



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

**Your ref**  
DM/24/2409

**Our ref**  
DSA000046024

**Date**  
25<sup>th</sup> of July 2025

**Contact**  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Proposed conversion of barn to residential use to create 1 2-bedroom dwelling. Removal of existing hardstanding and landscaping.

**Site:** Slaugham Garden Nursery Staplefield Road Slaugham Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6AG.

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 drainage services. Please contact South East Water who are the relevant statutory undertaker.

#### **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.

#### **Proposed Disposal to ground from package treatment plant**

The Environment Agency should be consulted directly by the applicant regarding the use of a private wastewater treatment works which disposes of effluent to sub-soil irrigation.



## **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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