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Your ref
H/23/96271

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DSA000028831

Date
24 November 2023

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Two storey side extension.

Site: H/23/96271: - 26 Westward Road, Hedge End, Southampton, Hampshire, SO30 4NQ.

Thank you for your letter dated 03 November 2023.

Please see the attached extract from Southern Water records showing the approximate position of our existing public foul sewer asset within the development site. The exact position of the public assets must be determined on site by the applicant in consultation with Southern Water before the layout of the proposed development is finalised.

It appears that the developer is intending to build-over a public foul sewer which is crossing the site. Building over a "public sewer" is not normally permitted by Southern Water. An investigation of the sewer is required to confirm its size and depth, ascertain its condition, number of properties served and potential means of access before any decision can be made as to whether it would be acceptable for Southern Water to allow building-over the sewer.

The length of sewer to be built over under the terms of Part H of the Building Regulations dictates that the matter is determined by the sewerage undertaker, which in this case is Southern Water. The conditions and application associated with the build-over a public sewer are available at Southern Water's Get Connected service: developerservices.southernwater.co.uk.

In order to protect drainage apparatus, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following condition is attached to the planning permission; prior to the commencement of development, the developer must advise the local authority, in consultation with Southern Water, of measures which will be undertaken to protect the public sewers.

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

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

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

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.

Southern Water requires a formal application for any new 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

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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