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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application: APP/12/01233

Site Address: St Andrews House, 59-61 West Street, Havant, PO9 1LB

Conversion of existing joinery (Henry Jones building) to form 8No. flats comprising 6No. 1 bed flats and 2No. 2 bed flats; demolition of remaining buildings and construction of 16No. 3 bed houses (Approved 25.9.13). Request to Discharge Condition No. 5 (22.4.16)

Thank you for consulting Portsmouth Water on the above planning application. Portsmouth Water herein provides comments in relation to the above request to discharge condition 5 as part of our role of protecting public drinking water supplies. This development site is very close to the Havant and Bedhampton Springs, a very important public water supply source, and lies within Source Protection Zone 1 for these springs.

Condition 5 of APP/12/01233 is in relation to the specification of materials used within hardstanding areas. On the 3rd September 2015 Portsmouth Water sent a letter to Havant Borough Council that stated:

"We are concerned that a permeable paving solution is proposed for car parking areas, where there is a residual risk of hydrocarbon pollution. The jointing between blocks will be permeable and underlain by a permeable base. If block paviour is to be retained for other reasons (e.g. aesthetic landscaping) then the developer should provide further information on how the car parking areas will be made impermeable, so that any spillage cannot seep in to the ground and contaminate the groundwater."

Having reviewed the documents related to the discharge of condition 5 I note that block pavements laid upon a sand binder course and granular material sub base will be utilised on car parking areas; therefore the jointing between blocks will be permeable. There is no further detail that shows how contaminants can be prevented from migrating to the underlying ground and preventing groundwater contamination.

Therefore, on the information provided, we cannot agree to a discharge of condition 5.
If you wish to discuss our comments further please feel free to make contact via the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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