



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

Your ref
DC/26/1218

Our ref
DSA000057240

Date
3rd of September 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Site: 19 Billingshurst Road Broadbridge Heath West Sussex RH12 3LB.

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

Rear / side extension build-over/close-to a sewer

It appears that the developer is intending to build-over/close-to a public foul sewer which is crossing the site. Building over a "public sewer" is not normally permitted by Southern Water. An investigation of the sewer is required to confirm its size and depth, ascertain its condition, number of properties served and potential means of access before any decision can be made as to whether it would be acceptable for Southern Water to allow building-over/close-to the sewer. The length of sewer to be built over under the terms of Part H of the Building Regulations dictates that the matter is determined by the sewerage undertaker, which in this case is Southern Water. The conditions and application associated with the build-over/close-to a public sewer are available at Southern Water's Get Connected service: <https://developerservices.southernwater.co.uk>

Condition: In order to protect drainage apparatus, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following condition is attached to the planning permission; prior to the commencement of development, the developer must advise the local authority, in consultation with Southern Water, of measures which will be undertaken to protect the public sewers.

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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