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Dear Planning,

Thank you for consulting us on the above application; APP/13/01074, which was received on 18 November 2013.

Having assessed the planning application with regard to the development type and location of the proposal, we can confirm that we have no bespoke comments to make.

However, the Environment Agency has a Regulatory position on the burial and/or scattering of ashes arising from the cremation of pet carcasses.

If you comply with the requirements below, we will allow the burial and/or scattering of ashes arising from the cremation of pet carcasses and their immediate wrappings at pet cemeteries regulated by the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency without the need for an environmental permit.

We will not pursue an application for an environmental permit for the activity where:

- The ash arises from the cremation of pet carcasses and their immediate wrappings only;
- The burial and/or scattering of ash is carried out at a pet cemetery registered under the ABPR with the AHVLA;
- The ash is buried at a density which does not exceed an average of 20 kg per square metre;
- The burial and/or scattering of ash is not carried out on grazing land;
- You meet the relevant objectives of the Waste Framework Directive;

Nothing in this position statement shall prohibit the burial and/or scattering of cremated pet ashes in the garden or grounds of the pet owner's home.

Enforcement

In not pursuing an application for a permit, we will not normally take enforcement action unless the activity has caused, or is likely to cause, pollution or harm to health. For a more detailed explanation of this enforcement position, please see our Enforcement and Sanctions statement via this link <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/regulation/default.aspx>.

For further information please contact us on 03708 506 506 or at enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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