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44 Richmond Road  
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West Sussex  
BN11 1HS

**Your ref**  
AWDM/1108/25

**Our ref**  
DSA000047834

**Date**  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Contact**  
Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Conversion from 2no. flats back to 1no. single dwelling (Flats 1 and 2 ground, first and second floors)

**Site:** Flat 2 7 Abbots Close, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1JB.

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

**Insufficient Information provided**

**Condition**

Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul 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 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.

### **Condition**

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 surface water run off disposal in accordance with Part H3 of Building Regulations hierarchy as well as acceptable discharge points, rates and volumes have been 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,

Future Growth Planning Team

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