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By email: dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk

Dear Louise

DISCHARGE CONDITION 10B OF THE DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT IN RELATION TO THE NETWORK RAIL (HUDDERSFIELD TO WESTTOWN (DEWSBURY) IMPROVEMENTS ORDER 2022, STAGE 4 OF THE DEVELOPMENT – RAILWAY LINE AND ASSOCIATED LAND BETWEEN, HUDDERSFIELD AND WESTTOWN (DEWSBURY), WITHIN THE ORDER LIMITS OF THE NETWORK RAIL (HUDDERSFIELD TO WESTTOWN (DEWSBURY), IMPROVEMENTS ORDER 2022

Thank you for re-consulting us on this application following submission of additional information which we received on 4 April 2024.

Condition 10b requires, where highlighted in the Environmental Statement or Phase II Reports, a Remediation Statement to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Authority before development can be commenced.

We have reviewed the document **Condition 10: Contaminated Land Stage 4 Remediation Statement - Huddersfield Station (Document ref: 151667-TSA-00-TRU-REP-W-EN-0012432 dated October 2023)**.

We note the acknowledgement in section 4.3.3:

It was indicated that any pathway created by rotary bored piling is likely to be temporary while the pile is installed and grouted. Once grouted the pathway is no longer present.

And in 4.6.1:

The identified depth to groundwater indicates that all piles are expected to intersect groundwater and terminated in the bedrock of the PLCM (secondary A aquifer). Based on the assessment undertaken, the risk rating for bored piles was low to moderate for all pollution and risk scenarios.

We have reviewed section **4.6 Piling - Controlled Waters Risk Assessment** and we are satisfied with the remediation strategies as stated in section 4.6.2.

We have also reviewed the rest of the remediation strategy and note the following:

4.11.1: *Where any unexpected contaminated materials and/or previously unrecorded ground conditions are encountered during construction, works should temporarily cease in the affected area to enable inspection (and sampling/testing if necessary) by a suitably qualified land contamination specialist.*

4.11.2: *The area shall be fenced off and made safe until an appropriate risk assessment has been undertaken by suitably experienced specialists, who will confirm what alterations to the remedial statement are required and obtained agreement from the contaminated land officers from Kirklees Council and/or the Environment Agency.*

4.14.1: *Groundwater/gas monitoring wells installed historically and recently should be located and decommissioned in accordance with the Environment Agency guidance document 'Good Practice for Decommissioning Redundant Boreholes and Wells', dated October 2012 (Environment Agency, 2012). This must be undertaken prior to commencement of any construction works in the vicinity of the monitoring wells in order to prevent the inadvertent creation of contaminant or ground/mine gas migration pathways.*

As long as these are the case and the processes are followed as specifically described in the Remediation Statement, we have no objections and can recommend the discharge of condition 10b for Stage 4 of the Development, Huddersfield Station and Viaduct.

If you need any clarification or further information, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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