



Arun District Council
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
BN17 5LF

Your ref
A/40/26/PL

Our ref
DSA000052824

Date
10th April 2026

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Hand car wash facility including awning and portable cabin. This application is in CIL Zone 3 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Site: Highdown Nursery, Littlehampton Road, Ferring, BN12 6PG.

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/surface water drainage disposal have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water

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.

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.

Vehicle wash

Areas used for vehicle washing should only be connected to the public foul sewer upon receipt of a Trade Effluent Consent.

Trade Effluent – General

Trade effluent is any process liquid waste (effluent) discharged into our sewers from a business or industrial process. This includes any waste water derived from a production process or from washing down or cooling activities including wastes from public funded activities such as municipal landfills. This can be best described as anything other than domestic sewage (toilet, bath or sink waste) or uncontaminated surface water and roof drainage (rainwater).

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/retail/trade-effluent-retailer>

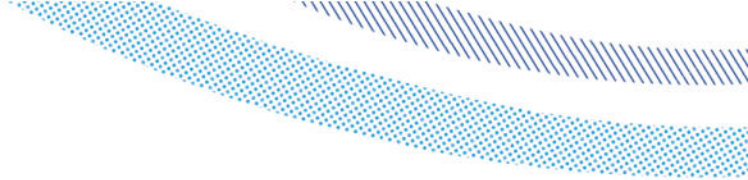
Trade effluent - non household

To apply for a Consent, you will need to engage a Retailer and submit the application through them.

Southern Water, the wholesaler, is responsible for the assets into which the effluent is discharged and treated. Your chosen retailer will be responsible for all administrative and billing matters.

Attached is a link to the Open Water website that lists Retailers available. Please note that not all Retailers will provide a Trade Effluent service. www.open-water.org.uk/for-customers/find-a-retailer/suppliers/english-water-and-wastewater-retailers

Once we have received an application via your appointed retailer, we have 43 business days to issue a Consent or refuse the application. Southern Water is only responsible for dealing with applications for discharges directly to the foul sewer. Any requirement to discharge directly to the environment will require a permit/consent from the Environment Agency.



Condition

Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission for this development we request that the following condition is attached to the consent: The applicant should ensure that the Trade Effluent Consent has been obtained, before the connection to the public sewerage network can be approved.

S106 Connection application

Any new connections to the public sewerage system will require a Section 106 connection application to be submitted and approved by Southern Water Services.

To make an application visit Southern Water's Get Connected service:

<https://developerservices.southernwater.co.uk> and please read our New Connections Charging Arrangements documents which are available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements>

Please note that, where there are separate systems available Southern Water will not allow surface water to connect into the public foul sewer. If this is not possible, please provide evidence that all other options have been explored.

