West Sussex
County Council

Ordinary Watercourse Land Drainage Consent

Land Drainage Act 1991

Colin Coulthard
Sunninghill Construction Co. Ltd

Consent applying to

15 Fairfield Cottages, Cowfold RH13 8BL

Construction of a retaining wall as a watercourse bank replacement.
Diversion of existing culvert between manholes.

Consent Number

LDC-2025-029

Effective from

14th May 2025

This note does not form part of the Certificate of Authorisation.

Legislation

Land Drainage Consents are required by virtue of the Land Drainage Act 1991. The following activities on an Ordinary (non-main) Watercourse require Local Authority Consent:

under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991;

- the erection or alteration of any mill dam, weir or other like obstruction to the flow of any watercourse
- the erection of a culvert in an ordinary watercourse
- alteration of a culvert in a manner that would be likely to affect the flow of an ordinary watercourse

under Sections 17 and 20(2) of the Land Drainage Act 1991

- any drainage works carried out by a local authority against flooding in connection with any watercourse

under Section 61F Land Drainage Act 1991 (Inserted by Schedule 22 Environment Act 1995)

- the operation of any drainage works, under the control of any Internal Drainage Board or local authority, so as to manage the level of water in a watercourse for the purposes of facilitating spray irrigation.

Note: Consent under the above legislation is required irrespective of whether the works are permanent or temporary.

Contraventions

In relation to Ordinary Watercourses, West Sussex Drainage Partnership can under Section 24 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 serve a legal notice requiring the person to abate the nuisance within a specified time. Failure to abide by such a notice can result in the West Sussex Drainage Partnership carrying out the necessary remedial work and seeking to recover costs.

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Control of works affecting watercourses and/or flood defences

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To: **Colin Coulthard - Sunninghill Construction Co. Ltd**

West Sussex County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and subject to the conditions attached, hereby grants its consent in relation to the works or operations described in this Consent.

Watercourse: Not Named

Location: **15 Fairfield Cottages, Cowfold RH13 8BL**

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Map Reference: TQ 521462 , 122706

As detailed on plans and sections

FCC MHA ZZ ZZ DR A 0100 S0 P02
9395-SWP-ZZ-XX-DD-C-5350 P01
9395-SWP-ZZ-XX-DP-C-1350 P01
9395-SWP-ZZ-XX-DP-C-1351 P01
9395-SWP-ZZ-XX-DP-C-1352 P01
And
Method Statement and Risk Assessment dated 07.04.25 J.Palmer

In supporting documentation

West Sussex County Council does not accept any responsibility for the design and construction of the works referred hereto and any liability for any loss or damage which may arise out of their design, construction, maintenance or use.

This Consent shall come into effect on

Date 14th May 2025

[redacted]

Michael Elkington
Head of Planning Services
West Sussex County Council

Date of signing

08th May 2025

Conditions

This consent is granted with the following conditions:

General

Photographs to be supplied of before, during and after construction.

Site Specific

Additional approvals should be sought from West Sussex County Council Highways for the new manhole connection to the highways drainage network. Ordinary Watercourse Consent does not constitute approval of the technical details of this connection.

Other Information

This Consent does not remove from the applicant the necessity to obtain other licences, consents, approvals or permissions (including planning permission) which may be required in law or in order to comply with any duties or responsibilities for conservation or protection of the environment.

It is the applicants responsibility to ensure that he obtains the consent / permission of any owners and occupiers affected by the works.

This Consent does not confer any rights of entry or rights over property.

Works should be arranged to ensure there is no increase in flood risk to third parties.

That the LLFA does not accept any responsibility for the design and construction of the works that are the subject of this Consent and any liability for any loss or damage which may arise out of their design, construction, maintenance or use.

The works must be undertaken in accordance with the approved plans, drawings, calculations, specifications and other relevant documents.

All reasonable precautions must be taken during the undertaking of the works so as not to obstruct, impede or interfere with the flow of water in, into or out of the watercourse and not to damage the banks or bed or any drainage works without the approval of the Lead Local Flood Authority.

Timescales

Works to be completed within **three years** of the date of this consent or else the consent will be deemed to have expired. This period can be extended upon written agreement.

Upon completion of works please send notification within 28 days to the issuing authority or to **OWC@westsussex.gov.uk**