Our ref: SV/2024/112415/01-L01

**Your ref:** 240837

**Date:** 22 May 2024

Herefordshire Council Central Division PO Box 230 Hereford Herefordshire HR1 2ZB

FAO: Rebecca Jenman

Dear Rebecca

CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO OPERATIONAL FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PURPOSES TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW INTEGRAL ROTATING BIOLOGICAL CONTACTOR (IRBC),IRBC BLOWER, IRBC LCP, A MOTOR CONTROL CENTRE (MCC) KIOSK, STORM OVERFLOW PUMP STATION, GENERATOR, IRBC FEED PUMP STATION, FINAL EFFLUENT (FE) MONITOR KIOSK, 1NO. REEDBED AN UPGRADED ACCESS FROM LUDLOW ROAD (A4113) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, HARD STANDING AND LANDSCAPING LAND NORTH OF A4113 (LUDLOW ROAD) BRAMPTON BRYAN HEREFORD HEREFORDSHIRE

Thank you for your consultation of the above planning application, received by us on 1 May 2024. We would offer the following comments for your consideration at this time.

**Environmental Permitting Regulations:** From the application documentation, it is proposed that the development will provide a secondary treatment alongside the existing septic tank serving Brampton Bryan village. The current permit reference is S/09/55855/R (issued 25/08/2005). We do not believe that there are any current issues with the existing site, which has recently been inspected.

Without prejudice to a future permit, it is likely that a Bespoke permit will be required. The permit would likely seek to understand the intended discharge point and understanding of whether the existing permit will be connected to the new proposed site.

The River Teme (also a designated SSSI) is currently poor for phosphate under the water framework directive. The aim is to achieve and maintain 'good' status by 2027. Overall, this will likely be an improvement on the current permitted site which is a septic tank with direct discharge to the water course.

Further information regarding Environmental Permits for discharges can be found at: <u>Discharges to surface water and groundwater: environmental permits - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>.

Yours faithfully

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