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

Our ref: HA/2021/123043/02-L01
Your ref: APP/21/00200
Date: 13 July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

REVISED DOCUMENTS - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND REDEVELOPMENT OF SITE COMPRISING ERECTION OF DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE (CLASS B8) WITH ANCILLARY OFFICES AND RELATED FACILITIES, VEHICLE STORAGE DECK, NEW ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE. 32 NEW LANE, HAVANT, PO9 2NG

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

Contamination

This site is in a Source Protection Zone 1C (Confined aquifer), for a major public water supply. This relates to the chalk aquifer which occurs under a thick layer of Clay (London Clay). Provided no pathway through this clay exist or are created to the chalk, any shallow groundwater is not particularly sensitive. However, given the sensitivity of the deep chalk groundwater, basic precautionary controls should be applied to any risk to shallow groundwater. This may necessitate remediation of significant threat to shallow groundwater at this site.

We have reviewed the submitted remediation method statement. From the information provided we would have **no objection** to any of the remediation proposal.

We would however highlight the following 3 issues:

1. We have not been provided with the phase 2 site investigation for the site.
2. The remediation strategy just assess human health and there is no apparent assessment of groundwater risks (though this may be addressed in Phase 2)
3. Areas of the site have not yet been fully investigated.

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Until these issues have been addressed we cannot comment further on any remediation strategy. As such **existing conditions should remain.**

Drainage

All surface water goes to surface water sewer so we have no comments.

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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