from Southern Water

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Your ref
DC/26/1136

Our ref
DSA000058382

Date
14th October 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Change of Use of 1no. farm building (Building C) to B8 storage. (Retrospective).
Site address: Ford Farm Ford Lane Ashurst West Sussex BN44 3AT

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

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.

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.

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Other means of foul disposal proposed in proximity of existing Network:

Under the first time sewerage guidance the EA expect people to connect to a public sewer if the dwelling is within 30m of our network, this guidance can be found here: General binding rules for small sewage discharges (SSDs) with effect from January 2015 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Your development is further than 30 m away from our network, you may want to consider a private discharge or a connection to our network in these circumstances. Please familiarise yourself with EA guidance before progressing your drainage solution further.

Septic tank proposed:

The Environment Agency should be consulted directly by the applicant regarding the use of a septic tank drainage which disposes of effluent to sub-soil irrigation.

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 works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any further works commence on site. If this happens, please call our Customer Service Desk on 0330 303 0119.

For further assistance, 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
Developer Services

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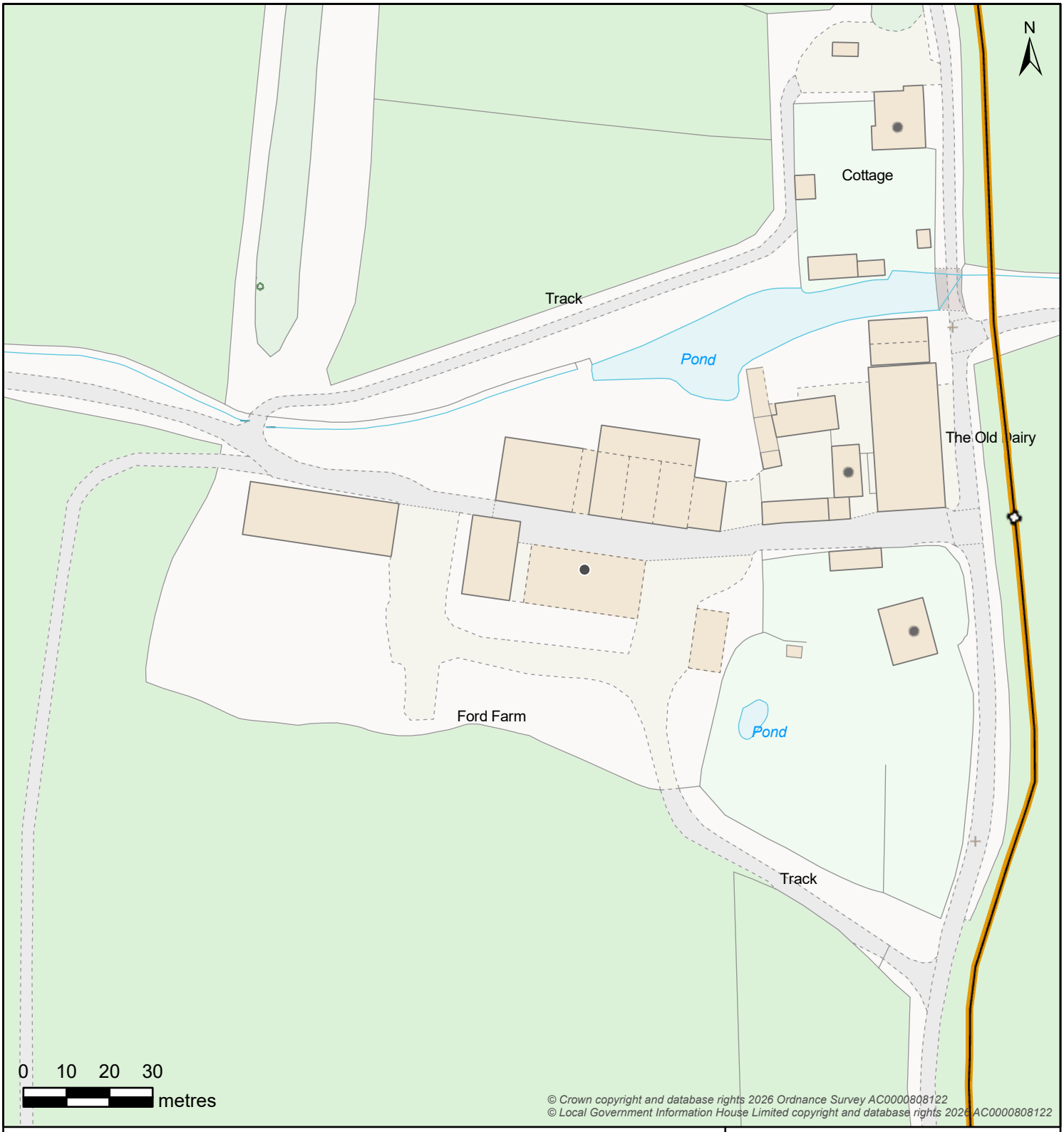

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Controllable Valve			Flow Control			Inlet-Outfall	
Damboards	Penstock	Valve	Anti Flood Device	Pumped Anti Flood Device	Reflux Valve	Inlet	Outfall

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	
Outfall Headworks	CSO Combined Sewer Overflow	EMO Emergency Overflow	Pipe Bridge	Micro Pumping Station	Pumping Station

Sewer Level Monitor	Storage		Treatment Works	Weir	Wastewater Site
Sewer Level Monitor	Storm Tank	Tidal Storage Tank	Treatment Works	Weir	Wastewater Site

Wastewater Pipe		Wastewater Use	Developer Services	
Culverted Water Course	Syphon	Foul	Build Over Agreement	Section 104
Drain	Tank Sewer	Combined	Wastewater Area	
Outfall	Trunk Sewer	Sludge	Catchment	
Overflow	Vacuum Main	Treated Effluent	Sub-Catchment	
Rising Main	Decommissioned Pipe	Surface Water		
Sewer		Private		

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