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Our ref: WX/2025/139447/01-L01
Your ref: PL/2025/07023

Date: 05 December 2025

Dear Gen

INSTALL FLOOD RESILIENCE MEASURES APPROX. 490 METRES IN LENGTH TO INCLUDE; REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONCRETE KERB AND REPLACEMENT WITH NEW (MAX 450MM N HEIGHT), INSTALLATION OF NEW CONCRETE KERB (450MM IN HEIGHT) AND FLOOD GATES

CEREAL PARTNERS, STAVERTON, TROWBRIDGE

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

Environment Agency position

In the absence of an adequate flood risk assessment (FRA) we **object** to this application.

Reason

The submitted FRA does not comply with the requirements for site-specific flood risk assessments, as set out in paragraphs 20 to 21 of the Flood Risk and Coastal Change Planning Practice Guidance and its site-specific flood risk assessment checklist. The FRA does not therefore adequately assess whether the development will increase flood risk elsewhere. In particular, the FRA fails to:

- Adequately assess the impacts of the proposed flood gates on flood risk to adjacent and downstream areas and therefore fails to demonstrate compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework. Comparative maps showing the baseline and proposed scenarios, including the mitigation measures, are required to assess the impact of the flood gates and kerb on flood conveyance in the area. This is necessary to ensure the development does not increase flood risk to the surrounding area.

Overcoming our objection

To overcome our objection, the applicant should submit a revised FRA which addresses the points highlighted above.

If this cannot be achieved, we are likely to maintain our objection. Please re-consult us if a revised FRA is submitted.

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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