



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

Your ref
DM/26/1270

Our ref
DSA000054312

Date
29th May 2026

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Change of use - conversion of detached garage into a 1 bed dwelling.
Site: 36 Kings Drive, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8DZ.

Thank you for your correspondence, please see our comments below regarding the above 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 M2025-PD-M9-00-DR-A-113 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
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 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.



The supporting documents make reference to drainage using Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Where SuDS form part of a continuous sewer system, and are not an isolated end of pipe SuDS component, adoption of SuDS will be considered if requested by the developer if they comply with: Design and Construction Guidance (Appendix C), CIRIA guidance and Southern Water SuDS Guidance available here:

<https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/>

<https://www.ciria.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=C753F&Category=FREEPUBS>

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/l4ndl3db/suds-final-080824.pdf>

Where SuDS rely upon facilities which are not adoptable by sewerage undertakers the applicant will need to ensure that arrangements exist for the long-term maintenance of the SuDS facilities. It is critical that the effectiveness of these systems is maintained in perpetuity. Good management will avoid flooding from the proposed surface water system, which may result in the inundation of the foul sewerage system.

Thus, where a SuDS scheme is to be implemented, the drainage details submitted to the Local Planning Authority should:

- Specify the responsibilities of each party for the implementation of the SuDS scheme.
- Specify a timetable for implementation.
- Provide a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development.

This should include the arrangements for adoption by any public authority or statutory undertaker and any other arrangements to secure the operation of the scheme throughout its lifetime.

This initial assessment does not prejudice any future assessment or commit to any adoption agreements under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

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.

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 work, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any works commence on site. If this happens, please call our Customer Service Desk on 0330 303 0119

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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