from Southern Water

Adur & Worthing Council
Portland House
44 Richmond Road
Worthing
West Sussex
BN11 1HS

Your ref
AWDM/1027/25

Our ref
DSA000046950

Date
1st September 2025

Contact
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Conversion of 3-bedroom flat into 2x 1-bedroom flats and two rooflight windows to the rear.
Site: 147A Montague Street Worthing West Sussex BN11 3BX

Thank you for your correspondence, please see our comments below regarding the above application.

Insufficient Information provided

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

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.

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

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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.

For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119)

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Yours faithfully,

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