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Wiltshire Council
Salisbury,
SP2 2HX

Our Ref: PA-0002898/01
Your Ref: PL/2026/01696

Date: 14 May 2026

Dear Amy,

Change of use of land to form a private 4 plot burial ground

SQUALLS FARM SQUALLS LANE SALISBURY WILTSHIRE SP3 6RX

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

Environment Agency Position

We have **no objection** to the development proposed but wish to provide the following **informative**, to be included with the granting of planning permission.

Informative – Environmental Permit for New Cemetery

Operating a cemetery without an environmental permit from the Environment Agency is an offence, unless the development meets the exemption criteria. New cemetery developments must do one of the following:

- Meet all the criteria in the exemption for low environmental risk cemeteries. See "[Low environmental risk cemeteries: exemption conditions](#)".
- Operate under a standard rules permit. The Environment Agency has recently consulted on proposed standard rules permits for cemetery developments and hopes to make this option available in the future. For further details and guidance see "[Protecting groundwater from human burials](#)".
- Operate under a bespoke permit. See the "[bespoke permits](#)" section of our cemeteries guidance.

Permit applications must include a groundwater risk assessment prepared in line with [Cemeteries and burials: groundwater risk assessments](#). For support with the application process, refer to [Get advice before you apply for an environmental permit](#).

Note to Applicant/LPA – Culvert Buffer Zone

There is a culvert (ordinary watercourse) less than 8m from the southwest corner of the red line boundary plot for this site. An 8m buffer zone between the culverted watercourse and any development should be kept to reduce risk of flooding to the plot.

Note to LPA

If you have any questions regarding our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jay Shaw (on behalf of Lindsay Grant)

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