from Southern Water

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AWDM/1607/23

Our ref
DSA000029535

Date
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Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Removal of existing garage, proposed 2 storey one bedroom dwelling accessed from Phrosso Road.
Site: AWDM/1607/23: - 1 Phrosso Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 5SJ.

Thank you for your letter dated 29 November 2023.

The attached plan shows that the proposed development will lie over an existing public foul sewer which will not be acceptable to Southern Water. The exact position of the public apparatus must be determined on site by the applicant before the layout of the proposed development is finalised.

It might be possible to divert the sewer main, 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.

- The public foul 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 access for maintenance.

- 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.

- No soakaways, swales, ponds, watercourses or any other surface water retaining or conveying features should be located within 5 metres of public or adoptable gravity sewers.

- All existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works.

Please refer to: southernwater.co.uk/media/3011/stand-off-distances.pdf

Alternatively, the applicant may wish to amend the site layout, or combine a diversion with amendment of the site layout.

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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 works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any further works commence on site.

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.

Southern Water requires a formal application for a connection to the public foul sewer to be made by the applicant or developer.

To make an application visit Southern Water's Get Connected service: developerservices.southernwater.co.uk and please read our New Connections Charging Arrangements documents which are available on our website via the following link: southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements

In situations where surface water is being considered for discharge to our network, we require the below hierarchy for surface water to be followed which is reflected in part H3 of the Building Regulations. 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:
gov.uk/government/publications/drainage-and-waste-disposal-approved-document-h

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

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,

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