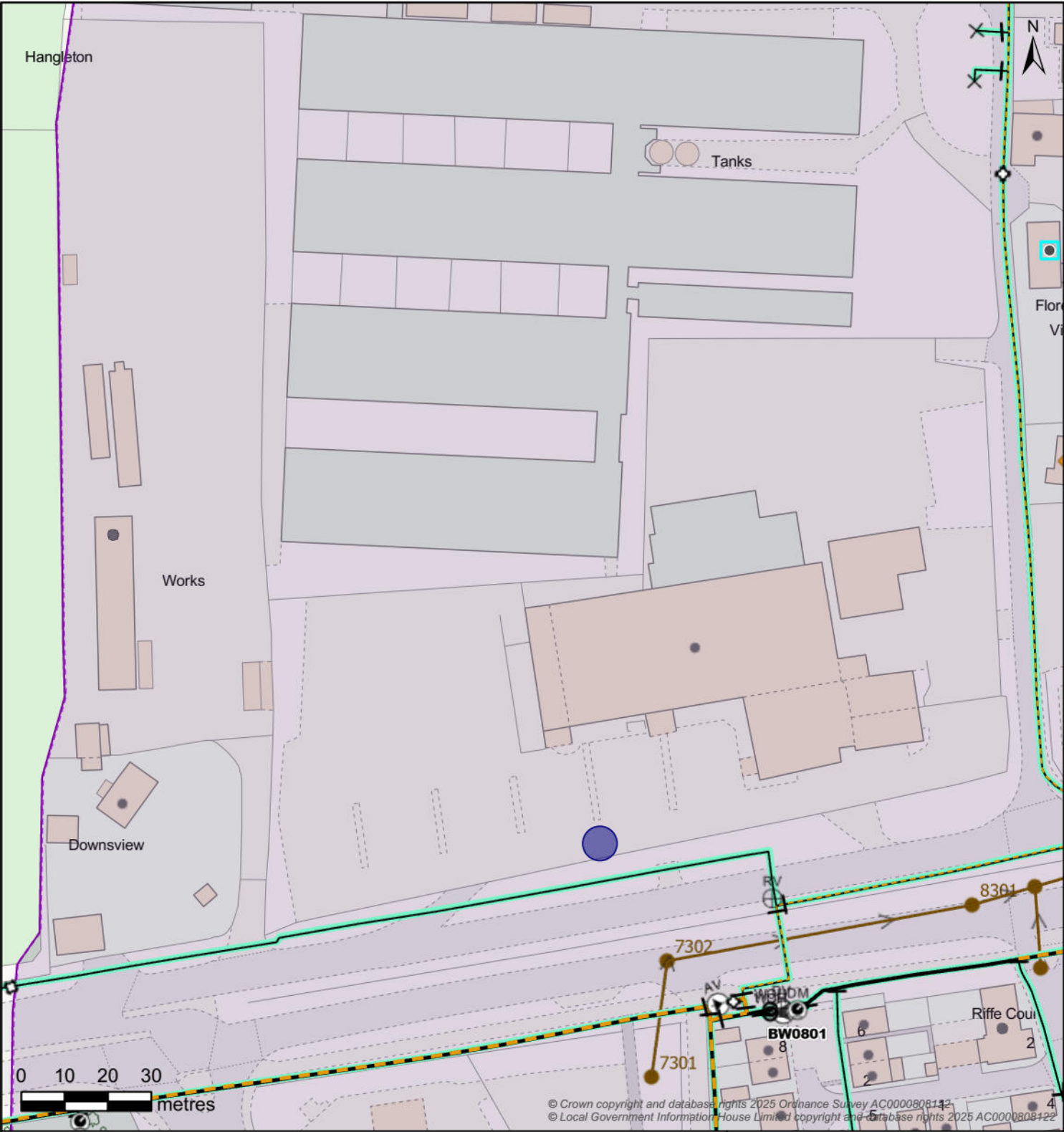
For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX [REDACTED]

Website: [southernwater.co.uk](https://www.southernwater.co.uk) or by email at: [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team

[southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/planning-your-development)



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Controllable Valve			Flow Control			Inlet-Outfall	
Damboards	Penstock	Valve	Anti Flood Device	Pumped Anti Flood Device	Reflux Valve	Inlet	Outfall
Manhole							
BIF Bifurcation	Cascade	CP Catchpit	Head Of Public Sewer	IC Interceptor Chamber	Manhole	S Soakaway	WO Washout
Outfall Headworks		Overflow Chamber		Pipe Bridge		Pumping Station	
Outfall Headworks	CSO Combined Sewer Overflow	EMO Emergency Overflow	Pipe Bridge	Micro Pumping Station	Pumping Station		
Sewer Level Monitor		Storage		Treatment Works		Weir	
Sewer Level Monitor	Storm Tank	Tidal Storage Tank	Treatment Works	Weir	Wastewater Site		
Wastewater Pipe				Wastewater Use		Developer Services	
Culverted Water Course	Syphon	Tank Sewer	Trunk Sewer	Foul	Combined	Build Over Agreement	Section 104
Drain	Vacuum Main	Decommissioned Pipe	Sewer	Sludge	Treated Effluent	Catchment	Sub-Catchment
Outfall				Surface Water			
Overflow				Private			
Rising Main							

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Southern Water's response to this application.

Yours
faithfully,

Anne McFarlane
Future Growth Planning
Developer Services


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