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Our ref: HA/2013/115081/01-L01
Your ref: APP/13/01145
Date: 18 December 2013

Dear Mrs Smith

DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 6 OF PLANNING PERMISSION APP/10/00737

**FORMER HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL DEPOT, SITE 4, HARTS FARM WAY,
HAVANT**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above Discharge of Condition 6 of Planning Permission APP/10/00737.

Environment Agency Position

We are unable to recommend the Discharge of Condition 6 of Planning Permission APP/10/00737 at this time.

Advice to the Local Planning Authority / Applicant

We have reviewed the Final Report on Site Investigation at Harts Farm Way, Havant, Number: 727927 produced by Structural Soils Ltd dated August 2013 that was submitted to discharge Condition 6. The report does not provide sufficient information in order to discharge this condition at this stage.

We have the following comments to make:

Section 2.5.3 states that: *The site has contained (it is assumed that they have been removed) 6 no.petrol/diesel tanks of a total capacity of 63,000 litres and with associated 4no. fuel pumps and vent pipes.* No evidence has been presented or discussed within the report to support this assumption. As the major potential source of contamination at this site, the location and condition of these tanks needs to be determined.

Although an extensive intrusive investigation has been undertaken the sampling appears to have been very limited. There does not appear to be sufficient data to reach robust conclusions as to the nature and extent of the contamination present on the site.

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We have particular concerns regarding groundwater sampling and would have expected to see a minimum of three rounds of monitoring undertaken from all boreholes/monitoring wells over at least a 3 month period, to identify any trends.

The report states that water samples were tested from all boreholes where water was encountered but comparing the logs to the lab data this does not appear to be the case as only samples from BH8 and BH10 have been sent for analysis, whilst the logs state that water was also encountered in BH7 and BH9.

Please advise how the groundwater flow direction shown on the *Exploratory Hole Location Plan* has been determined.

The report is unclear and does not adequately demonstrate that the extent and nature of the contamination on the site is understood.

If you have any queries regarding to the information set out above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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