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Our Ref  
PLAN-002346  
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Dear Sir

**Proposal: Demolition of existing portal framed building and replacement with 8 residential apartments with associated communal space (revised scheme).**  
**Site: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LH.**  
**CA/13/00098/FUL**

Thank you for your letter of 31/01/2013.

Southern Water requires a formal application for a connection to the public sewer to be made by the applicant or developer.

We request that should this application receive planning approval, the following informative is attached to the consent:

"A formal application for connection to the public sewerage system is required in order to service this development, please contact Atkins Ltd, Anglo St James House, 39A Southgate Street, Winchester, SO23 9EH (Tel 01962 858688), or [www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk)".

The reduced discharge rate of surface water flows to the public sewer would be acceptable to Southern Water. Any excess surface water should be attenuated and stored on site. Where flow attenuation is proposed and the sewerage in question is to be offered for adoption, the sewerage undertaker should be involved in discussions with all relevant parties to agree the ownership/responsibility for the facility at detailed design stage. 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.

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 disposal have been submitted to, and approved by, the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Southern Water."

Southern Water's current sewerage records do not show any public sewers to be crossing the above site. However, due to changes in legislation that came in to force on 1st October 2011 regarding the future ownership of sewers it is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the above property. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its condition, the number of properties served, and potential means of access before any further works commence on site.

The applicant is advised to discuss the matter further with Atkins Ltd, Anglo St James House, 39A Southgate Street, Winchester, SO23 9EH (Tel 01962 858688).



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