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Your ref

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Our ref

SWS-KENT-C3-1315

Date

14th July 2023

Contact

Tel 0330 303 0119

Dear Susan White,

C3: Proposed construction of new site entrance at Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4QE.

Further to your recent notice regarding your proposed site entrance works at the above location.

It may be assumed that the depths of the sewers are 1.2m, water mains are 0.9m and water services are 0.75m. However, the figures and the positions shown on the enclosed plans are only approximate and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

In this case, I do not anticipate that any diversionary works will be required subject to the criteria given below:

1. The proposed construction works at the above location as outlined on your drawings will be directly over or in the immediate vicinity of Southern Water's water mains and water services which may affect Southern Water apparatus. You must therefore exercise extreme caution when excavating over or in close proximity to Southern Water apparatus.
2. If your construction depth will reduce the cover over apparatus to 500mm then at that depth and position a protective slab of reinforced concrete should be installed. This slab should be 200mm thick and extend for 1m on either side of our apparatus. The cover over our apparatus should at no time be reduced to less than 500mm and generally along the run of our apparatus, the finished cover depth should not be less than 900mm.
3. If you are changing the level of the highway or footway it may be necessary for you to adjust the level of our covers. This work may be carried out by your staff but to the satisfaction of Southern Water.

4. Southern Water Services does not permit the planting of deep rooting or high or medium water demand vegetation above or in close proximity to its apparatus. Should you wish to proceed with your works and be unable to convince Southern Water Services Limited that its apparatus will be unaffected by your proposals a diversion will be required.

For your information, I have enclosed our publication "A Guide to Tree Planting near water mains and sewers". I look forward to receiving your proposals regarding the protection of our plant.

It may be useful for you to meet with a Southern Water Inspector, who may have knowledge of the location of a Southern Water plant and apparatus. He may be able to assist in the location of hydrants, manholes, stopcocks, valves, lampholes, meters etc. and can be contacted on 0330 303 0368 (calls charged at local rate) from Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 5pm, except Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

If you intend to employ Contractors, it is essential that you inform them of the details of Southern Water apparatus and the information given in this letter. If as a result of your works damage is caused to Southern Water apparatus, the cost of repair and any claims made on Southern Water will be invoiced to your Contractors.

It should not be assumed that Southern Water Services Limited have no apparatus in the area other than that marked on the attached plans.

However, if you find any apparatus during the progress of your works appearing to belong to Southern Water Services Limited which is not shown or is wrongly marked on the attached plan(s), it is your duty under Section 80 of NRSWA 1991 to inform Southern Water at your earliest opportunity.

Please ensure you quote our reference number as shown above in future correspondence related to this scheme.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact us on the telephone number above.

Yours sincerely,



Samantha Jenkins
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