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Our ref: WX/2016/129183/01-L01
Your ref: 16/03988/FUL
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Dear Ms Porter

PERMANENT USE OF TEMPORARY COACH PARK AND MODIFICATION OF EXISTING COACH PARK TO CREATE 53 COACH SPACES AND 26 MOTORHOME SPACES, CONSTRUCTION OF ANCILLARY BUILDING FOR NEW COACH VISITOR FACILITIES, CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL LAND AND CREATION OF NEW VISITOR TRANSIT SYSTEM TURNAROUND AREA FOR SHUTTLE BUS USE, CREATION OF EXTENDED VISITOR TRANSIT SYSTEM TURNAROUND AREA FOR SHUTTLE BUS USE, DECOMMISSIONING OF EXISTING VISITOR TRANSIT SYSTEM TURNAROUND AREA, ALL WITH ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY AND LANDSCAPING WORKS

STONEHENGE VISITOR CENTRE, AIRMANS CORNER, WINTERBOURNE STOKE, WILTS

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above planning application.

We have **no objection** to the proposed development subject to the following requested **conditions** and informatives being included in any permission granted.

Groundwater Protection

The proposal contains information (Appendix D) on surface water and foul water drainage which has the potential to detrimentally affect groundwater. An increase in visitor numbers and toilet facilities is proposed, which could affect compliance with existing Environmental Permits and authorisations (sewage effluent discharge EPR/DB 3593NA, ground water heating discharge EPR/YP3926GR and abstractions for potable water and groundwater heating and cooling SW/043/0021/003). In addition there is an increased pollution risk from oil spills or leaks from the proposed enlarged parking area.

CONDITION

No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a scheme for surface water drainage, incorporating pollution prevention measures, has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with the Environment Agency. The scheme shall be fully implemented as agreed.

REASON

To protect controlled waters from pollution, particularly the local groundwater.

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A full oil retention interceptor should be installed as part of the surface water drainage for the proposed coach park, of a sufficient size to deal with the increased size and risk of oil spills and leaks.

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An application to vary the abstraction licence SW/043/0021/003 will need to be submitted to the Environment Agency as the proposal contains information that the potable abstraction will be above the licenced limits. Pre-application guidance sought with the Environment Agency is welcomed - contact Carol Pediani on 02030 259285). Online application guidance is at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-abstraction-application-for-a-water-resources-licence>. A variation to the licence can take up to 13 weeks to determine and approve any increase in volumes abstracted above existing abstraction limits.

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The Environment Agency request that the applicant provides confirmation that the permitted sewage discharge volume will be complied with. (The proposal only states that the treatment volume will be “within the manufacturer’s designed process capability of the MBR plant”). This confirmation should be sent to Carol Pediani – carol.pediani@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Pollution Prevention During Construction

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Safeguards should be implemented during the construction phase to minimise the risks of pollution from the development. Such safeguards should cover:

- the use of plant and machinery
- oils/chemicals and materials
- wheel washing and vehicle wash-down
- the use and routing of heavy plant and vehicles
- the location and form of work and storage areas and compounds
- the control and removal of spoil and wastes.

Please send us a copy of the decision notice issued for this application for our records.

Yours sincerely

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