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Your ref
DM/26/0682

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DSA000052616

Date
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Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Reserved Matters Application Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Reference: DM/25/1630, Lewes District Council (LDC) Reference: LW/2510707 at Hurst Farm, for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping only. (additional ecology information received 28/05/2026). (Amended plans received 12/08/2026 showing various design and layout changes).

Site: Land at Hurst Farm, Hurstwood Lane, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7QX.

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

Development Site is not within Southern Water's Water 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.

No capacity - Wastewater

Network Capacity refers to the available capacity in our underground assets that carry wastewater to Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTWs). This includes a range of pipe sizes and material types, Wastewater Pumping Stations (WPS) and supporting infrastructure. Some capacity issues may be addressed with operational changes, others may require physical works on our assets. We may identify where several developments would benefit from a larger network reinforcement programme to serve them all where significant growth is taking place in close proximity.

Part of our evaluation looks at the risk of flooding incidents arising from the additional flow of material in terms of 'hydraulic overload'. This means we consider whether there is enough room in the pipes for the likely maximum flow from the connection itself. This assessment does not include random events such as ingress of water from broken pipes, changes in flow arising from blockages or



unidentified additional flows from misconnections, these are dealt with through other processes outside of our asset growth planning team as they are operational incidents.

Network Capacity is independent of capacity at the WWTW and growth is planned in a different way though in some cases we may have parallel projects to both reinforce both the network and upgrade the treatment works but this is often not required.

For full details of our connection charging arrangement visit: Connection charging arrangements (southernwater.co.uk)

Southern Water has undertaken a capacity check of the impact that the additional foul sewerage flows from the proposed development will have on the existing public sewer network. This study indicates that these additional flows may lead to a minor increased risk of impact on the sewer network.

Condition

Southern Water hence requests the following condition to be applied:
Occupation of the development is to be phased and implemented to align with the delivery by Southern Water of any sewerage network reinforcement required to ensure that adequate waste water network capacity is available to adequately drain the development.

Existing Gravity Sewer - tree, buildings, assets within stand-off distance

The 150 mm diameter gravity sewer requires a clearance of 3 metres on either side of the gravity sewer to protect it from construction works and to allow for future maintenance access.

No development or tree planting should be carried out within 3 metres of the external edge of the public gravity sewer without consent from Southern Water. All existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works. Please refer to:

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

Condition

In order to protect public sewers, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following condition is attached to the planning permission; The developer must agree with Southern Water, prior to commencement of the development, the measures to be taken to protect the public sewers.

Existing Rising Main stand-off distance

The 160 mm diameter rising main requires a minimum clearance of 3 metres on either side of the rising main to protect it from construction works and to allow for future access for maintenance. We would recommend using stand-off distances as per our water mains, please refer to:

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

No development or tree planting should be carried out within 3 metres of the external edge of the public rising main without consent from Southern Water. All existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works.

Condition

In order to protect public sewers, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following condition is attached to the planning permission; The developer must agree with Southern Water,



prior to commencement of the development, the measures to be undertaken to protect the public sewers.

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.

Surface water discharge proposed to existing watercourse

The Council's technical staff and the relevant authority for land drainage consent should comment on the adequacy of the proposals to discharge surface water to the local watercourse.

Proposed sewers to adoptable standards

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

Should the applicant wish to offer the sewers for adoption under section 104 of the Water Industry Act, the drainage design should comply with the Sewerage Sector Guidance (<https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/>) standards and Southern Water's requirements. Please note that non-compliance with the Sewerage Sector Guidance standards will preclude future adoption of the foul and surface water sewerage network on site. The design of drainage should ensure that no groundwater or land drainage is to enter public sewers. Applications for adoption of sewers by Southern Water can be made via the online service, Get Connected: <https://developerservices.southernwater.co.uk>

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.

Due to legislative changes effective from 1st October 2011 regarding the ownership of sewers, 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 work commences 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 or by email at: SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team

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