

Online Comment

Application H20-0060-24
Location Land adj. Havencombe Chapelgate Sutton St James PE12 0EF
Proposal Details of verification report (Condition 6 of H20-0296-23)

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For/Against Comments

Thank you for your update letter ref. E22108/SSJ/UL1 dated January 2024. I understand that you wish to seek approval for the proposed membrane and release of properties on a plot-by-plot basis. You also summarised what has currently occurred on the site for clarity, which is appreciated.

I make the following comments:

Membrane - no objections to the proposed membrane.

Plot - by plot release - I have no objection to a phased release of properties, however there are some tasks, such as the removal of burial areas which are not plot specific and therefore actions of that nature would all need to be included in the first batch submitted.

I really appreciate the remaining update, particular:

Imported topsoil - sampling rates are either as set out in the RMS or as per the relevant YALPAG guidelines.

Membrane placement - the letter suggests that unsuitable material has been removed from garden areas and clean fill (Material A) placed. This (Material A) will now be removed, the membrane laid and suitable clean fill will be reinstated to finished levels.

I request that any validation report be very clear on the fate of Material A. As this has been laid directly over the unsuitable soils, there is likely to have been cross contamination. If its proposed to use Material A as the suitable clean fill to make up the final levels, any pre-placement sampling and testing would need to give a high degree of confidence in their suitability for use. A similarly high degree of confidence would need to be provided that the material management was adequately supervised, ideally by the independent consultant. I look forward to receipt of the validation reports in due course., but am not in a position to recommend discharge of condition 6 at this time.