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Ashford Borough Council
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Ashford
Kent
TN23 1PL

Your ref
19/01788/AS

Our ref
PLAN-031340

Date
31/01/2020

Contact
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: a) Outline application for the development of up to 250 residential dwellings (40% affordable) including the creation of access points from Appledore Road (all modes) and Woodchurch Road (pedestrian and cycle only), and creation of a network of roads, footways, and cycleways through the site. Provision of open space including children's play areas, community orchards, sustainable urban drainage systems, landscape buffers and green links all on 12.35 ha of the site. (Matters for approval: Access) b) Full planning permission for the change of land use from agricultural land to land to be used as a country park (8.66 ha), and land to be used as formal sports pitches (3.33 ha), together with pavilion to serve the proposal and the surrounding area. Including accesses, ancillary parking, pathways, sustainable urban drainage systems and associated landscaping.


Site: 19/01788/AS: - Land between Woodchurch Road and, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7AY.

Thank you for your letter dated 07/01/2020.

Please find attached a plan of the sewer records showing the approximate position of a public surface water sewer within the site. The exact position of the public sewers must be determined on site by the applicant.

Please note:

- No development or new tree planting should be located within 3 metres on either side of the external edge of the public sewer.
- All existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works.
- No new soakaways should be located within 5 metres of a public sewer.



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.

Should planning approval be granted then Southern Water recognises its obligations under the new charging regime to provide capacity in the existing sewerage system to accommodate the needs of the proposed development. Any such network reinforcement will be part funded through the New Infrastructure Charge with the remainder funded through Southern Water's Capital Works programme.

Southern Water and the Developer will need to work together in order to review if the delivery of our network reinforcement aligns with the proposed occupation of the development, as it will take time to design and deliver any such reinforcement.

It may be possible for some initial dwellings to connect, pending network reinforcement. Southern Water will review and advise on this following consideration of the development program and the extent of network reinforcement required.

Southern Water will carry out detailed network modelling as part of this review which may require existing flows to be monitored. This will enable us to establish the extent of works required (If any) and to design such works in the most economic manner to satisfy the needs of existing and future customers.

Our assessment of the timescales needed to deliver network reinforcement will consider an allowance for the following:

- Initial feasibility, detail modelling and preliminary estimates.
- Flow monitoring (If required)
- Detail design, including land negotiations.
- Construction.

The overall time required depends on the complexity of any scheme needed to provide network reinforcement. Southern Water will seek however to limit the timescales to a maximum of 24 months from a firm commitment by the developer to commence construction on site and provided that outline planning approval has been granted. “

The planning application form makes reference to drainage using Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).

Under current legislation and guidance SUDS rely upon facilities which are not adoptable by sewerage undertakers. Therefore, the applicant will need to ensure that arrangements exist for the long-term maintenance of the SUDS facilities. It is critical that the effectiveness of these systems is maintained in perpetuity. Good management will avoid flooding from the proposed surface water system, which may result in the inundation of the foul sewerage system. Thus, where a SUDS scheme is to be implemented, the drainage details submitted to the Local Planning Authority should:

- Specify the responsibilities of each party for the implementation of the SUDS scheme.

- Specify a timetable for implementation.

- Provide a management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development.

This should include the arrangements for adoption by any public authority or statutory undertaker and any other arrangements to secure the operation of the scheme throughout its lifetime.

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.

The disposal of surface water from this development shall follow the hierarchy within Part H3 of Building Regulations:

- a) An adequate soakaway or some other adequate infiltration system.
- b) A water course.
- c) Where neither of the above is practicable: a sewer.

Land uses such as general hardstanding that may be subject to oil/petrol spillages should be drained by means of oil trap gullies or petrol/oil interceptors.

If the applicant wishes to offer drainage for adoption, the assessment of this proposals should be carried out by Southern Water on applicants request under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 before implementing on the site.

We request that should this application receive planning approval, the following condition is attached to the consent: "Construction of the development shall not commence until details of the proposed means of foul and surface water sewerage disposal have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water."

