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

**Our ref:** HA/2020/122466/01-L01  
**Your ref:** APP/18/00244  
**Date:** 25 August 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED. MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING UP TO 100 NEW HOMES, INCLUDING UP TO 40% AFFORDABLE, 2860 SQM OF EMPLOYMENT FLOORSPACE AND IMPROVED ACCESS ONTO NEW LANE AND MARTIN ROAD. ON-SITE PARKING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND EMPLOYMENT USES. LANDSCAPING TO BE PROVIDED, INCLUDING ACOUSTIC BUND TO REAR OF EMPLOYMENT UNITS AND NATURALISATION OF EXISTING WATERCOURSE (FULL DETAILS TO BE SUBMITTED AT A LATER STAGE) (APPROVED 30.01.19) REQUEST TO DISCHARGE CONDITIONS 4 & 18 AND PARTIALLY DISCHARGE CONDITION 8 (20.02.2019). REQUEST DISCHARGE CONDITION 4 (6.01.20).REQUEST TO DISCHARGE CONDITIONS 15 & 16 (20.12.19) AND CONCITION 5 (6.2.20. REQUEST TO DISCHARGE CONDITION NO.S 6, 7,8,11,14,17,18,19,21 & 25 (22.07.20). COLT INTERNATIONAL LTD, NEW LANE, HAVANT, PO9 2LY**

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**

This site is above the SPZ1c for the Bedhampton and Havant Springs abstraction. The SPZ1c applies to groundwater in the chalk aquifer that occurs at depth beneath the site. This chalk is overlain by the Lambeth group which has limited permeability and the London clay which has typically low permeability.

We are satisfied from the information provided that the piles will not penetrate the base of the London clay, and that the London clay should still act as a productive barrier to the underlying aquifer. As such **we can recommend the discharge of condition 11.**

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Some perched groundwater may be present near the surface at this site. This could occur in made ground or any superficial geology near the surface. Given that there is no evidence that the integrity of the overlying London clay will be compromised, we would regard the site as being low-moderate sensitivity in relation to controlled waters. We note that some limited contamination hotspots were encountered in soils near the surface. It is our understanding that these have been removed from site. Given the low/moderate sensitivity of groundwater would not require any further investigations of specific remedial works. As such **we can recommend the discharge of condition 8.**

A watching brief should be maintained during the development, if any grossly impacted soils or perched groundwater is encountered (such as free phase product) then this should be suitably investigated/remediated.

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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