

Our Ref: SC0037229

Ms Jessica Gibbings
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27th October 2025

Dear Ms Gibbings,

RE: 28 Horsepool, Bromham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2HD

We have approved your sewer connection application

Thank you for your application and fee for a connection to the public sewer at the above site address.

What we have agreed:

1. We are happy for foul water flows to be connected to the foul water sewer in the position shown on your drainage layout.
2. The connection to the sewer will be to the existing manhole on the public foul water sewer.
3. Approval is for foul flows only to be discharged to the foul sewer. You have stated that soakaways will be used for surface water disposal.

What you need to do now:

1. Before they begin work, your contractor will need to discuss the works with our inspector and arrange any inspections. To do this, they should call us on 01225 526333. Our inspector will require at least 10 working days' notice. **Please note: If you request an inspection and we find that the works have not been completed on our arrival, an abortive visit fee will be required before we can re-schedule the site visit.**
2. Your contractor will need to lay the new private drains up to the edge of the public sewer.
3. The connection into the manhole must be made by contractors holding our permit cards - in this case, **Alpha Rod**. If you plan to change your contractor, please let us know before you start work, as this could affect our approval. **It is important to note that the issuing of permit cards does not imply that Wessex Water is responsible for the work. The cards only serve to confirm that the contractor holds the relevant City & Guilds Confined Space Working qualifications. Please note:**

- a. You, your agent, or your contractor will be responsible for safety precautions at all times and must work in accordance with CDM 2015. We would expect site specific RAMS to be prepared ahead of any work being carried out as part of the site Health & Safety file by a suitably qualified person. For the avoidance of doubt, Wessex Water will not be directly approving the RAMS nor accepting any responsibility for their content.
- b. In addition to other safety requirements, your attention is drawn to the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and to HSE Guidance "Confined Spaces; A Brief Guide to Working Safely", the Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 and associated approved code of practice.
- c. The public sewer may contain solids, liquids and gases and/or hazardous substances that have been discharged illegally. The level of flow in the sewer can also be subject to rapid rises due to rainfall, pumped discharges, downstream blocking, etc. Wessex Water does not guarantee and is not liable for the contents of the sewer.
4. The connection must meet the requirements of 'Design & Construction Guidance v2'. Further details can be found here: <https://www.water.org.uk/sewerage-sector-guidance-approved-documents/>.
5. Wessex Water normally requires that clay is used for the final connection into the chamber, although we may accept plastic, providing it is twin-walled/ribbed pipe constructed to Water Industry Standard (WIS)-4-35-01. The material used prior to this point should be agreed with Building Control. Any connection into a traditional chamber should use a slipper bend to ensure that the incoming flow does not disrupt the existing sewer flow.
6. When we have inspected the connection and are happy with it, your contractor will need to safely backfill any excavations and make good the site.
7. Where mechanical pipe stoppers are being used for manhole remedial works, air testing, or temporary isolation of sewers, a secondary restraint system must be applied between the stopper and a fixed point in the manhole. A check system must be employed in order that the stoppers are removed on completion of any works.

What is not covered by this letter:

1. If you propose to discharge non-household waste into our network, you will need to apply for separate approval for trade effluent consent. For advice on this, please go to www.wessexwater.co.uk/tradeeffluent.
2. This approval does not give you permission to lay your new private drainage across third party land or to work in a public highway. You will need to arrange these permissions separately.
3. If you need to work on public highway, you need to get a Section 50 Licence from the relevant highways authority before you start.

4. If you propose to divert, build over or build within 3 metres of any Wessex Water apparatus you need to apply to us separately. Please contact us on 01225 526333 if you need advice on this.

If you need more information:

If you need any extra guidance or information, please contact us on the number below and we'll be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely,

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