



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

Your ref
DM/26/0135

Our ref
DSA000051013

Date
18th March 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Demolition of existing building and development of 4 dwellings, with associated access and landscaping.

Site: Finches, 75 Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0DY.

Thank you for your correspondence. Please see our comments below regarding the above planning consultation application.

In response to the correspondence from GTA Civils & Transport in relation to the proposed drainage for this application Southern Water will not allow Surface Water to be discharged to our Foul Network, as detailed below, and as such an updated drainage proposal will need to be designed, irrespective of any current drainage on this site.

There is a Surface Water Sewer to the East of the site on Wheelwright Lane which could be a potential PoC for the surface water drainage disposal.

All other comments in our correspondence of 5th February 2026 remain valid.

Surface water discharge to Foul Network

Southern Water will refuse any request to discharge surface water into our 'foul only' sewer network and resist a discharge to the combined sewer network, on the grounds that the discharge is detrimental to our sewerage network and can be harmful to the environment. This includes where the surface water hierarchy has been followed, and all alternative options have been exhausted. This approach ensures that we work together to better protect the environment, improve water quality, and reduce flood risk. It also supports our work to separate rainwater from sewage at source to meet storm overflow reduction targets under Defra's Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan, as well as to reduce the number of sewer flooding incidents that are caused by hydraulic overload of our sewer network during periods of sustained rainfall.



The above is supported by our Surface Water Management Policy, which is available to view on our website. It is also supported by the National standards for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) - GOV.UK which states the following in Paragraph 1.10 - Surface water runoff from the development shall not discharge to a foul drainage system.

Condition

Southern Water does not accept surface water flows into the foul network. Please refer to the Surface water management
<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/l23dbon0/surface-water-management-policy-120724.pdf>

For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119).

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Yours faithfully,
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