



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

**Your ref**  
DM/25/2720

**Our ref**  
DSA000049033

**Date**  
13<sup>th</sup> of November 2025

**Contact**  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Proposed 6 two-bedroom apartments within a 3-storey apartment block.

**Site:** Kilnwood Apartments Rocky Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex.

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

#### **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.

#### **Proposed soakaways**

The Council's Building Control officers or technical staff should be asked to comment on the adequacy of soakaways to dispose of surface water from the proposed development.



No new soakaways should be located within 5 metres of a public or adoptable gravity sewer, rising main or water main.

No Soakaways should be connected to the public surface water sewer.

### **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://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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