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Our ref: WX/2025/138811/01-L01
Your ref: PL/2023/10331

Date: 03 April 2025

Dear Callan,

**OUTLINE APPLICATION (WITH ALL MATTERS EXCEPT ACCESS RESERVED)
FOR UP TO 49 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AND PROVISION OF A
CEMETERY TOGETHER WITH ACCESS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

LAND SOUTH OF THE FORTY AND NORTH OF CHELWORTH ROAD, CRICKLADE

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

Environment Agency position

We **object** to the planning application, as submitted, because the risks to groundwater from the proposed cemetery are potentially unacceptable.

Reason(s)

Our approach to groundwater protection is set out in '[The Environment Agency's approach to groundwater protection](#)'. In implementing the position statements in this guidance we will oppose development proposals that may pollute groundwater especially where the risks of pollution are high and the groundwater asset is of high value.

The cemetery element presents a high risk of pollution to controlled waters. Groundwater is particularly sensitive in this location because the cemetery is located within Source Protection Zone 2 of nearby public drinking water boreholes.

To ensure development is sustainable, applicants must provide adequate information to demonstrate that the risks posed by development to groundwater can be satisfactorily managed. In this instance the applicant has failed to provide this information and we consider that the proposed development may pose an unacceptable risk of causing a detrimental impact to groundwater quality

In the Design and Statement, written by Rawplanning dated 1st December 2023 states that a Geo-Environmental Assessment has been undertaken however this has not been submitted as part of this application.

Overcoming our objection

In accordance with our approach to groundwater protection we will maintain our objection until we receive a satisfactory risk assessment that demonstrates that the risks to groundwater posed by this development can be satisfactorily managed.

Note to LPA

If you are minded to approve the application contrary to our objection, we request you contact us prior to a decision being made to allow us to make further representations.

If you have any queries regarding our response, please get in touch

Yours sincerely

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