

## Planning application standard requirements

### Disposal of foul and surface water

South West Water is committed to eliminating sewer flooding particularly from foul and combined sewers to safeguard both the environment and householders.

We will request the proposed strategy for the disposal of surface water is in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework

Generally, the aim should be to discharge surface run off as high up the following Runoff Destination Hierarchy of drainage options as reasonably practicable:

- 1. Into the ground (infiltration);**
- 2. To a surface water body;**
- 3. To a surface water sewer, highway drain, or another drainage system**
- 4. To a combined sewer**

SWW will require evidence that the Runoff Destination Hierarchy has been followed and evidence provided to demonstrate why the other preferred disposal routes are not acceptable.

In addition, applicants' and their agents should be aware of the fact that public sewers can surcharge up to ground level in some locations. This needs to be considered where developments may be in low lying areas or basement rooms / garages are proposed.

### Connecting to water & sewerage networks

South West Water reserves the right to confirm the point of connection to our apparatus to ensure the Company can provide the guaranteed standards of service to propose new developments and existing customers.

### Building near public water mains and sewers

South West Water will need to know about any proposed building work over or within three metres of a public sewer or lateral drain. We will identify if your proposal will be affected by the presence of our apparatus and work with you to find a way to resolve any issues that may arise. It is highly recommended that you contact South West Water in the early stages of planning regarding your proposals.

South West Water will not permit:

- Building over or in close proximity to sewer rising mains
- Building over or in close proximity to existing sewers on new development or redevelopment sites

South West Water will not permit any construction within three metres of a public water main and this distance may increase where necessary to protect South West Water's apparatus. South West Water must have unrestricted access to repair, maintain or renew the main as required.

If you propose to build closer to the water mains than the stated criteria you will be expected to pay for the water main to be diverted.

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