from Southern Water

Horsham District Council
Parkside
Chart Way
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 1RL

Your ref
DC/26/1463

Our ref
DSA000058036

Date
30th of September 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Conversion of building to a single dwellinghouse, installation of front door and front, rear and side windows.
Site: The Green Goose Green Lane Goose Green West Sussex.

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

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.

Disposal of surface water - not yet provided

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

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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. 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.

Applications for surface water connections into a combined sewer will only be permitted if;
a) there are no alternative options under the surface water disposal hierarchy.
b) there is capacity.

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.

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 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.

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 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

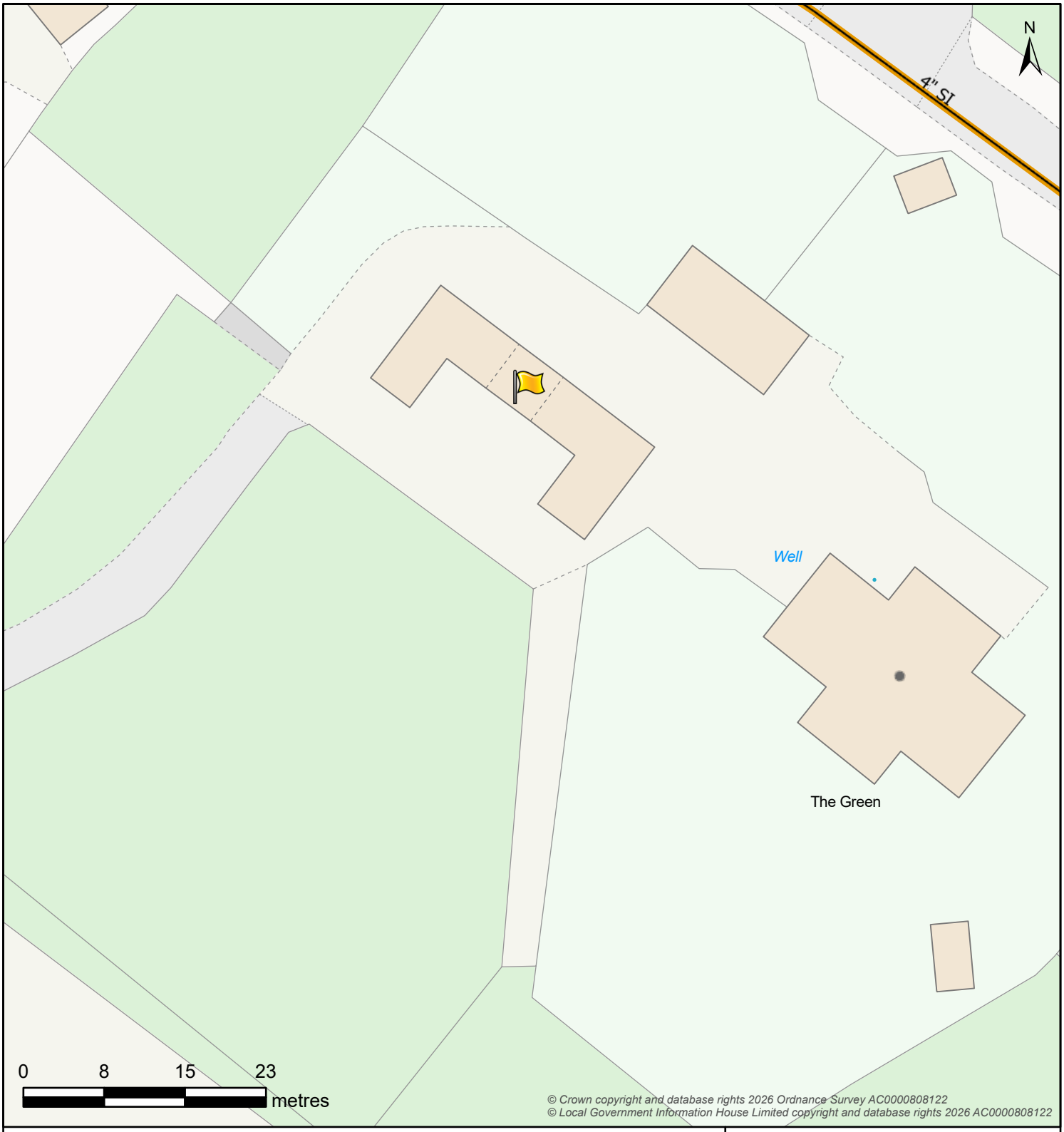
For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119)

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

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team
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Controllable Valve
Damboards | Penstock | Valve

Flow Control
Anti Flood Device | Pumped Anti Flood Device | Reflux Valve

Inlet-Outfall
Inlet | Outfall

Manhole
BIF Bifurcation | Cascade | CP Catchpit | Head Of Public Sewer | IC Interceptor Chamber | Manhole | S Soakaway | WO Washout

Outfall Headworks
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Overflow Chamber
CSO Combined Sewer Overflow | EMO Emergency Overflow

Pipe Bridge
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Pumping Station
Micro Pumping Station | Pumping Station

Sewer Level Monitor
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Storage
Storm Tank | Tidal Storage Tank

Treatment Works
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Weir
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Wastewater Site
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Wastewater Pipe
Culverted Water Course
Drain
Outfall
Overflow
Rising Main
Sewer
Syphon
Tank Sewer
Trunk Sewer
Vacuum Main
Decommissioned Pipe

Wastewater Use
Foul
Combined
Sludge
Treated Effluent
Surface Water
Private

Developer Services
Build Over Agreement | Section 104

Wastewater Area
Catchment
Sub-Catchment

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