Mr R Arguile

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

The Campus,

Welwyn Garden City,

Herts, AL8 6AE

 3rd December 2015

Ref: 6/2015/1997/MAJ

Dear Mr R Arguile,

Site: Comet Hotel, St Albans Road West, Hatfield, AL10 9RH

Description: Extension and refurbishment of the Grade II listed hotel (Use Class C1) following demolition of poor quality additions. Erection of student accommodation (Sui Generis) comprising of 361 beds, landscaping and associated works

Thank you for notification of the above planning application. Planning applications are referred to us where our input on issues relating to water quality or quantity may be required.

You should be aware that the proposed development site is located within an Environment Agency defined groundwater Source Protection Zone (SPZ) corresponding to Hatfield Pumping Station. This is a public water supply, comprising of a number of Chalk abstraction boreholes, operated by Affinity Water Ltd.

The construction works and operation of the proposed development site should be done in accordance with the relevant British Standards and Best Management Practices, thereby significantly reducing the groundwater pollution risk. It should be noted that the construction works may exacerbate any existing pollution. If any pollution is found at the site then the appropriate monitoring and remediation methods will need to be undertaken.

For further information we refer you to CIRIA Publication C532 "Control of water pollution from construction - guidance for consultants and contractors".

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Cooke

Planning Co-ordinator