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To: Rav Curry; David Fowler
Cc: Tracey Martin
Subject: RE: Consultee letter for Planning Application: 2021/5844/P

Rav, David,

This application refers to the discharge of Condition 21 which was worded as follows:

21 Impact piling

No impact piling shall take place until a piling method statement, prepared in consultation with Thames Water, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The statement shall detail the depth and type of piling to be undertaken and the methodology by which such piling will be carried out, including measures to prevent and minimise the potential for damage to subsurface water infrastructure, and the programme for the works).

Any piling must be undertaken in accordance with the terms of the approved piling method statement.

Reason: To safeguard the existing public sewer infrastructure and to protect the structural stability of the neighbouring structures, in accordance with policies CS5 and CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP24, DP26 and DP27 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

Whilst there is clearly a link to piling and the potential mobilisation / spreading of contamination, particularly with respect to groundwater; this condition appears to have been applied purely for the protection of existing below ground water utility infrastructure. Therefore, unless I am misunderstanding, there is no need for the land contamination team to review / comment on this report(?)

General note:

In Camden we have a significant thickness of underlying London Clay Formation (silty clay of very low permeability) which does not support a groundwater aquifer and is unlikely to be penetrated by piles. Therefore, in our instance, the risk of piling spreading contamination is (thankfully) much lower than in other geologies present across other regions in London.

BR,

Paul Adams.