

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

Our ref: HA/2024/125892/01-L01
Your ref: APP/24/00204
Date: 04 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS IN RESPECT OF SHAFT 1 (THE PHASE 1 SCHEME) PURSUANT TO CONDITION 2 OF THE OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER PLANNING REFERENCE APP/20/00991 DATED 15TH OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE PIPELINE FROM BEDHAMPTON SPRINGS TO HAVANT THICKET RESERVOIR.

HAVANT THICKET, ADJACENT TO SIR GEORGE STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK, MIDDLE PARK WAY, HAVANT.

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

We have reviewed the information submitted and have no significant concerns with the proposed initial phase of construction of the shaft. We do however have the following advice.

Precautions should be taken to ensure the protection of the Havant and Bedhampton springs, and associated Portsmouth Water water supply abstraction. The primary area for potential concern is likely to relate to turbidity risks at the springs, associated with construction work. This would primarily be within the remit of Portsmouth Water as turbidity does not relate to a deterioration in chemical quality of the water, rather an increase in suspended solids in the supply. We would expect Portsmouth Water to have fully assessed this risk.

With regards to the risk to chemical quality we would reiterate that no hazardous substances should be used in any aspect of drilling operation which could result in entry/interaction with groundwater.

Our understanding is that the application area associated with this phase has been used for storage of materials. As such it is possible, depending on what exactly has been stored, that some contamination may be encountered during site works. Given the

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location, groundwater is of course very sensitive. As per condition 15 of the outline planning permission, if any contamination is encountered then work associated with that area should cease until any risks have been managed and a solution agreed.

Environmental permit

Please note that this development may require an environmental permit, a variation of an existing permit or an exception from an environmental permit from us.

Further information can be found on the gov.uk website –

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits>

The Applicant must ensure that the operations at the site are in accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. The Applicant is advised to contact our National Customer Contact Centre on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk for further permitting advice.

Please note that the need for an environmental permit is separate to the need for planning permission. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of a permit.

Yours faithfully

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