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Your ref
DC/26/1361

Our ref
DSA000057866

Date
29th September 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Conversion of the existing building into three self-contained flats and associated works
Site address: Wood Grange Lodge Henfield Road Cowfold West Sussex

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

Surface water discharge to Foul/Combined Network:

Discharging to FOUL SEWER -

Southern Water will refuse any request to discharge surface water into our 'foul only' sewer network. This includes where the surface water hierarchy has been followed and all alternative options have been exhausted. This approach ensures that we work together to better protect the environment, improve water quality, and reduce flood risk. It also supports our work to separate rainwater from sewage at source to meet storm overflow reduction targets under Defra's Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan, as well as to reduce the number of sewer flooding incidents that are caused by hydraulic overload of our sewer network during periods of sustained rainfall.

The above is supported by our Surface Water Management Policy, which is available to view on our website. It is also supported by the National standards for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) - GOV.UK which states the following in Paragraph 1.10 - Surface water runoff from the development shall not discharge to a foul drainage system.

SuDS:

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>

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<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.

Condition:

Southern Water does not accept surface water flows into the foul network. Please refer to the Surface water management

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/l23dbon0/surface-water-management-policy-120724.pdf>

Connection to public sewer - capacity available desktop study under 50:

Southern Water has undertaken a desktop study of the area, and our investigations indicate that Southern Water can facilitate foul sewerage disposal to service the proposed development. Southern Water requires a formal application for a connection to the public sewer 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 on our website via the following link:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements>

We request that should this planning application receive planning approval, the following informative is attached to the consent: Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul sewerage and surface water disposal have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning 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.

To make an application visit Southern Water's Get Connected service:

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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.

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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.

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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

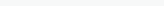
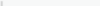
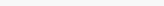
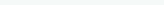
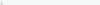
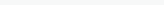
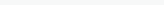
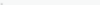
Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team
Developer Services

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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		 AV Air Valve	 NRV Non-Return Valve	 WO Washout Empty Valve		
 Booster Station		 Transfer Station		Valve - Pressure			Pipe Bridge	
 Surface Reservoir		 Underground Source		 PRV Pressure Reducing Valve	 PSV 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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