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Our ref: HA/2026/127389/01
Your ref: DC/25/2057

Date: 26 January 2026

Dear Planning team (FAO: Alice Johnson),

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 68 DWELLINGS WITH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING SUPPORTING FOUL AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE WORKS, AND WORKS TO EXISTING CULVERTED WATERCOURSE ON SITE.

LAND NORTH OF LITTLE SLAUGHTERFORD, CHAPEL ROAD, BARNS GREEN, WEST SUSSEX.

Thank you for the consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position and comments below.

Environment Agency position

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

Condition – Piling

The piling and other foundation designs using penetrative methods hereby permitted may not commence until such time as a scheme has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority.

The scheme shall be based on the information submitted as part of the application and, where necessary, supported by:

- **A Foundation Works Risk Assessment.**
- **A conceptual site model.**
- **Specification of the type, number and depth of proposed piles / foundations / dimensions of shaft / tunnel / design of heating and cooling system.**

The scheme shall be fully implemented and subsequently maintained, in accordance with the timing/phasing arrangements contained in the scheme, or any details as may subsequently be agreed, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.

Reasons for condition

Piling and other foundation designs using penetrative methods can result in risks to potable supplies from, for example, pollution/turbidity, risk of mobilising contamination, drilling through different aquifers and creating preferential pathways. Groundwater is particularly sensitive in this location because the proposed development site is within Source Protection Zone 2 and located upon Secondary Aquifer A.

In light of the above, the proposed development will only be acceptable if a planning condition controlling disturbance of the aquifer is imposed. Without this condition we would object to the proposed development in line with paragraph 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework because it cannot be guaranteed that the development will not present unacceptable risks to groundwater resources.

Advice to the Applicant

Discharge of treated sewage effluent

The discharge of domestic sewage may be subject to General Binding Rules (GBRs) under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016, which provides a statutory baseline of good practice. You can find more information online at <https://www.gov.uk/permits-you-need-for-septic-tanks/permits> or contact the Environment Agency (our National Customer Contact Centre can be contacted on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk). If your proposal cannot meet the GBRs, then a permit from us will likely be required.

Waste on-site

Developers should ensure that all contaminated materials are adequately characterised both chemically and physically, and that the environmental permitting status of any proposed on-site operations are clear. If in doubt, the Environment Agency should be contacted for advice at an early stage to avoid any delays (our National Customer Contact Centre can be contacted on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

We recommend that developers should refer to the [waste management](#) page on GOV.UK.

We will consider any queries in relation to the use of [Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice \(DoWCoP\)](#) (which is to be updated) through our environmental permitting enhanced pre-application advice service, considering site conditions, the materials that are proposed to be used, and the potential for harm to the environment and to human health. We can also provide advice as to whether an environmental permit is required.

Waste to be taken off-site

Contaminated soil that is (or must be) disposed of, is waste. Therefore, its handling, transport, treatment and disposal are subject to waste management legislation, which includes:

- Duty of Care Regulations 1991
- Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005
- Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016
- The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

Developers should ensure that all contaminated materials are adequately characterised both chemically and physically in line with [British Standard BS EN 14899:2005 'Characterization of Waste - Sampling of Waste Materials - Framework for the Preparation and Application of a Sampling Plan'](#) and that the permitting status of any proposed treatment or disposal activity is clear. If in doubt, the Environment Agency should be contacted for advice at an early stage to avoid any delays (our National Customer Contact Centre can be contacted on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

If the total quantity of hazardous waste material produced or taken off site is 500kg or greater in any 12-month period, the developer will need to register with us as a hazardous waste producer. Refer to the [hazardous waste](#) pages on GOV.UK for more information.

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the advisor identified below.

Yours faithfully,

Environment Agency – Solent & South Downs

Sustainable Places Advisor: Anna Rabone

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