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Our ref: SO/2022/121921/02-L01
Your ref: 67944

Date: 03 September 2022

Dear Dean Clapworthy

**DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING DETACHED TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE
ON SITE AND ITS REPLACEMENT WITH A NEW TWO STOREY
DWELLINGHOUSE (RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION REF 66679).**

305 MIDDLETON ROAD, MANCHESTER, M8 4LY.

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above application, on 03 August 2022.

We have reviewed the Geo-Environmental Phase 1 Desk Study, 305 Middleton Road, Manchester (Prepared by Adeptus, dated July 2022) with respect to risk to controlled waters.

Environment Agency Position

Based on the additional information received the site appears to be low risk to controlled waters and we are able to withdraw our previous objection.

Informatives

Further to the above, please see outlined below an informative which should be used to inform and advise development going forward.

Foul Drainage Connection

Government guidance contained within the national Planning Practice Guidance (Water supply, wastewater and water quality – considerations for planning applications, paragraph 020) sets out a hierarchy of drainage options that must be considered and discounted in the following order:

1. Connection to the public sewer
2. Package sewage treatment plant (adopted in due course by the sewerage company or owned and operated under a new appointment or variation)
3. Septic Tank

Foul drainage should be connected to the main sewer. Where this is not possible, under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 any discharge of sewage or trade effluent made to either surface water or groundwater will need to be registered as an exempt discharge activity or hold a permit issued by the Environment Agency, additional to planning permission. This applies to any discharge to inland freshwaters, coastal waters or relevant territorial waters.

Please note that the granting of planning permission does not guarantee the granting of an Environmental Permit. Upon receipt of a correctly filled in application form we will carry out an assessment. It can take up to 4 months before we are in a position to decide whether to grant a permit or not.

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Domestic effluent discharged from a treatment plant/septic tank at 2 cubic metres or less to ground or 5 cubic metres or less to surface water in any 24 hour period must comply with General Binding Rules provided that no public foul sewer is available to serve the development and that the site is not within an inner Groundwater Source Protection Zone.

A soakaway used to serve a non-mains drainage system must be sited no less than 10 metres from the nearest watercourse, not less than 10 metres from any other foul soakaway and not less than 50 metres from the nearest potable water supply.

Where the proposed development involves the connection of foul drainage to an existing non-mains drainage system, the applicant should ensure that it is in a good state of repair, regularly de-sludged and of sufficient capacity to deal with any potential increase in flow and loading which may occur as a result of the development.

Where the existing non-mains drainage system is covered by a permit to discharge then an application to vary the permit will need to be made to reflect the increase in volume being discharged. It can take up to 13 weeks before we decide whether to vary a permit.

Further advice is available at: [Septic tanks and sewage treatment plants: what you need to do: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/septic-tanks-and-sewage-treatment-plants-what-you-need-to-do)

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Should you have any queries regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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