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Dear Tom,

25/00412/S73

Section 73 Application : Variation to wording of Condition 3 of planning permission reference number 21/02768/FP granted on 30.06.2022 for Upgrade of existing pumping station to provide nitrate removal plant and equipment including change of use of land for operational purposes and all associated works

Oughton Head Pumping Station, Hitchin Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire,

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Overall Recommendation

- ☒ Condition 3 can be varied

Supporting documents

I have made particular but not exclusive use of the following document in providing this advice:

- Planning Supporting Statement Variation of Condition

Comments

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 2025 which refers, and for consulting Herts LEADS (Ecology).

I note this is a retrospective application which seeks to alter the wording of Condition 3 to allow the timing of access works to be varied. The proposal, taken from the Planning Statement is shown in Appendix 1.

There are no ecological features affected by the proposed variation and, therefore, I recommend it can be varied as shown.

Yours sincerely,

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Hertfordshire LEADS provides Landscape, Ecology, Archaeology, Design and Sustainability support to planning departments in Hertfordshire.

Appendix 1

To account for the works starting ahead of the access being upgraded it is proposed that condition 3 is varied accordingly (note the text been struck through to be removed and text in blue to be added):

~~'Prior to commencement of the development hereby permitted (save for the access improvement works) the~~ Prior to first use of the site, the vehicular access indicated for improvement on drawing number 196112_PLN_SI_3.1_A shall be upgraded and widened to a minimum width of 5.0 metres wide and provided with kerb radii as shown on general arrangement drawing number IWP10 025 -IWS - 000 - XX - DR - M 013; to be reconstructed and tied in with over lapping layers bonded level with the adjacent carriageway in accordance with the Hertfordshire County Council industrial access construction specification for the first 12.0 metres as measured back from the near channel edge of the adjacent carriageway. To the local Planning Authority's satisfaction.

Prior to use arrangements shall be made for surface water drainage to be intercepted and disposed of separately so that it does not discharge from or onto the highway carriageway'