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Our ref: KT/2023/131247/01-L01
Your ref: 20231062

Date: 19 December 2023

Dear Alison,

Application for approval of appeal condition 6 and 7 attached to planning permission reference number 20191222 and appeal reference number APP/K2230/W/20/3255704 relating to a construction method statement and details of foul and surface water drainage.

Land adjacent to Home Farm Cottage, School Lane, Higham, Rochester, Kent

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application on 5 December 2023.

We have reviewed the below document(s) and have the following comments:

- Drainage Plan – Drawing No. 2022/52/21A@A1 (dated: December 2022)

Environment Agency position

As we did not recommend the above conditions, we cannot provide details as to whether they can be discharged.

However, we do acknowledge that we requested details of all proposed foul and surface water drainage to be submitted with any detailed application made for this site and as such have the following comments in relation to condition 7 (foul and surface water drainage).

Environment Agency comments

The site is situated within a Source Protection Zone 1 and is situated upon a Principal Aquifer (Chalk), which is overlain by a Secondary Undifferentiated Aquifer (Head Deposits).

It is understood that foul water is to be discharged via mains sewer. We consider this acceptable in principle and have no further comments with regard to mains drainage.

It is understood that surface water from roof and patio areas is to be discharged to ground via soakaway with associated rainwater harvesting tanks. It should be noted that no discharge through ground considered to be affected by contamination shall be approved. It is also noted that surface water from remaining areas of hardstanding, including roads and driveways are to discharge to gullies, which feed a central pond feature. Should this pond feature discharge to ground a hydrogeological

risk assessment will be required in accordance with position statement G13 of the 'Environment Agency's Approach to Groundwater Protection'. We do not consider the documentation provided to suitably document any proposed pollution prevention measures to prevent the ingress of any potential contaminants.

The proposals supplied will be assessed against the position statements outlined in the [Environment Agency's Approach to Protecting Groundwater](#). The position statements which are of particular relevance to this application are G8, G10, G11, G12 and G13.

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

Yours sincerely,

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