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**Our ref:** NE/2022/134797/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 6/2022/1730/COND  
**Date:** 23 August 2022

Dear David,

**Former Volkswagen Van Centre, Comet Way, Hatfield, AL10 9TF**

**Submission of details pursuant of condition 8 (piling) on planning permission 6/2020/3222/maj.**

Thank you for consulting us on the above discharge of conditions application.

**Environment Agency's Position:**

After a review of the submitted information, we **do not recommend** the discharge of Condition 8 (Piling) at this time.

**Reason**

The submitted information does not answer the question of whether or not the piling works pose a risk of exacerbating the existing groundwater pollution.

**Further information**

The applicant will need to submit further information showing that risks of exacerbating the existing groundwater pollution through piling have been identified and addressed.

The following documents should be helpful in this case:

- CL:aire WALL [Assessing risks to the water environment \(INFO-RA2-3\)](#)
- [Piling into Contaminated Sites, EA, 2002.](#)
- [Piling in Layered Ground: Risks to Groundwater and Archaeology, Science Report SC020074/SR, 2006](#)

**Final comments**

Thank you for contacting us regarding the above application. Our comments are based on our available records and the information submitted to us. Please quote our reference number in any future correspondence. Please provide us with a copy of the decision notice for our records. This would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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