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Horsham District Council
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Our ref: HA/2024/126138/01
Your ref: DC/24/1075

Date: 20 August 2024

Dear Planning team (FAO: Hannah Darley),

REMOVAL OF CONDITION 1 OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATION DC/23/1297 AMEND THE CAR PARKING LAYOUT TO ENABLE A BOREHOLE TO BE ACCOMMODATED AND SUBSTITUTE THE APPROVED PARKING LAYOUT WITH THE PROPOSED LAYOUT.

UNIT D FOUNDRY CLOSE, HORSHAM, WEST SUSSEX, RH13 5TX.

Thank you for 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 as submitted, but please note the advisory comments below.

Advice to the Applicant

Abstraction licence

If you intend to abstract more than 20 cubic metres of water per day from a surface water source e.g. a stream or from underground strata (via borehole or well) for any particular purpose then you will need an abstraction licence from the Environment Agency. There is no guarantee that a licence will be granted as this is dependent on available water resources and existing protected rights.

Further information can be found here - Apply for a water abstraction or impounding licence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

New abstraction

If the proposed abstraction is intended to supply water for human consumption, the below should be kept in mind.

All groundwater abstractions intended for human consumption or food production purposes have a default Source Protection Zone 1 with a minimum radius of 50 metres. In some cases depending on the volumes abstracted, a default Source Protection Zone 2 with a minimum radius of 250 metres applies.

Activities within these Source Protection Zones should not put at risk the abstraction. For more details we would like to refer the applicant/enquirer to our groundwater position statements in 'The Environment Agency's approach to groundwater protection'. **Careful consideration should be made to Table 1 - Summary of the position statements that apply to developments and activities in Source Protection Zone 1.**

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

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