



Mid Sussex District Council  
Oaklands  
Oaklands Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex  
RH16 1SS

Your ref  
DM/25/1857

Our ref  
DSA000048564

Date  
29<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

Contact  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Retrospective change of use from agricultural land to residential garden land and change of use of the barn and stable building to residential ancillary accommodation.

**Site:** Shepherds Cottage Stuccles Farm Twineham Lane Sayers Common Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9JF.

Thank you for your correspondence. Please see our comments below regarding the above planning consultation application.

#### **Development Site is not within Southern Water's Supply Area**

The development site is not located within Southern Water's statutory area for water supply services. Please contact South East Water who are the relevant statutory undertaker.

#### **Insufficient Information provided**

Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul water drainage disposal have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water.

#### **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.

#### **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](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](https://www.southernwater.co.uk) or by email at: [SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team  
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