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To: Tamara.Dale
Subject: DC/23/2278 - Former Arun Feedmills

Dear Tamara,

Environmental Health have reviewed the Ground and Water Phase 1 Desk Study dated February 2024 and we have the following initial comments to make.

The amount of detail in the above report is welcomed, we note however that the following is stated in section 6.2 '*The Groundsure datasheets identified two on-site records for unspecified tanks/tanks in 1976. 12 GWPR5834/DS/February 2024 Former Arun Feedmills Sincox Lane Shipley West Sussex RH13 8PT There was no obvious evidence for their previous locations on the historical maps or during the Site Walkover. The site was labelled as an animal feed store from 1975 and it was possible that there were either heating oil tanks or grain silos or similar. Given the potential small size of the tanks, any spills or leaks would be localised around the tanks only and the risk would be considered to be low'.*

With the above in mind, we have undertaken a recent site visit and the current unoccupied condition of the site was noted, below ground infrastructure, manholes etc which could indicate the potential location of underground tanks were also noted. It is not clear however if the consultants have had any dialogue with the current owners of the site in relation to the potential location of the underground tanks, have historic plans of the site been reviewed etc.

The above comments in relation to potential risk from underground tanks are also noted, however without knowing the size of the tanks and their location in relation to the proposed dwellings we do not necessarily agree with the comment that the risks would be considered low – in our view the location of the historic tanks should be established as part of the PRA.

We would welcome further comments from the applicants environmental consultants on the above.

Kind regards

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