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Development Control
Civic Offices Civic Centre Road
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PO9 2AX

Our ref: HA/2019/121371/01-L01
Your ref: APP/18/00244
Date: 19 June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE PARTIAL DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 8 -
OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ACCESS WITH ALL OTHER 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). COLT INTERNATIONAL LTD, NEW LANE,
HAVANT, PO9 2LY**

Thank you for the consultation on the above application, please quote our reference on all correspondence.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and have the following comments.

Environment Agency Position

We have reviewed the the updated GQRA. We welcome the additional geological information. We consider that this is sufficient **to allow the discharge of Part 1 (Desk study) and 2 (site investigation plan) of condition 8**. Other parts of this condition should remain.

As per previous responses the site overlies the a SPZ1c, for aquifers (principally chalk) that occurs at depth beneath the site. It is recognised that this is isolated from the surface by significant thickness of London Clay. Provided there can be robust confidence that the integrity of the clay is maintained then presence of the SPZ1c should not impact on any remedial requirements.

We note that there is a proposal to confirm the thickness of the London Clay. While we would not have any fundamental opposition to construction of a borehole through the clay, we would have some concerns regarding potential creation of a pathway to the

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underlying aquifer. Clean drilling technics etc should be observed if this need to take place (for geotechnical purposes etc)

We would suspect that the integrity could be verified, by assessment of the likely clay thickness, based on literature, desk based assessment. This is likely to be more cost effective and would not pose a risk of creation of pathways. Provided that there was suspected to be at least c10m of clay beneath and foundation and the London Clay, then this would alleviate our concerns.

With regards to the wider assessment, we welcome the additional information regarding how any investigation will proceed. We can confirm that this should meet our requirement, given the likely levels of risk. As such we can agree to the discharges of Part 1 (Desk study) and 2 (site investigation plan) of condition 8. Other parts of this condition should remain.

We would though just highlight again that as well as visually impacted material, any material with significant olfactory evidence of contamination should also be investigated.

As per previous, any underground pipework associated with the above ground tanks should be removed and excavation validated.

Any free phase hydrocarbons must be remediated/removed.

All other previous comments regarding site investigation/remediation would still apply.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below should you have any queries on the above information.

Yours faithfully

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