generated by all types of pumping stations.

Condition

Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul/surface water drainage disposal respecting the requirement for a non-habitable zone around the adoptable pumping station and suitable access arrangements, have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water.

Existing Southern Water pumping station located on/in proximity of the development site.

No habitable rooms shall be located within a minimum 15 metres of the boundary of an existing water/wastewater pumping station, due to the vibration and noise generated by all types of pumping stations and the potential odour. Southern Water requires existing access arrangements to the water/wastewater pumping station to be maintained with regards to unhindered 24 hour / 7 days a week access.

As per DCG, Southern Water will not accept proposals for pumped drainage when a discharge by gravity is possible, nor would we accept the storage of foul sewerage with the resultant risk of septicity to the detriment of effective downstream treatment.

Condition

In order to protect the amenity of future residents and to ensure satisfactory access to the public water/wastewater pumping station, Southern Water requests that the following condition is attached to the planning permission; Prior to the commencement of development, the developer must demonstrate to the local authority (in consultation with Southern Water) that existing access arrangements to the public water/wastewater pumping station will be maintained, and that no habitable rooms shall be located within a minimum 15m of the pumping station's boundary.

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 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.

No capacity – Wastewater

Network Capacity refers to the available capacity in our underground assets that carry wastewater to Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTWs). This includes a range of pipe sizes and material types, Wastewater Pumping Stations (WPS) and supporting infrastructure.

Some capacity issues may be addressed with operational changes, others may require physical works on our assets. We may identify where several developments would benefit from a larger network reinforcement programme to serve them all where significant growth is taking place in close proximity.

Part of our evaluation looks at the risk of flooding incidents arising from the additional flow of material in terms of 'hydraulic overload'. This means we consider whether there is enough room in the pipes for the likely maximum flow from the connection itself. This assessment does not include



random events such as ingress of water from broken pipes, changes in flow arising from blockages or unidentified additional flows from misconnections, these are dealt with through other processes outside of our asset growth planning team as they are operational incidents.

Network Capacity is independent of capacity at the WWTW and growth is planned in a different way though in some cases we may have parallel projects to both reinforce both the network and upgrade the treatment works but this is often not required.

For full details of our connection charging arrangement visit: Connection charging arrangements (southernwater.co.uk)

Southern Water has undertaken a capacity check of the impact that the additional foul sewerage flows from the proposed development will have on the existing public sewer network. This study indicates that these additional flows may lead to a minor increased risk of impact on the sewer network.

Condition

Southern Water hence requests the following condition to be applied:
Occupation of the development is to be phased and implemented to align with the delivery by Southern Water of any sewerage network reinforcement required to ensure that adequate waste water network capacity is available to adequately drain the development.

Connection to water distribution main

Our investigations indicate that Southern Water can facilitate water supply to service the proposed development. Southern Water requires a formal application for a connection to the water supply to be made by the applicant or developer.

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 to read on our website via the following link www.southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements

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/.

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

Surface water discharge proposed to existing watercourse

The Council's technical staff and the relevant authority for land drainage consent should comment on the adequacy of the proposals to discharge surface water to the local watercourse.

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.

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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.

