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Our Ref : SV/2004/005654-1/1

Your Ref : DCSE2003/1777/F

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F.A.O: Mr S Holder

Dear Sir

**MATTERS RELATING TO CONDITION NO. 6 FOR PROPOSED ERECTION OF 4
RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS, DETACHED GARAGES AND ASSOCIATED
ACCESS ON LAND ADJOINING HUNSDON MANOR HOTEL,
WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

The Agency has reviewed the report entitled "Cotswold Geotech Report 3505", as submitted by the applicant, to the LPA, for the discharge of condition no. 6 of the planning permission (DCSE2003/1777/F). This consultation was received, by the Agency, on 15 December 2004.

It is noted that the Applicant has completed a limited site investigation, however this did not evaluate the impact to controlled waters. We therefore ask that the Applicant reviews the site investigation data and analysis with consideration of the potential impacts of the site in terms of controlled waters. These works should include further soil and groundwater sampling, in order to determine the leachability of the contaminants and their potential risk to controlled waters.

We note the high values of arsenic and lead in two of the trial pits and would agree that additional sampling (leachate testing) is needed to identify the source of these contaminants.


There is no remediation strategy outlined for dealing with areas of contamination. These need to be determined and submitted for review.

Please note that the Agency has only addressed issues of potential risk to controlled waters. The Local Authority's Environmental Health Department should be consulted on any issues relating to risk to human health or potential application of Part IIA legislation.

The Applicant or Consultant may wish to speak to Kay Roberts of the Agency's Groundwater and Contaminated Land team, on telephone: 02920466071, to discuss the requirements of the

further work detailed above.

Yours faithfully


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