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**CONSULTATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

Planning Application Reference:	WA/18/26/PL
Proposal:	Erection of 64 residential dwellings with access off Arundel Road, together with associated parking, open space, play space, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan, affects a Public Right of Way, may affect the setting of listed buildings and is in CIL Zone 3 and is CIL Liable as new dwellings.
Location:	Land off Arundel Road Fontwell
Date:	24 April 2026

Thank you for consulting Portsmouth Water on the above application. The catchment and environment team have reviewed the relevant documentation and have the following comments.

Site Setting

The proposed site lies on bedrock consisting of Lambeth group with the principle chalk aquifer underneath. There are mapped superficial Head deposits across the site.
The site is situated within Source Protection Zone 2c (SPZ2c) for Portsmouth Water's local public water supply source.

Portsmouth Water's Position

Portsmouth Water has no objection in principle to the proposed development. However, the site is located in a sensitive groundwater catchment, therefore we request that the following planning conditions be attached to any planning permission granted. Information to be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with Portsmouth

Water to reduce any risks to groundwater quality and safeguard the public water supply source.

Conditions:

Condition 1 - Surface Water Drainage

No development shall take place until a surface water drainage scheme based on sustainable drainage principles and a comprehensive assessment of the hydrological and hydrogeological context of the development, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority in consultation with Portsmouth Water. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before any building within that phase is occupied.

Details of how the scheme shall be maintained and managed after completion shall also be included.

Reason – The proposed development lies within Source Protection Zone 2C (SPZ2c) for Portsmouth Water’s Eastergate public groundwater source. Infiltration systems can provide a pathway for contaminants. Any contamination present may pose a risk to groundwater underlying the site and to the surrounding potable supplies.

Portsmouth Water has a presumption against the use of deep-bore soakaways at this location, due to the proximity to our public water supply source.

Condition 2 – Foul Water Drainage

No development shall commence until such time as a scheme to dispose of foul water for that phase has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority in consultation with Portsmouth Water. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the timetable agreed as part of the approved scheme.

The scheme shall also include:

- details of how the scheme shall be maintained and managed after completion.*
- details of the sewage pipe work layout and specifications.*

Reason - This is in order to manage the quantity of foul sewage and protect water resources.. In accordance with position G8 of Groundwater Protection: Principles and Practice, the applicant must use the highest specification pipework and designs to minimise leakage.

Condition 3 – Piling and Foundations

No piling or any other foundation construction using penetrative methods shall be carried out other than with the express written consent of the local planning authority in consultation with Portsmouth Water. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. The method statement should detail the equipment, methodology, grout,

control measures and monitoring that will be implemented to ensure there is no increased risk to controlled waters or drinking water supplies.

Reason - The proposed works are situated in a sensitive groundwater catchment and there are potentially significant risks associated with groundworks in this area. Piling or any other foundation construction methods using penetrative methods could allow hazardous substances and non-hazardous pollutants to enter groundwater by for example, mobilising contamination and creating preferential pathways. Thus, it should be demonstrated that any proposed piling will not result in contamination of groundwater.

Thus, it should be demonstrated that any proposed piling;

- a. Will not result in contamination of groundwater. This is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 109.*
- b. Nor any increased risk to drinking water supplies (including turbidity).*
- c. Nor deterioration in the transmissivity of the aquifer*

Condition 4 – Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

No development shall start on site until a construction environmental management plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority in consultation with Portsmouth Water detailing all pollution mitigation measures to be adopted during the construction phase. This should include management of overland runoff, storage of hazardous materials, chemical and hydrocarbons on site and temporary drainage infrastructure to ensure that water resources are not put at risk from leaks or spillages.

Reason- Fugitive emissions from the site during construction could pose a significant threat to groundwater and therefore the local public water supply source.

Condition 6 – Land Contamination

If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then the local planning authority must be notified immediately. No further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority in consultation with Portsmouth Water) shall be undertaken in that phase until the developer has submitted and had approved a site investigation, risk assessment and remediation strategy report, detailing how to mitigate the contamination identified. The remediation strategy approved by the local planning authority shall be implemented in full before development in that phase recommences.

Reason - To ensure that risks from land contamination to drinking water supplies are remediated.

Recommendations

Portsmouth Water encourage local planning authorities to consider higher standards of water efficiency in new developments, with all new homes being built to a minimum standard of 100 litres per person per day. Planning policy can help to ensure long-term sustainability and management of water supplies, which is likely to reduce the need to take less water from the environment to protect local streams and rivers and the wildlife which rely on them.

For developments that can demonstrate meeting high standards of water efficiency of no more than 100 litres per head per day, Portsmouth water offer an incentive of a 50% discount on the Infrastructure charge. Based on a development of 200 properties with an occupancy of 3 people per property, there will be a minimum saving of 15,000 litres per day. The guide would benefit covering the importance of water efficient developments and to recommend this for all new dwellings

Commentary

Surface Water Drainage Strategy

The proposed surface water drainage strategy in principle is a deep infiltration drainage in accordance with SuDS manual Ciria document 753. This is acceptable to Portsmouth Water from a water quality perspective. We look forward to reviewing the full details of the drainage plans once these are made available.

Foul Water Drainage Strategy

The proposed foul drainage strategy in principle is a system of gravity sewers discharging into the existing foul sewer. This is acceptable to Portsmouth Water from a water quality perspective. We look forward to reviewing the full details of the drainage plans once these are made available.

Catchment Management Team

Portsmouth Water



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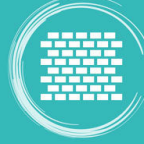
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Thank you for consulting Portsmouth Water on the application for WA/18/26/PL. Please find our response attached.

Kind regards,

Catchment & Environment Team
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To: **Portsmouth Water PLC**

NOTIFICATION FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Articles 16 & 18 Consultation before the grant of permission

Planning Permission

Application No: WA/18/26/PL
Registered: 23rd March 2026
Site Address: Land off Arundel Road Fontwell
Grid Reference: 495712 107004
Description of Works: Erection of 64 residential dwellings with access off Arundel Road, together with associated parking, open space, play space, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan, affects a Public Right of Way, may affect the setting of listed buildings and is in CIL Zone 3 and is CIL Liable as new dwellings.

The Council have received the above application.

[Click here to view the application and documents](#) The website is updated once a day in the evening, so you may need to wait until the day after this notification to view the documents.

This application has been identified as CIL Liable. Therefore please be aware that, in accordance with Appendix 2 of the Arun CIL Charging Schedule, your consultation response should only include requests for Section 106 for onsite mitigation, Pagham Harbour Management Contributions (if applicable) or Affordable Housing. "Off" Site mitigation measures directly related to this development should be dealt with by condition if possible to ensure the scaling back of Section 106 if possible. CIL contributions will be used for "off" site infrastructure mitigation schemes. Therefore if this proposal triggers the need for "off" site mitigation, please ensure that you engage in the CIL Infrastructure List Consultation process upon receipt of a consultation letter.

Should you have any comments to make, these should be sent by replying to this email by 25th April 2026 . You can also monitor the progress of this application through the Council web site:

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Please be aware that any comments you may make will be available on our website so please do not insert personal details or signatures on your reply.

Should the application go to appeal the Planning Inspectorate will publish any comments made to the Council on their website:<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/> but they will protect personal details.

In the absence of a reply within the period stated, I shall assume that you have no observations to make.

Yours sincerely

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