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Your Ref  
TM/19/00014/OAEA  
Our Ref  
PLAN-026558  
Date  
18/02/2019

Dear Sirs,

**Proposal: Outline Application: The construction of up to 125 new homes, a 2 form entry primary school, the formation of new means of access onto Lower Haysden Lane, new pedestrian and cycle links (including links to the existing playing fields and Country Park to the west), the laying out of open space, new strategic landscaping, habitat creation, drainage features and associated ground works and infrastructure.**

**Site: Land North Of Lower Haysden Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2PL.  
TM/19/00014/OAEA**

Thank you for your letter of 21/01/2019.

Please find attached a plan of the sewer records showing the approximate position of a public foul and surface water sewers crossing the site. The exact position of the public sewers must be determined on site by the applicant before the layout of the proposed development is finalised.

It might be possible to divert the public sewer, so long as this would result in no unacceptable loss of hydraulic capacity, and the work was carried out at the developer's expense to the satisfaction of Southern Water under the relevant statutory provisions.

Should the applicant wish to divert apparatus:

1. The foul and surface water sewer require a clearance of 3 metres either side of the sewer to protect it from construction works and allow for future access for

- maintenance. No development or new tree planting should be located within 3 metres either side of the external edge of the public sewers.
2. No new soakaways, ponds, swales or other water retaining or conveying features should be located within 5m of public sewers.
  3. All other existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works.

Alternatively, the applicant may wish to amend the site layout, or combine a diversion with amendment of the site layout. If the applicant would prefer to advance these options, items (1) – (4) above also apply.

In order to protect drainage apparatus, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, a condition is attached to the planning permission. For example, “The developer must advise the local authority (in consultation with Southern Water) of the measures which will be undertaken to divert the public sewers, prior to the commencement of the development.”

Please note: Decommissioned foul sewer within the site.

Furthermore, due to changes in legislation that came in to force on 1st October 2011 regarding the future ownership of sewers, it is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the above property. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its condition, the number of properties served, and potential means of access before any further works commence on site.

The applicant is advised to discuss the matter further with Southern Water, Sparrowgrove House Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne, Hampshire SO21 2SW (Tel: 0330 303 0119) or [www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk).

Southern Water has undertaken a desk study of the impact that the additional foul sewerage flows from the proposed development will have on the existing public sewer network.

This initial study indicates that there is an increased risk of flooding unless any required network reinforcement is provided by Southern Water. Any such network reinforcement will be part funded through the New Infrastructure Charge with the remainder funded through Southern Water’s Capital Works programme.

Southern Water and the Developer will need to work together in order to review if the delivery of our network reinforcement aligns with the proposed occupation of the development, as it will take time to design and deliver any such reinforcement.

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”*

It may be possible for some initial dwellings to connect pending network reinforcement. Southern Water will review and advise on this following consideration of the development program and the extent of network reinforcement required.

Southern Water will carry out detailed network modelling as part of this review which may require existing flows to be monitored. This will enable us to establish the extent of works required (If any) and to design such works in the most economic manner to satisfy the needs of existing and future customers.

Our assessment of the timescales needed to deliver network reinforcement will consider an allowance for the following:

- Initial feasibility, detail modelling and preliminary estimates.
- Flow monitoring (If required)
- Detail design, including land negotiations.
- Construction.

The overall time required depends on the complexity of any scheme needed to provide network reinforcement.

Southern Water will seek however to limit the timescales to a maximum of 24 months from a firm commitment by the developer to commence construction on site and provided that Planning approval has been granted.

The planning application form makes reference to drainage using Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).

Under current legislation and guidance SUDS rely upon facilities which are not adoptable by sewerage undertakers. Therefore, 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.

It is the responsibility of the developer to make suitable provision for the disposal of surface water. Part H3 of the Building Regulations prioritises the means of surface water disposal in the order:

- a Adequate soakaway or infiltration system
- b Water course
- c Where neither of the above is practicable sewer

Southern Water supports this stance and seeks through appropriate Planning Conditions to ensure that suitable means of surface water disposal are proposed for each development. It is important that discharge to sewer occurs only where this is necessary and where adequate capacity exists to serve the development. When it is proposed to connect to a public sewer the prior approval of Southern Water is required.

The design of drainage should ensure that no land drainage or groundwater is to enter public sewers network.

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 foul and surface water sewerage disposal have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water."

This initial assessment does not prejudice any future assessment or commit to any adoption agreements under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991. Please note that non-compliance with Sewers for Adoption 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.

The proposed development would lie within a Source Protection Zone as defined under the Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection Policy. Southern Water will rely on your consultations with the Environment Agency to ensure the protection of the water supply source.

Yours sincerely



Claire Smith  
Developer Services

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