

Alison Webster
Gravesham Borough Council

Our ref: KT/2025/133121/01-L02
Your ref: 20251198

Sent by email

Date: 16 January 2026

Dear Alison,

Application for the approval of condition 5 attached to planning reference number 20221293 relating to a strategy to deal with the potential risks associated with any contamination of the site.

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Gravesend, Kent DA12 4LG

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received on 2 December 2025. As part of this consultation, we have reviewed the following documents:

- Phase 1 Desk Study and Phase 2 Site Investigation Report, including Remediation Method Statement and Verification Plan, ref. 25/13244/KJC REV 1, dated 1 December 2025, by Albury S.I. Ltd

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection** to the discharge of condition 5 (parts A, B, C and D).

Any other planning conditions related to contamination should not be fully discharged until such time as all relevant works are completed and a closure report, detailing all works at the site, has been submitted. The closure report should include summaries of all materials removed, details of validation sampling/monitoring carried out in remediation areas, relevant certificates for imported materials and confirmation that the site is fit for the proposed use.

Further clarification should be sought from the Local Authority Environmental Health Officer with respect to issues related to harm to human health.

Please note that our comments are based on the details available to us at the time of writing. If any subsequent changes are made to the application, please reconsult us.

Decision notice

In accordance with the planning practice guidance ([determining a planning application, paragraph 019](#)), please notify us by email within two weeks of a decision being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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