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Lisa Fisher
Gravesham Borough Council
Sent via email

Our ref: KT/2024/132001/01-L01
Your ref: 20240858
Date: 04 October 2024

Dear Lisa Fisher

Application For The Approval Of Conditions 4, 6, 7 And 17 Attached To Planning Permission Reference Number 20240199 Relating To Construction Environmental Management Plan (4), Remedial Action Plan & Watching Brief (6), Cycling Parking Scheme (7) And Piling Risk Assessment (17).

Dalefield Industrial Park, Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

Environment Agency Position

We have **no objections** to the discharge of planning condition 17 and parts a, b and c of planning condition 6.

Groundwater and Contaminated Land

Planning Condition 6

We have reviewed the provided Remedial Action Plan & Watching Brief Report produced by Manhire Associates Consulting Engineers (Ref: 23052, dated February 2024) and understand from section 4.1.4 that elevated concentrations were identified as part of the Ground Investigation Report produced by GES Limited (Ref: GE15338GAR, dated March 2016). It is noted that the report concluded that "Elevated concentrations are likely to be from surrounding sources including the River Thames, the water treatment works, historical landfill and commercial businesses". In March 2016 the site was an open field and as such it is considered acceptable that this contamination was sourced from off-site sources.

It is understood from section 5.0 of the report that "no remediation of the site is warranted" and that a suitable Watching Brief and Discovery Strategy are to be conducted on site to identify and assess any previously unidentified contamination. This is considered acceptable in principle and **we would consider the provided report to suitably address parts a, b and c of condition 6** for this application.

Planning Condition 17

We have reviewed the Piling Risk Assessment produced by Manhire Associates (Ref: 23052, dated 12th September 2024) and understand that Continuous Flight Auger piling is proposed to mitigate the potential for the migration of contaminants into the underlying groundwater. This is considered acceptable in principle and **we would recommend the discharge of condition 17 for this application.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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