Hampshire County Council
The Castle
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 8UE

Our ref: HA/2012/113623/03-L01
Your ref: HCC/2012/0373

Date: 02 May 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE TO PROVIDE AN END OF LIFE VEHICLE TREATMENT FACILITY AND METAL RECYCLING FACILITY, COMPRISING OF NEW BUILDINGS, HARDSTANDING, WEIGHBRIDGES, PERIMETER SCREENING AND FENCING, AN EXTENSION TO THE ROAD AND ASSOCIATED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, A FOOTPATH AND A NEW CAR PARK FOR STAFF AND PUBLIC USE, (PART RETROSPECTIVE), DEVELOPMENT ALSO INCLUDING LANDSCAPING, THE PROVISION OF A SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND THE DEMOLITION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING TOWER

FORMER LAFARGE SITE, HOLLYBUSH LANE, NR ALDERSHOT HAMPSHIRE GU12 5QA

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above planning application which we received on 15 April 2013.

No additional information has been submitted and therefore our previous comments (EA Ref: HA/2012/113623/02 dated 19 March 2013) remain valid. For information our previous comments are set out below.

HA/2012/113623/02 EA Comments

Environment Agency Position
In the absence of an acceptable Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) we **OBJECT** to the grant of planning permission and recommend refusal on this basis for the following reason:

Whilst the applicant has now provided additional information relating to the surface water flooding up to the 1 in 100 year flood event they have still not provided an acceptable surface water drainage strategy.

The failure to do this may increase the flood risk both on site and to the surrounding area.

RESOLUTION
The applicant has stated that the attenuation pond can be moved within the site. We would suggest that this issue is given due consideration. At present the attenuation pond, whilst outside the 8 metre buffer zone for the River Blackwater, is within the functional floodplain for this watercourse.

We note that the applicant has additional land within their ownership that may be suitable for the floodplain compensation which would mean that the attenuation pond can be placed further away from the flood extents and therefore not pose an issue.

Sustainable Drainage

Surface water run-off should be controlled as near to its source as possible through a sustainable drainage approach to surface water management (SUDS). SUDS are an approach to managing surface water run-off which seeks to mimic natural drainage systems and retain water on or near the site as opposed to traditional drainage approaches which involve piping water off site as quickly as possible.

Until this issue is resolved we will continue to maintain our objection.

If you have any queries regarding the information set out above please contact me on the number below.

Yours faithfully

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