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Your ref WSCC/071/19

Our ref PLAN-030042

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal:** Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test. This proposal is a two-stage activity:

1) Pumping out previously used drilling fluids to ascertain any oil flow (up to 4 weeks)

2) Should oil be seen to flow, an extended well test would be carried out over a period of 3 years. **Site:** WSCC/071/19: - Lower Stumble Exploration Site off London Road, Balcombe, RH17 6JH.

Thank you for your letter dated 08/10/2019.

Please find attached a plan of the sewer records showing the approximate position of a public sewer within the proposed site works. The exact position of the public sewers must be determined on site by the applicant before the layout of the proposed development is finalised.

Please note:

-The 225mm diameter gravity foul sewers requires a clearance of 3 metres either side of the gravity sewers to protect it from construction works and to allow for future access for maintenance.

- No excavation, mounding or tree planting should be carried out within 3 metres of the public foul sewer without consent from Southern Water.

- No soakaways, swales, ponds, watercourses or any other surface water retaining or conveying features should be located within 5 metres of a public sewers.

-All existing infrastructure should be protected during the course of construction works.

Furthermore, 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.

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Environment Agency shall be consulted directly regarding the use of a septic tank drainage which disposes of effluent to sub-soil irrigation.

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 ditch and sump.

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.

For further advice, please contact Southern Water, Sparrowgrove House, Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne, Hampshire SO21 2SW (Tel: 0330 303 0119), www.southernwater.co.uk or by email at developerservices@southernwater.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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