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Oaklands
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West Sussex
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Your ref
DM/26/1080

Our ref
DSA000054083

Date
21st May 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Demolition of former St Stephens Church, replacement residential development of 3 no. houses, parking, landscaping and access.

Site address: Former Catholic Church Of St Stephen Hamsland Horsted Keynes West Sussex

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

New Roads & Street Works Act (NRSWA):

The impact of any works within the highway/access road on public apparatus shall be assessed and approved, in consultation with Southern Water, under a NRSWA enquiry in order to protect public apparatus. Please send these enquiries to Developer.Services@southernwater.co.uk.

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.

Proposed SUDS features:

If it is the intention of the developer for Southern Water to adopt the proposed SuDS, the system shall be designed and constructed in line with the Design and Construction Guidance www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/.

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

Insufficient Information provided:

Condition:

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

Proposed works involve demolition:

In order to protect and safeguard the existing water supply apparatus, Southern Water requests formal notification of any proposed demolition works prior to such works being undertaken.

It is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the development site. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any further works commence on site. If this happens, please call our Customer Service Desk on 0330 303 0119.

Website: southernwater.co.uk or by email at: SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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