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Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

Your ref
DM/25/1354

Our ref
DSA000045595

Date
21st of July 2025

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Proposed new 1 bed, two-person semi-detached dwelling.

Site: Land North Of 24 Oak Hall Park Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 0BX.

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

Inadequate Capacity

Network Capacity refers to the available capacity in our underground assets that carry wastewater to Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTWs). This includes a range of pipe sizes and material types, Wastewater Pumping Stations (WPS) and supporting infrastructure. Some capacity issues may be addressed with operational changes; others may require physical works on our assets. We may identify where several developments would benefit from a larger network reinforcement programme to serve them all where significant growth is taking place in close proximity.

Part of our evaluation looks at the risk of flooding incidents arising from the additional flow of material in terms of 'hydraulic overload'. This means we consider whether there is enough room in the pipes for the likely maximum flow from the connection itself. This assessment does not include random events such as ingress of water from broken pipes, changes in flow arising from blockages or unidentified additional flows from misconnections, these are dealt with through other processes outside of our asset growth planning team as they are operational incidents.

Network Capacity is independent of capacity at the WWTW and growth is planned in a different way though in some cases we may have parallel projects to both reinforce both the network and upgrade the treatment works but this is often not required.

For full details of our connection charging arrangement visit: [Connection charging arrangements \(southernwater.co.uk\)](https://southernwater.co.uk)



Southern Water has undertaken a capacity check of the impact that the additional foul sewerage flows from the proposed development will have on the existing public sewer network. This study indicates that these additional flows may lead to a minor increased risk of impact on the sewer network.

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) 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

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team

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