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16 SEP 2026

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Copy to: Arun District Council Planning Department
For the attention of Silvie Steiningerova

Dear Sirs,

Reference 1. Arun District Council Planning Application R/114/26/HH

We have recently become aware of the planning application at Reference 1. This refers to proposed substantial modifications to the existing building at number 20 Tasman Close, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 2BD.

The application includes a new single storey brick extension that will be built over what is now the existing block paving driveway. This element of the proposal directly adjoins the north facing sidewall of the main structure of the current building.

As immediate neighbours of number 20 Tasman Close we wish to make you aware of a feature that may (a) contravene Statutory Access Rights under The Water Industry Act 1991 and (b) give rise to foul water disposal issues from our respective properties at numbers 21 and 22 should the proposed development proceed.

We were both in residence at the time the block paving driveway at number 20 was laid some years ago. The construction of this driveway covered at least one and possibly more manholes such that they were buried under the new surface, thus becoming both invisible and inaccessible.

To the best of our knowledge, these manholes and the associated drainage pipework are the property of Southern Water and provide access to the foul water drains of number 20. Furthermore, the foul water drains from number 22 Tasman Close merge with the foul water drains from number 21 before in turn both merging with those from number 20, i.e. we are part of a shared drainage system between three properties that will not be accessible should the new side extension be constructed.

In bringing this worrying aspect of the Planning Application to your notice, we would appreciate your advice on the magnitude of this problem and its implications for the proposed development. We are also concerned regarding the effects that building over the buried manholes would have on our respective foul water drainage.

Yours faithfully


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