

Our Ref: SC0035965

11th August 2025

Dear Mr Mark Dyer

RE: Springfields School, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0DS

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 by means of a Y-junction, T-piece or saddle. Our team will fit the connection, using our own materials. Please ensure that your contractor does not make any connection on the public 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. Your contractor will need to lay the new private drains up to the edge of the public sewer.
2. They should also excavate the sewer before we attend. Please expose the sewer by 500mm around the circumference, excluding the material that it is resting on (e.g. immediately beneath the sewer pipe), and 1.5m along its length.
3. Your contractor must carry out a risk assessment and make the site safe before we can make the connection. For advice, go to the Construction Plant-hire Association's 'Good Practice Guide for the Management of Shoring in Excavations', published in partnership with the Shoring Technology Interest Group and the Health and Safety Executive. You can download it at www.cpa.uk.net, in the Special Interest Groups subsection. You can also find more details on managing temporary works safely at www.hse.gov.uk.
4. If the pipe is surrounded in concrete, and is up to 225mm diameter, your contractor must chip away all of the concrete. If the diameter is 300mm or larger, only the top half of the concrete needs to be removed.
5. Please call us on 01225 526333 to arrange a date for us to attend to fit the connection. Please give us at least 10 working days' notice. **Please note: If Wessex Water considers a trench unsafe to work in, we will not carry out**

the connection and an abortive visit fee will be required before we can re-schedule the works.

What else you need to know

1. We will send our General Foreman to site 24 to 48 hours beforehand to see if the working area is safe and ready for our team to work in. During this visit, we can give your contractor advice on how to deal with any problems.
2. If the site meets our requirements, our team will attend on the agreed date to fit the connection. If they are unable to make the connection for any reason beyond our control, then an abortive visit fee of £75 will be charged.
3. When we have fitted the connection, your contractor can then connect your new private drain to it. They will also need to safely backfill the trench.
4. 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. 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 will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely,

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