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Our ref: HA/2020/122349/03-L01
Your ref: APP/20/00285
Date: 15 October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

REVISED PLANS/DOCUMENTS RECEIVED - LAND RAISING OF THE RECREATION GROUND AT HOBBY CLOSE FIELD USING INERT CLEAN SOIL MATERIAL TO SOLVE INHERENT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN GROUND AND PROVISION OF SPORTS FIELD. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ROUTES FROM EAGLE AVENUE TO THE EAST AND NORTH OF THE SITE. THESE WORKS WOULD ALSO ALLOW FOR NEW PLAY AREA AND SKATE PARK TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONES ON SITE (THE PLAY AREA AND SKATE PARK WORKS DO NOT REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION)

RECREATION GROUND, HOBBY CLOSE, WECOCK, WATERLOOVILLE

Thank you for providing the additional information regarding the chemical leachate analysis of the Lytag material as requested in our previous responses. We are therefore happy to **remove our objection, subject to the inclusion of the following condition**, in any permission granted.

We consider that planning permission could be granted to the proposed development, as submitted, if the following planning condition is included as set out below. Without this condition, the proposed development on this site poses an unacceptable risk to the environment and we would object to the application.

We note that though the majority of the contaminants in the leachate are at levels that are below relevant drinking water standards, an exceedance for Arsenic was observed. We would accept though that this exceedance does not appear to be large (less than 1 order of magnitude), and does not seem to represent gross contamination. As such we would accept that given the context of the use and the very significant dilution of any runoff, that this would not pose a risk to the public water supply.

We also accept that high temperature utilised in the material are likely to result in the general loss of many organic contaminants that could be of concerns (such as PAHs).

Given the importance of the associated drinking water supply abstraction, which provides Portsmouth with its water supply, we would clearly wish to proceed with some caution. As such to ensure robust certainty on suitability of use, we would support the comments

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provided by the Vincent Mount – Team Leader, Landscape Architects, Portsmouth City Council, that it would be appropriate to test the actual material prior to deposit.

Condition

Prior to the deposit of the manufactured aggregate, leachate sampling should be undertaken to demonstrate the suitability of the proposed material. This sampling must be undertaken on actual material that is to be deposited. Leachate sampling should be undertaken for a suitably broad suite of contaminants but must include Heavy metals and PAHs. The results of this sampling should be supplied in writing to the planning authority for approval.

Reason

This site is located within the inner source protection zone for a strategically important public water supply abstraction. This condition is required to confirm that the proposed development does not pose a risk to this supply.

Yours faithfully

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