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Hi Matthew,

Environmental Health have reviewed the Aviron Groundwater Risk Assessment, dated September 2025, and the fact that a revised assessment has been provided in support of the application is welcomed. We do however have the following comments to make.

1. We note that the following is stated in section 3.4 'The Envirocheck report indicates that there is a historical landfill located 13m to the south-east of the site. This landfill is considered to be the same landfill shown on the maps as being between 50-80m from the site' and 'The Envirocheck report indicates that there are two records of local authority recorded landfills located 45m to the south-east. No other details are provided'. Given the variable distances quoted it is not clear to Environmental Health if Aviron have determined where the offsite landfill is located.
2. We also note the following is stated in table 5.5 'The former gasworks and landfill are at least 250m from the abstraction borehole'. Given the uncertainties in relation to the location of the offsite landfill site, as detailed above, it is not clear how Aviron have reached this conclusion.
3. The additional comments in Table 5.5 in relation to groundwater flow are welcomed, it is however not clear if the local geology as a justification for low risk has also been taken into account.
4. The off-site area of land previously occupied by the gasworks has been subject to site investigation works, reports on which are available to view on the HDC public planning portal. It is however not clear if these have been reviewed as part of this assessment and have formed an additional line of evidence.

Kind regards

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