

District: Cherwell

Application No: 20/02729/DISC

Proposal: Discharge of condition 10 (contamination remediation strategy) of 16/02446/F

Location: Heyford Park, Camp Road, Upper Heyford, Bicester

Local Lead Flood Authority

Detailed comments:

Condition 10, 11 and 12 are linked. We objected to the full application as infiltration is proposed in areas of identified contamination. The information submitted to discharge condition 10 does not investigate the risk of contamination from infiltration drainage.

Condition 12 states;

“Except for works relating to demolition and site clearance, no development shall take place within a phase or sub-phase hereby approved until such time as a scheme to dispose of surface water that ensures that soakaways are not constructed into contaminated land has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved, prior to the occupation of the relevant phase or sub-phase to which it relates.

Reason: To protect the groundwater aquifer from mobilisation of contamination due to the use of soakaways to comply with Policies ESD7 and ESD8 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.”

The surface water drainage condition 11 also requires discharging but there is currently not an identified suitable method of disposing surface water. A revised surface water drainage scheme is required that fully takes into account the contaminations risks on the site to groundwater and to any receiving watercourses.

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