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Your Ref 2025/92689

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2025-45236

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Dear Victor Grayson,

Proposal: Discharge of details reserved by conditions 3 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), 7 (electric car charging), 8 (storm event assessment), 9 (Phase I study), 10 (Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report), 11 (Remediation Strategy), 12 (compliance with Remediation Strategy), 13 (Verification Report) and 15 (waste storage and collection) of previous permission 2024/91828 for demolition of existing hotel restaurant and erection of additional hotel bedrooms with breakfast room and alterations to the car park and associated works

Location: Premier Inn, St. Andrew's Road, Huddersfield

Waterway: Huddersfield Broad Canal

Thank you for your consultation relating to the discharge of conditions on a planning permission.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

We wish to make the following comments with respect to Condition 3.

The Trust own and manage the Huddersfield Broad Canal, which lies next to the site. We consider it important that the Construction and Environmental Management Plan should seek to ensure that construction practices are employed that limit the potential for structural damage to the wash wall of the canal (through loading or vibration) and also limit the potential for pollution entering the canal.

Having reviewed the submitted Construction Management Plan, section 6.1 seeks to identify measures to control for pollution risks. There does not seem to be a section to confirm how the canal will be protected from structural damage, however.

Within section 6.1, the text is vague and does not provide certainty over the measures that will be employed. The text also suggests that the measures 'could' be adopted, which provides little certainty that they will.

We request that the CEMP document should be revised to confirm that measures will be employed. We also request that precise measures of control should be identified. As a minimum, measures to direct water runoff from stockpiles and exposed soils should be identified, and the location of any silt barriers fully identified. Dust suppression activities should also be identified.

With regards to the protection of the canal from structural damage, we request that measures should be identified in the CEMP to ensure that no plant or vehicles will be sited closer to the canal walls than 2m. Vibration

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and movement monitoring of the canal walls should also be specified to ensure that they are appropriately protected during any excavation or piling work (if required).

Please note that the Trust does not wish to make comment with respect to the other conditions subject to this consultation.

'Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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