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Our ref: WA/2021/128785/01-L01
Your ref: 21/00184/DISC
Date: 15 April 2021

Dear Mr Lewis

Discharge of condition 11 (surface water drainage scheme) of 16/02446/F

Heyford Park, Camp Road, Upper Heyford, Bicester

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Environment Agency position

We have reviewed the submitted details and do not consider that these are sufficient to allow the discharge of condition 11.

Reason(s)

We recently responded to application reference 20/02729/DISC highlighting that further investigation is necessary in relation to groundwater quality in Phase 9. Until that matter is resolved, we cannot categorically confirm that infiltration of surface water in this location would not cause a risk of pollution to the surrounding environment. Therefore, surface water drainage designs which contain an element of infiltration should not be approved until the applicant can demonstrate that there is no risk of pollution to the water environment.

Closing comments

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

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