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Dear Amy

WAREHOUSE AND COVERED STORAGE BUILDING

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Thank you for your consultation dated 21 August 2023. We have reviewed the documents as submitted and have no objection to this proposal. We have detailed some information for the applicant regarding Environmental Permits.

Environmental Permits

The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 ('COMAH')

The planning application is associated with a facility that holds an environmental Permit under The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 and is also notified as a Lower Tier establishment under The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 ('COMAH'). The Environmental Permit is regulated by the Environment Agency, with COMAH establishments regulated by the COMAH Competent Authority 'COMAH CA' (the Health & Safety Executive and Environment Agency acting jointly).

Operators of COMAH establishments must consider the potential for a major accidents arising from their activities and take 'all measures necessary' to prevent and limit their consequences to people and the environment.

The COMAH regulations include a requirement for operators to notify the CA 'in advance' of certain changes including 'a significant increase or decrease in the quantity of dangerous substances' and 'any modification of the establishment or an installation which could have significant consequences in terms of major accident hazards'. Further information on such notifications is available in the guidance on the regulation 'L111 - A guide to the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015' available on the HSE website.

The storage and handling of dangerous substances as proposed in this planning

application must be in accordance with 'good practice' control measures as provided in, but not limited, to the following guidance:

- CIRIA 736: Containment systems for the prevention of pollution: Secondary, tertiary and other measures for industrial and commercial premises
- HSG71: Chemical warehousing - the storage of packed dangerous substances
- HSG51: The storage of flammable liquids in containers
- HSG140: Safe use and handling of flammable liquids
- HSG191: Emergency planning for major accident (COMAH)
- HSG76: Warehousing and storage: A guide to Health & Safety
- HSG136: A guide to workplace transport safety

The application is advised to discuss this proposal with their COMAH Intervention Manager at the COMAH CA and with their EPR Officer at the Environment Agency.

The HSE sets consultation distances around major hazard sites and major accident hazard pipelines after assessing the risks and likely effects of major accidents at the major hazard. Major hazards comprise a wide range of facilities such as chemical process sites, fuel and chemical storage sites, and pipelines. These consultation distances are based on available scientific knowledge using hazard /risk assessment models updated as new knowledge comes to light.

The planning authority should review any HSE major accident hazard consultation distance zones that may exist for the COMAH establishment and consult the HSE by use of their Planning Advice Web App or directly, as appropriate. Further information on the HSE's Land Use Planning Methodology is available at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/landuseplanning/methodology.pdf>.

We trust this advice is useful.

Yours sincerely



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