from Southern Water

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Your ref
DC/25/0145

Our ref
DSA000043155

Date
28th of April 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Proposed demolition of 1970's extension to Grade II listed Farmhouse and changes to architectural treatment of proposed extension which was part of consented planning applications DC/22/2377 and DC/22/2378. Proposed new dwelling to north of the Farmhouse and associated landscape works (Full Planning).
Site: Hope Farm the Haven Billingshurst West Sussex.

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

Proposed SUDS

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 devloper 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

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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.

Connection To Public Sewer

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.

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.

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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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; Booster Station; Transfer Station; Surface Reservoir; Underground Source	AV Air Valve; NRV Non-Return Valve; WO Washout Empty Valve

Valve - Pressure	Pipe Bridge
PRV Pressure Reducing Valve; PSV Pressure Sustaining Valve	Pipe Bridge

Water Pipe	Water Area
Communication; Trunk; Decommissioned; Distribution; Raw; Discolouration; Non-Potable; Private	Water Supply Zone; District Meter Area

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