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Hi Shazia

As this is an individual (above ground) burial it would appear to fall under this linked guidance as a de minimis groundwater activity unless there is an indication it would cause pollution to groundwater, which seems unlikely at this location.
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/groundwater-activity-exclusions-from-environmental-permits/groundwater-activity-exclusions-from-environmental-permits

Additionally we have the below guidance for low risk cemeteries that it would also fall under Groundwater activity exclusions from environmental permits - GOV.UK

I hope this helps

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Dear Groundwater Protection Team,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am contacting you in relation to a planning application currently under consideration by Horsham District Council (Ref: DC/24/1803), which involves the erection of a single-person burial tomb at Southover Farm.

Following internal discussions with our Environmental Protection Officer, it has been advised that, given the potential risk to groundwater from any form of burial, we seek your technical advice on this matter.

The proposed tomb dimensions are approximately 2.89m x 1.50m and are intended to accommodate one individual.

We would be grateful if you could review the details and advise on any potential groundwater protection concerns or required mitigation measures. Please let us know if any further information is needed to assist with your assessment.

Kind Regards

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