

Havant Borough Council - Development
Control
Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX

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Erection of a building with associated parking, yard and landscaping

**UNIT 2, DUNSBURY PARK, FITZWYGRAM WAY, HAVANT, HAVANT BOROUGH, PO9
4EE.**

Dear Planning Officer,

Thank you for contacting us.

This is our response to your consultation APP/26/00361.

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection to the proposed development as submitted, provided that the following conditions be attached to any planning permission granted**, and that the details in relation to these conditions be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

The site is in the Source Protection Zone 1C (SPZ1C) for the strategically important water supply from the Havant and Bedhampton springs. SPZ1C is an Inner Source Protection Zone for a drinking water abstraction where the aquifer is confined beneath protective geological layers. In this location the source protection zone relates to water in the chalk aquifer, which is protected by a significant thickness of London Clay.

Surface activities are generally low risk, but deep groundworks or boreholes may pose a risk by creating pathways to the underlying aquifer. As such in general we would regard this site and proposal as being low risk. However, if the barrier provided by the London clay is compromised (such as through deep piling), then there may be a risk to the underlying chalk aquifer.

As such we would request the following conditions.

Condition 1

If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority) shall be carried out until a remediation strategy detailing how this contamination will be dealt with has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason(s)

To ensure that the development does not contribute to, and is not put at unacceptable risk from or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution from previously unidentified contamination sources at the development site. This is in line with paragraph P2(1-2) and P3(1-2) of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Condition 2

Deep foundations, including piling, using penetrative methods shall not be carried out other than with the written consent of the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason(s)

To ensure that the proposed deep foundations, do not harm groundwater resources in line with paragraph P3(1-2) of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Provided that piling is restricted to well withing the London clay, then the risks are likely to be minimal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact planningssd@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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