

Mid Sussex District Council -
Development Control
Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, RH16
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Customer reference: DM/26/1714
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Proposed engineering operations for the drilling of a domestic borehole in the garden with primary intent of filling swimming pool, usage to be less than 20,000 litres a day. Fitting of a flat wellhead at ground level.

The Limes 17 Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, Mid Sussex District, RH16 4AB.

Dear Planning Officer,

Thank you for contacting us.

This is our response to your consultation DM/26/1714.

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted, but please note our comments below.

Provided the abstraction rate from the borehole remains below 20,000 litres per day at all times, no abstraction licence would be required. On this basis, we have no comments on, or objections to, the application.

We would, however, highlight to the applicant that an Environmental Permit may be required for the operation of the swimming pool. In particular, this may be necessary if any potentially polluting substances are discharged to the ground, such as swimming pool backwash water. Swimming pool backwash should be discharged to the public foul sewer where possible.

The applicant should refer to the latest government guidance on the discharge of swimming pool waste and drain-down water, available on the GOV.UK website.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact
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Yours sincerely,

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