

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

Our ref: HA/2024/125919/01-L01
Your ref: APP/24/00330
Date: 11 June 2024

Dear Planning Officer,

**ERECTION OF RETAIL FOODSTORE WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING,
ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND ENGINEERING WORKS. LAND TO THE WEST OF
B&Q, PURBROOK WAY, HAVANT**

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

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

Environment Agency Position

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

This site lies within the confined source protection zone 1(SPZ1C) for the Havant and Bedhampton Springs public water supply. This is associated with the chalk aquifer that occurs at significant depth beneath this site. The site itself is immediately underlain by London Clay formation, which would protect the underlying chalk aquifer.

Though piling is proposed, from the design proposal it is highly likely that the piles will remain within the overlying London clay, and not penetrate any of the underlying aquifers. No deep drainage is proposed, which may impact on the chalk aquifer.

As such we are satisfied the proposed development should not impact on the deep chalk aquifer. As such would consider the development as set out as being low risk from a controlled waters contamination perspective.

We have undertaken a high level review of the submitted phase 2 site investigation.

We accept the conclusion of the report that as there is significant thickness (>50m) of clay beneath the site, above the source protection zone, it is highly unlikely that any

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pollution linkages to the source protection zone would exist.

We can confirm that we could see no reason to dispute the controlled water risk assessment provided in the report.

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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