



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

Your ref  
DM/25/2884

Our ref  
DSA000051015

Date  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Contact  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Erection of a dwelling house on land adj to 48 Wickham including solar panels to the roof (Amended plans received 21.01.25)

**Site:** Land Adj. To 48 Wickham Way, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1UQ.

Thank you for your correspondence. Please see our comments below regarding the above planning consultation 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 services. Please contact South East Water who are the relevant statutory undertaker.

### **Existing Sewers shown on applicant's plans not in GIS**

The plan provided by the developer drwg no 6377PL2 - 2321 shows a sewer crossing the site which is not shown on our records. An assessment of the sewer is required to determine its ownership and the impact it could have to the proposed site layout. It is possible that the sewer is now deemed to be public. To get in contact to confirm the exact position of the asset please visit;

[https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/ph4fk3pe/ds-location-of-rising-mains\\_pb.pdf](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/ph4fk3pe/ds-location-of-rising-mains_pb.pdf)

For information on required stand-off distances from public sewers please refer to:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/st5orjvm/stand-off-distances.pdf>

### **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.**

### **Rainwater Harvesting**

The proposed rainwater harvesting system should be designed, installed and maintained to current British Standards to ensure that measures are in place to protect the public water supply and avoid cross contamination.

### **Condition**

Southern Water requests that the following condition be added to any planning consent; Prior to the commencement of development, details of the rainwater harvesting system including measures to prevent contamination of the water supply and any discharge to public sewers will need to be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Prior to occupation of the development, maintenance responsibilities and regimes for the rainwater harvesting system will need to be submitted to and approved by the local Planning Authority.

### **Hierarchy of Building Regulations H3 for disposal of surface water - not yet provided documentation proving compliance**

If the applicant has not already provided documentation demonstrating compliance with the surface water hierarchy reflected in part H3 of the Building Regulations, as shown below, we will require this to be provided where surface water is being considered for discharge to our network. Whilst reuse does not strictly form part of this hierarchy, Southern Water would encourage the consideration of reuse for new developments.

- Reuse
- Infiltration
- Watercourse
- Storm Sewer
- Combined Sewer

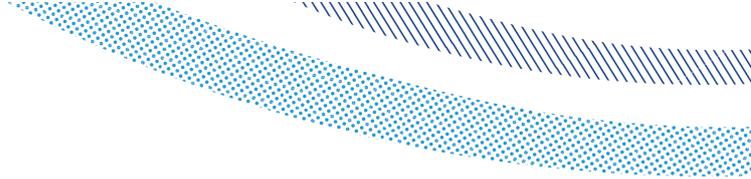
Guidance on Building Regulations is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drainage-and-waste-disposal-approved-document-h>

We would like to engage with you on the design for disposal of surface water for this development at the earliest opportunity and we recommend that civil engineers and landscape architects work together and with Southern Water. In many cases this may negate or reduce the need for network reinforcement and allow earlier completion of the development.

Where a surface water connection to the foul or combined sewer is being considered, this should be agreed by the Lead Local Flood Authority, in consultation with Southern Water.

### **Condition**

We request that should this application receive planning approval, the following condition is attached to the consent: Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of surface water run off disposal in accordance with Part H3 of Building



Regulations hierarchy as well as acceptable discharge points, rates and volumes have been agreed by the Lead Local Flood Authority, in consultation with Southern Water.

### **S106 Connection application**

Any new connections to the public sewerage system will require a Section 106 connection application to be submitted and approved by Southern Water Services.

To make an application visit Southern Water's Get Connected service:

<https://developerservices.southernwater.co.uk> and please read our New Connections Charging Arrangements documents which are available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements>

Please note that, where there are separate systems available Southern Water will not allow surface water to connect into the public foul sewer. If this is not possible, please provide evidence that all other options have been explored.

We request that should this planning application receive planning approval, the following informative is attached to the consent:

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

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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