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Our ref: HA/2014/116069/01-L01
Your ref: APP/14/00842
Date: 15 September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**DISCHARGE OF CONDITION NO'S 12 (PARTS 1 TO 3) & 17 OF PLANNING
PERMISSION APP/13/00266
HAVANT RETAIL PARK PORTSDOWN HILL ROAD, HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE,
PO9 3NA.**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above proposal received on 22 August 2014. We have the following comments to make;

We have reviewed the Supplementary Ground Investigation Report for land at Havant Retail Park, Portsdown Hill Road, reference number GE9752-SGIR_140425 produced by Go-Environmental on behalf of Linden Homes.

We can recommend the discharge of Parts 1 and 2 of Condition 12 with the following comments:

In section 4.2 Groundwater, we would have expected to see the dates of all attempts to sample groundwater. To demonstrate a trend at least three sets of data would be required and the dates would support the comment regarding seasonal effects.

We broadly agree with the contents of the report and agree that there is no significant wide spread contamination on the site. However we have serious concerns regarding the hotspots identified to the west of the site, WS9 and WS10. The extent of these hotspots and whether the use of soakaways is appropriate needs to be established. The report states that there will be little or no attenuation in the unsaturated zone and this is a sensitive groundwater area.

The extent of the contamination found in WS112, WS113 and WS126 also needs to be established as it appears from the foundation design that some of the piles will be in this area. This will need to be addressed in the Remediation Method Statement and the Piling Assessment Report.

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As there is an intention to use deep piles and soakaways we would expect to see the removal of identified hotspots included in the Remediation Method Statement.

We have not had sight of the Remedial Method Statement and are therefore unable to recommend the discharge of **Part 3 of Condition 12**.

If you have queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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