This initial assessment does not prejudice any future assessment or commit to any adoption agreements under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991. Please note that non-compliance with Sewers for Adoption standards will preclude future adoption of the foul and surface water sewerage network on site. The design of drainage should ensure that no groundwater or land drainage is to enter public sewers.

For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (Tel: 0330 303 0119).

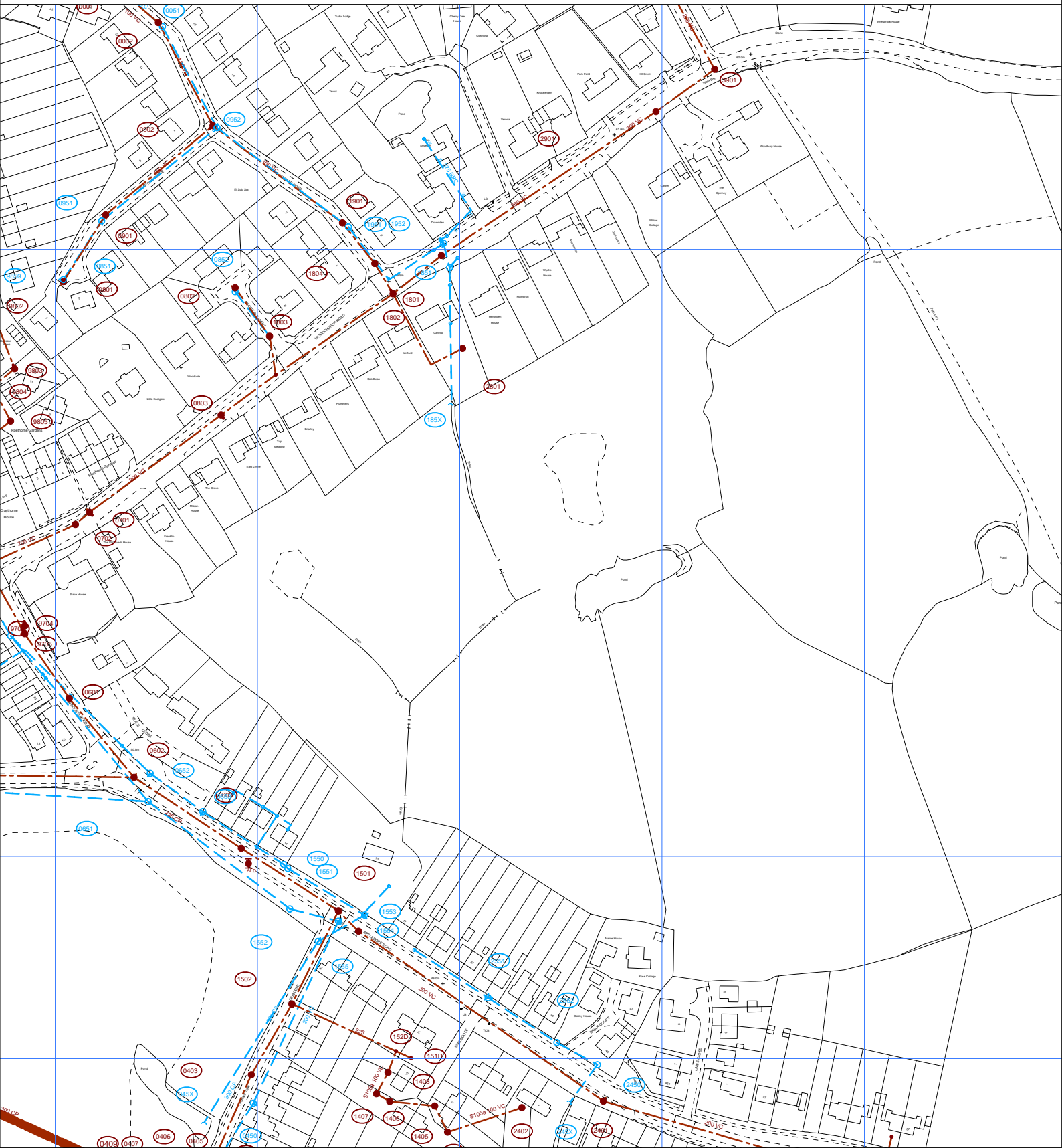
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Yours faithfully,



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