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**Our ref:** NE/2022/135016/02-L01  
**Your ref:** 6/2022/2300/COND  
**Date:** 12 January 2023

Dear David,

### **Beadles Volkswagen Van Centre Harpsfield Broadway Hatfield AL10 9TF**

**Submission of details pursuant to condition numbers - 1 (construction management plan), 5 (surface water strategy), 6 (surface water scheme), 7 (drainage), 8 (foundation), 9 (design plan), 10 (accessible housing scheme), 11 (highway improvement), 12 (samples), 13 (hard landscaping), 14 (soft landscaping), 15 (hard landscaping - roof garden), 16 (external lighting), 17 (cycle store), 18 (cycle store under-croft/open air), 19 (balcony screens), 20 (energy & sustainability statement), 21 (pv cells plan), 22 (bat & bird boxes), 23 (noise compliance), 24 (noise compliance), 26 - (suds), 27 (access), 28 (ev charging points), 29 (parking), 30 (bin stores), 31 (roof gardens), on planning permission 6/2020/3222/MAJ.**

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above discharge of conditions application. As part of the re-consultation, we have reviewed the following documents:

- Letter from Redbrooks Specialist Design Ltd. to Welwyn-Hatfield Borough Council (Dated: 02/12/2022. Ref: 012150).
- Ground Investigation Report carried out at Advantage Cars, Comet Way, Hatfield, AL10 9TF. Prepared for New Ways by Ian Farmer Associates (Dated: July 2022. Project reference: 2240627-01(00)).

### **Environment Agency's Position**

After a review of the submitted information, we are **unable to recommend discharge of condition 8 (foundation).**

### **Reasons**

The information provided shows that the piles will likely terminate in the sand and gravel strata that immediately overlies the Chalk Groundwater. This sand and gravel strata is known to be in hydraulic continuity with the Chalk Groundwater; it is affected by the bromate and bromide pollution, and is afforded Principal Aquifer protections.

Please provide detailed information of the measures that will be implemented before, during and after piling to monitor and protect the groundwater within the sand and gravel and Chalk strata, which are hydraulically continuous.

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**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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