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West Sussex
RH12 1RL

Your ref
DC/26/1240

Our ref
DSA000057061

Date
3rd September 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Outline planning application (all matters reserved) to provide an Employment Park comprising flexible commercial, industrial and logistics uses (Use Classes E(g), B2, B8), healthcare (Class E(e) including pharmacy) and commercial leisure.

Site: Mowbray Employment Park, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 5QR.

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

Existing Rising Main stand-off distance

The 125 mm diameter rising main requires a minimum clearance of 3 metres on either side of the rising main to protect it from construction works and to allow for future access for maintenance. We would recommend using stand-off distances as per our water mains, please refer to:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/st5orjvm/stand-off-distances.pdf>

No development or tree planting should be carried out within 3 metres of the external edge of the public rising main without consent from Southern Water. All existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works.

Condition

In order to protect public sewers, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following condition is attached to the planning permission; The developer must agree with Southern Water, prior to commencement of the development, the measures to be undertaken to protect the public sewers.

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.

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 Development located in Flood plain

From the site location, it appears that the proposed development lies within an area identified as flood zone 2/3. Southern Water supports the Government's requirement to apply the sequential and exception tests to development sites located in flood zones 2 or 3. In flood events, additional surface water can inundate sewers, which may result in the overloading of the sewerage system. Southern Water will rely on the Council's consultations with the Environment Agency to ensure that any proposed development on a floodplain is appropriately assessed, and necessary mitigation measures adopted.

As this site is in a high-risk flood zone the new foul drainage system must be resilient to the flooding as we do not want flood waters to enter the system which would then impede foul drainage from this area and potentially downstream. The developer must ensure the new foul system draining the development does not create a new low spot on the network. If this is a possibility, then consideration should be given to having a pumped connection or other satisfactory mitigation. It appears the area is also prone to high groundwater. The new system must be constructed to withstand high groundwater and should be watertight at pipe joints; within manholes and at ground level. The integrity of the system with respect to water tightness must be demonstrated by air testing.

Condition

In view of the risk of inundation of the proposed drainage system, Southern Water would request that the consent is subject to the following condition: The proposed drainage system shall be designed and constructed to prevent the ingress of flood water into the sewerage network.

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.

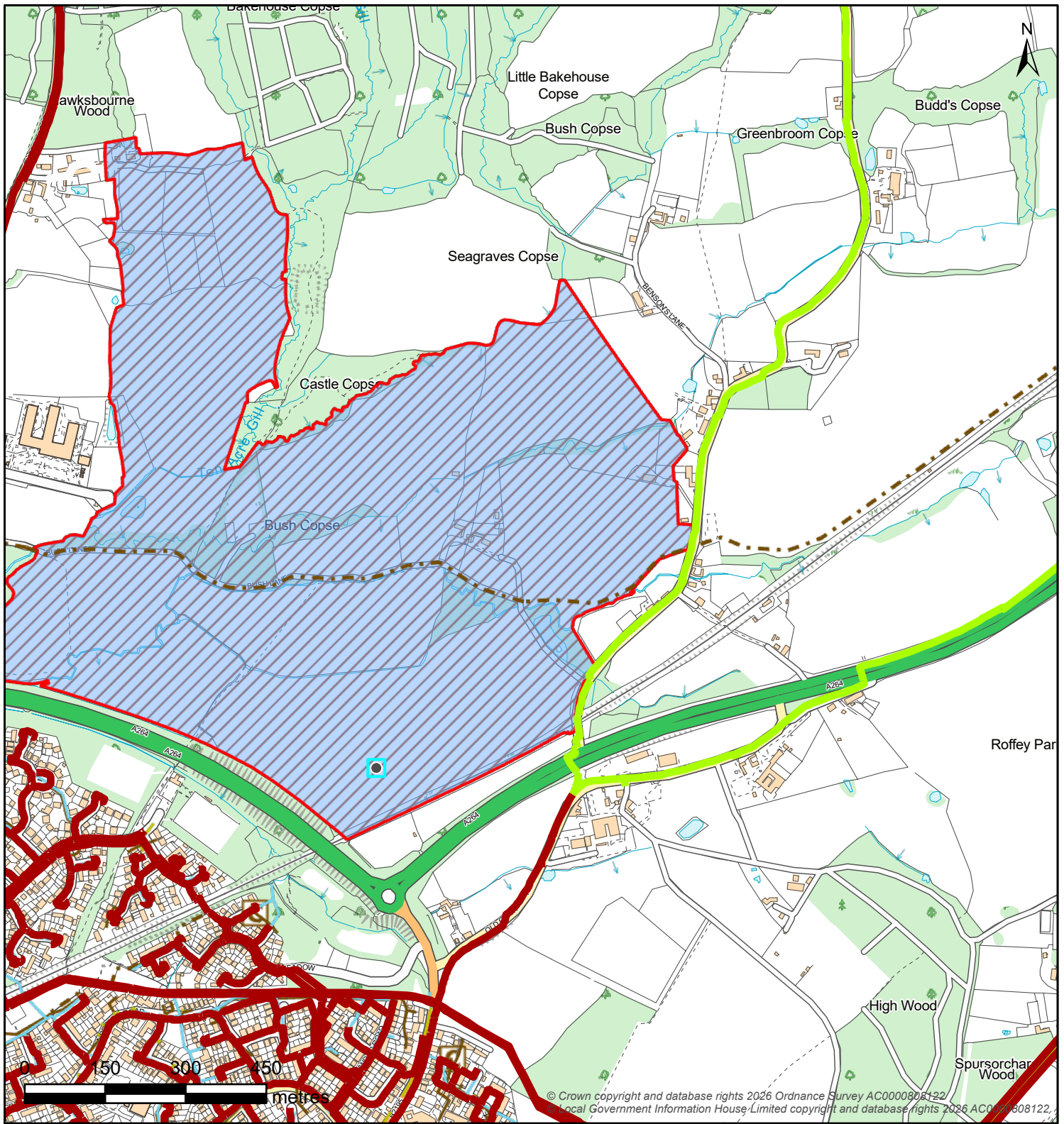
For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119)

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

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team

southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development



Controllable Valve			Flow Control			Inlet-Outlet	
Damboards	Penstock	Valve	Anti Flood Device	Pumped Anti Flood Device	Reflux Valve	Inlet	Outlet
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	Sewer	Sludge	Treated Effluent	Wastewater Area	
Outfall				Surface Water	Private	Catchment	Sub-Catchment
Overflow							
Rising Main							

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