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Development Control
Civic Offices
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 2AX

Our ref: HA/2020/122170/01-L01
Your ref: APP/20/00212
Date: 22 April 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF SITE TO VEHICLE WASHING FACILITY (SUI
GENERIS).**

3 LONDON ROAD, PURBROOK, WATERLOOVILLE.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position and comments below.

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted.

Advice to the Local Planning Authority and Applicant

With respect to groundwater, this site is unlikely to drain the ground, due to the low permeability of underlying strata. The chalk aquifer in this area of Source Protection Zone 1c is located beneath a significant thickness of very low permeability London Clay, and therefore should be isolated for activities at the surface. As such it is unlikely to there will be significant groundwater risks associated with the proposed activities.

However, we do note that there is a lack of specific details on the discharges arrangement at this site.

We can confirm that drainage from the site would be classed as trade effluent, and should not be disposed to surface water systems (either mains or private).

We would also agree with the comments from the Environmental Control Officer, Jonathon Driver, that efficiency of any oil interceptors is likely to be compromised if detergent is present in site drainage. As a result it may cause pollution if it enters the

surface of groundwater from site drainage. As such, drainage from vehicle wash down areas using detergents should only be discharged to the public foul sewer system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully,

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