



from
**Southern
Water** 

Horsham District Council
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RH12 1RL

Your ref
DC/26/0660

Our ref
DSA000054452

Date
6th August 2026

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Expansion of the existing school including the construction of 3 linked single-storey buildings, a sports hall, playground, parking, landscaping, drainage, and associated development, following demolition of redundant buildings.

Site: Ingfield Manor School, Ingfield Manor Drive, Five Oaks, Billingshurst, RH14 9AX.

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

Tree Planting

We have restrictions on 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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:

<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>

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.

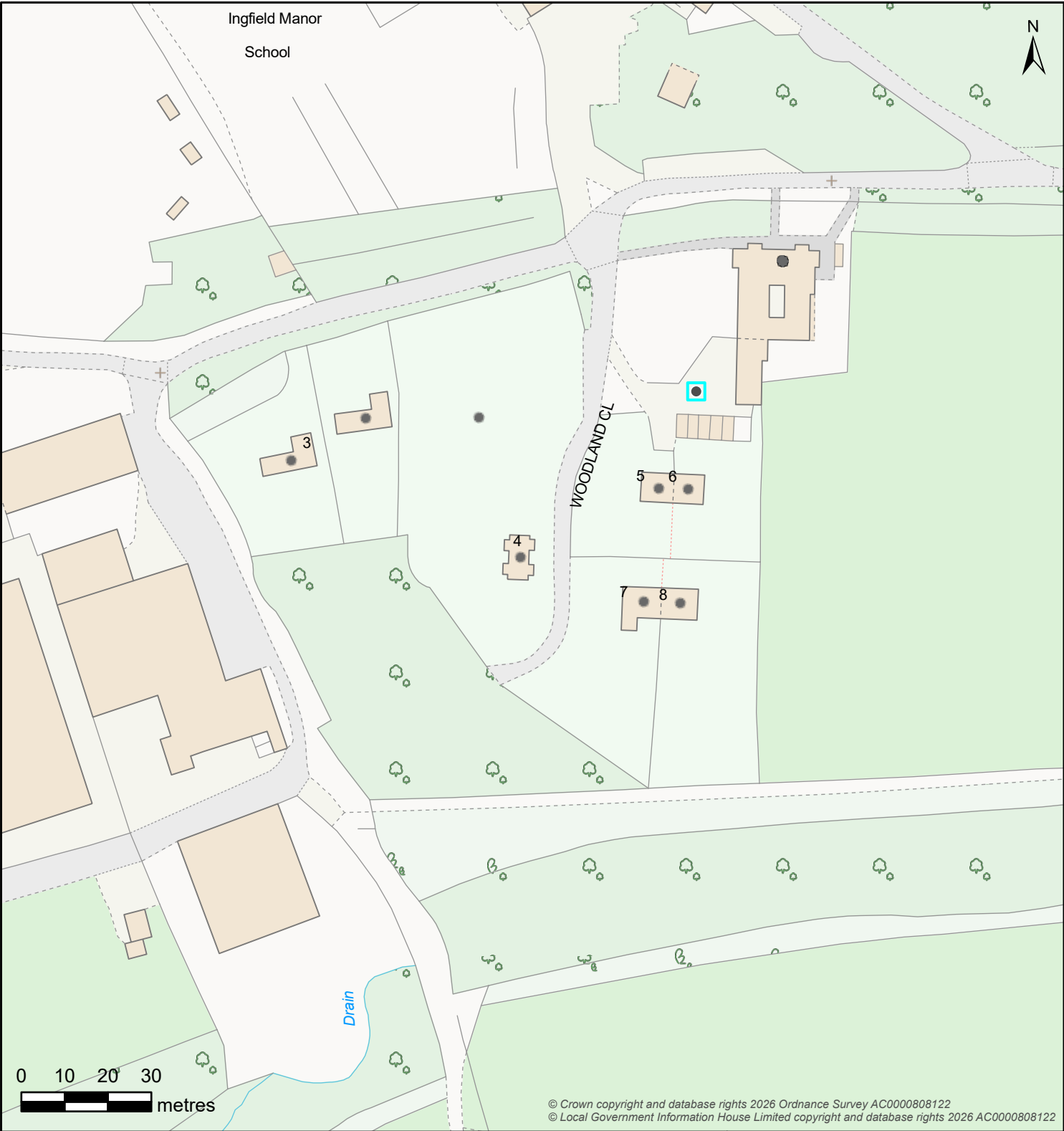
For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119)

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

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team

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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	
Sewer Level Monitor	Storm Tank	Tidal Storage Tank	Treatment Works	Weir	Wastewater Site		
Wastewater Pipe				Wastewater Use		Developer Services	
Culverted Water Course	Syphon	Tank Sewer	Trunk Sewer	Foul	Combined	Build Over Agreement	Section 104
Drain	Vacuum Main	Decommissioned Pipe		Sludge	Treated Effluent	Wastewater Area	
Outfall				Surface Water	Private	Catchment	Sub-Catchment
Overflow							
Rising Main							
Sewer							