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Your ref
20220972

Our ref
DSA000016607

Date
19/10/2022

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Erection of ground & lower ground floor rear extension, relocation of existing garage, roof extension with a rear dormer and velux windows to the front.

Site: 20220972: - 355 Wrotham Road, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent DA13 9EF.

Thank you for your letter dated 29/09/2022.

The attached plan shows that the existing building lies close to an existing public foul sewer. If the works to be carried out will alter the existing foundation line or depth or the structural load applied on the sewer it will be necessary for the applicant to contact Southern Water.

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](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.

The design of the proposed basements and on-site drainage system should consider the possibility of surcharging within the public sewerage system in order to provide adequate protection to basements from the risk of flooding.

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.

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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