from Southern Water

Horsham District Council
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Your ref
DC/24/0887

Our ref
DSA000035251

Date
21/01/2025

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Outline Application for redevelopment of the site to provide up to 117 private and affordable dwellings and parking together with an access from New Road, new landscaping and open space, an ecological and woodland park together with associated works, with all matters reserved except access.
Site: Hilland House New Road Billingshurst West Sussex.

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

Inadequate capacity in the foul network

Southern Water has undertaken a desktop study of the impact that the additional foul sewerage flows from the proposed development will have on the existing public sewer network. This initial study indicates that these additional flows may lead to an increased risk of foul flooding from the sewer network. Any network reinforcement that is deemed necessary to mitigate this will be provided by Southern Water.

Southern Water will liaise with the developer in order to review if the delivery of our network reinforcement aligns with the proposed occupation of the development, as it will take time to design and deliver any such reinforcement.
It may be possible for some initial dwellings to connect, pending network reinforcement. Southern Water will review and advise on this following consideration of the development programme and the extent of network reinforcement required.

Southern Water will carry out detailed network modelling as part of this review which may require existing flows to be monitored. This will enable us to establish the extent of any works required.

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Southern Water endeavour to provide reinforcement within 24 months of planning consent being granted (Full or Outline) however for more complex applications our assessment of the timescales needed will require an allowance for the following which may result in an extension of the 24 month period:

Initial feasibility, detail modelling and preliminary estimates.
Flow monitoring (If required)
Detailed design, including land negotiations.
Construction.

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 wastewater network capacity is available to adequately drain the development.

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

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Yours faithfully,

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