



FAO: Brid Carr
Land Adjacent to Lake Barn
Maypole Lane
Yapton
Arundel
West Sussex
BN18 0DR

Our Ref: EPR/QB3993AS
Date: 03/02/2020

Dear Mrs Carr,

Pre application checks – Basic service

Following your pre-application request dated 29/01/2020 we have the following advice:

Pre-application reference number	EPR/QB3993AS
Summary and advice	Based on the information that you have provided us with in your pre-application form and in our phone call on 03/02/2020, it is possible that your discharge activity could meet the General Binding Rules, which are a set of conditions which if met would make the activity exempt from requiring a permit. There are a number of rules that the operator of the sewage treatment system must comply with in order for the exemption to remain valid. The full list of the General Binding Rules can be found on the GOV.uk website at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/small-sewage-discharges-in-england-general-binding-rules You do not need a permit for a small sewage discharge if it can meet the General Binding Rules for small sewage discharges ("the General Binding Rules"). In this instance it is possible that your surface water activity may meet these rules. On the phone, we discuss the proposed discharge location. You said that the ditch normally has flow throughout the year and has only ever dried up in extreme prolonged periods of dry weather. This satisfies GBR #19.

	Please check whether you will be able to comply with the other General Binding Rules. It is your responsibility to do this. If you do comply with all the relevant General Binding Rules, please note that: • You do not need to notify us about this; • We are unable to issue a permit to you; • In the future, if your property is to be sold, you must give the new owner a written notice stating that a small sewage discharge is being carried out. You must also give them a description of the sewage treatment system and its maintenance requirements; and • If you want to change your sewage treatment arrangements, other than a simple change of operator, contact us to check whether you will need to apply for a permit.
Habitats screening	Using the information you have provided our screening checks were clear of any sensitive sites
Baseline fee required	If you meet the General Binding Rules you don't need a permit and a permit application is not required. If you cannot meet them, then a fee would be required as part of any permit application made.
Forms required to be submitted	No Application will need to be submitted if your activity can meet the General Binding Rules.
Additional information	You do not need a permit for a small sewage discharge if it can meet the General Binding Rules for small sewage discharges ("the General Binding Rules"). In this instance it is possible that your surface water discharge activity may meet these rules. Please check whether you will be able to comply with the General Binding Rules. It is your responsibility to do this. If you do comply with all the relevant General Binding Rules, please note that: • You do not need to notify us about this; • We are unable to issue a permit to you; • In the future, if your property is to be sold, you must give the new owner a written notice stating that a small sewage discharge is being carried out. You must also give them a description of the sewage treatment system and its maintenance requirements; and • If you want to change your sewage treatment arrangements, other than a simple change of operator, contact us to check whether you will need to apply for a

	permit. The General Binding Rules for discharges to surface water are explained further at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/general-binding-rules-small-sewage-discharge-to-a-surface-water If you are not able to comply with all the relevant General Binding Rules, you will need an environmental permit. If this is the case then you can find out what kind of permit application you need to make by following this link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/discharges-to-surface-water-and-groundwater-environmental-permits
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Disclaimer

The advice given is based on the information you have provided, and does not constitute a formal response or decision of the Environment Agency with regard to future permit applications. Any views or opinions expressed are without prejudice to the Environment Agency's formal consideration of any application. Please note that any application is subject to a full technical check during duly making and determination, and additional information may be required based on your detailed submission and site specific requirements.

This advice covers Surface Water Activities only. Other permissions from the Environment Agency and/or other bodies may be required for associated or other activities.'

Please note that a permit does not give any right or permission to discharge where land is not owned by the applicant. In addition, for discharges to watercourse it does not imply the suitability, with regard to volumetric capacity of the receiving watercourse. It is the responsibility of any permit holder to negotiate any wayleaves, easements etc. in order to use or cross another person's land; and to identify and negotiate any requirement for downstream improvement works with the riparian owners concerned.

What happens next?

This pre-application request is now closed. Further enquiries resulting from this response must be logged as a new request using the online form:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permit-pre-application-advice-form>

If you need more extensive or technical pre-application advice, you can ask for our Enhanced service. The enhanced pre-application advice is charged at £100 per hour plus VAT. You will need to complete and submit a new online pre-application request to request enhanced pre-application advice.

If you have any questions please call



Yours sincerely,

Dave Pownall
Permitting Officer, National Permitting Service

