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Your ref  
20221036

Our ref  
DSA000017487

Date  
14/11/2022

Contact  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Application for permanent retention of an office building, raised open storage platform with timber deck, metal clad shed and open sided shed.

**Site:** 20221036: - Optimus Access Ltd, Highfield Works, Site E Dering Industrial Park, Dering Way Gravesend.

Thank you for your letter dated 24/10/2022.

In determining the application, we ask that the Planning Authority take into account the provisions of Paragraphs 180, 182 and 183 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) regarding the proposed location of development in relation to existing uses that may be a source of pollution (in terms of odour). We apply a precautionary buffer zone for any development located within 500 metres of the boundary of a WWTW. The proposed development is located approximately 61 metres from the Gravesend Wastewater Treatment Works, and as such we have applied this requirement to our planning consultation response. Please contact Southern Water to discuss and agree the Scope of the odour assessment.

Due to the potential odour nuisance from a Wastewater Treatment Works, no sensitive development should be located within the 1.5 OdU odour contour of the WWTW. An Odour Assessment will need to be carried out by a specialist consultant employed by the developer to a specification that will need to be agreed in advance with Southern Water to identify and agree the 1.5 OdU contour. The service we provide to review the assessment and/or complete a site survey is chargeable, more information regarding our fees can be found on our website; Connection charging arrangements ([southernwater.co.uk](https://southernwater.co.uk)).

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](https://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](https://southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements)



The Council's technical staff and the relevant authority for land drainage consent should comment on the adequacy of the proposals to discharge surface water to the local watercourse.

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](https://southernwater.co.uk) or by email at: [SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:SouthernWaterPlanning@southernwater.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Future Growth Planning Team  
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