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**Our ref:** WA/2016/122120/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 16/00264/F  
**Date:** 10 March 2016

Dear Mr Lewis,

**Construction of a road with associated infrastructure within the Heyford Park development**

**Adjacent To Camp Road, Upper Heyford**

Thank you for consulting us on this matter. We received the letter on 24 February 2016 and we are now in a position to respond.

**Environment Agency Position**

We have no objection to the application as submitted, subject to the inclusion of a condition, detailed under the heading below, to any subsequent planning permission granted.

Without the inclusion of this condition we consider the development to pose an unacceptable risk to the Environment

**Condition**

If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority) shall be carried out until the developer has submitted a remediation strategy to the local planning authority detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with and obtained written approval from the local planning authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

**Reason**

This development site is located over the Great Oolite Limestone (Principal Aquifer) and the presence of a groundwater receptor is illustrated by springs that emanate to the south of the wider site. This parcel of land is part of the former RAF airbase and we are aware that historically fuel storage tanks (above ground and below ground) were located within the outline of this application site. Indeed this road may coincide or pass close to the location of underground fuel storage tanks identified within the New Settlement Area (UG-NSA-01, 02 and 03 and another one to the west of this cluster). There is a similar cluster of tanks close to Camp Road (UG-NSA-16, 17, 18, 19 and 20).

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Therefore, during demolition and enabling works for this road, if any underground structures involving fuel are encountered or if visual or olfactory contamination is evident within the soil, we would expect that the structures and any contaminated material would be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

Yours sincerely,

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