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Our ref: NE/2019/131172/02-L01
Your ref: EPF/2131/19
Date: 6 April 2020

Dear Marie-Claire

Land to the South of Chigwell Rise, IG7 6BN.

Permission for use of site as a burial ground with associated landscaping, access improvements and ancillary storage and reception buildings.

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above planning application. Having reviewed the submitted documents, we wish to **maintain our objection**.

Documents reviewed:

- Tier 1 GW Risk Assessment, Proposed Cemetery, Chigwell Rise, Chigwell, and Essex (GeoSmart Information Ltd, rev: Final, ref: 71815.03R1 date issued: 2020-02-07).
- A method statement detailing the proposed Groundwater Risk Assessment and remedial measures for the development of a new cemetery, Land to the South of Chigwell Rise, Chigwell, IG7 6 AQ (The CDS Group, March 12th 2020)
- EnviroSmart Plus, Proposed Cemetery, Chigwell Rise, Chigwell (GeoSmart Information Ltd, rev: Final, ref 71815.01R1, July 2019).

Reason

A full phase 1 contaminated land desk study has been provided which considers that the potential for contamination which could pose a risk to controlled water is low. We are in agreement with this conclusion and our further comments are mainly concerned with proposed cemetery development.

In order to overcome the objection raised in our previous response, we required that a sufficient level of risk assessment is submitted. Based on the number of burials per year, this proposal is considered to present a “high” risk and it is therefore not considered that a Tier 1 assessment is sufficient.

It is noted that this point is in agreement with conclusions reached in the submitted Tier 1 report which also recommends that site investigation is undertaken to address a number of other points. We therefore consider it prudent to wait for the results of the additional levels of risk assessment to be submitted, prior to recommending that the objection is removed.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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