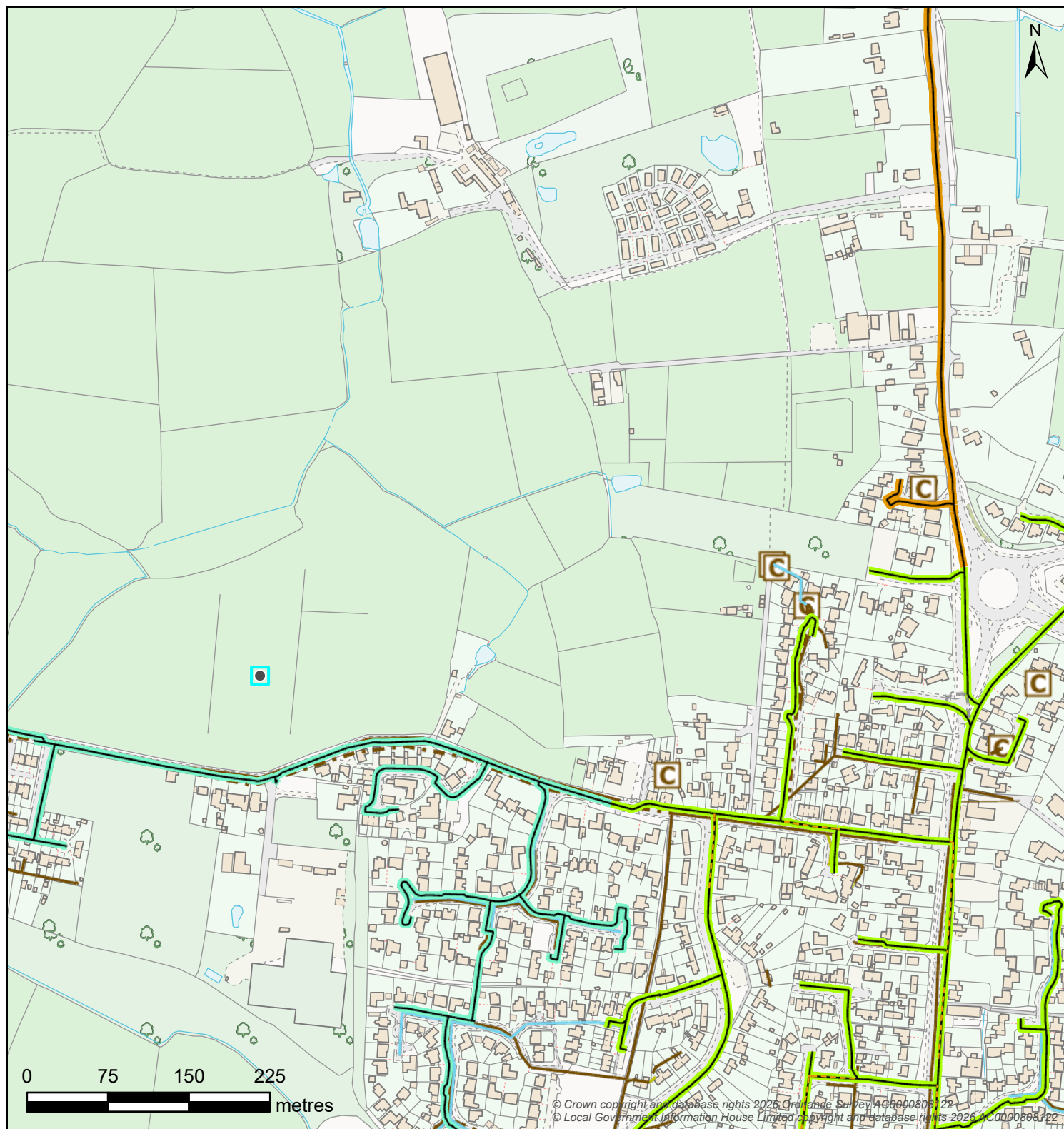
Due to legislative changes effective from 1st October 2011 regarding the ownership of sewers, it is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the development site. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction work, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any work commences on site. If this happens, please call our Customer Service Desk on 0330 303 0119.

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

Website: southernwater.co.uk or by email at: SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team
southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development



Controllable Valve			Flow Control			Inlet-Outfall	
Manhole							
BIF Bifurcation	Cascade	CP Catchpit	Head Of Public Sewer	IC Interceptor Chamber	Manhole	S Soakaway	WO Washout
Outfall Headworks		Overflow Chamber		Pipe Bridge		Pumping Station	
	CSO Combined Sewer Overflow	EMO Emergency Overflow					
Sewer Level Monitor		Storage		Treatment Works		Weir	
Wastewater Pipe				Wastewater Use		Developer Services	

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