



**ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY**

Our Ref : FM/2003/000339-1/1
Your Ref : 03/01355/REG3/SKH

Date : 14 January 2004

Director of Environment
Planning Manager
Reading Borough Council
Civic Centre
Reading,
Berkshire
RG1 7TD

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED: CONSULTATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION
03/01355/REG3/SKH ON LAND TO THE WEST OF THE CURRENT
CREMATORIUM, CREATION OF AN EXTENSION TO PROVIDE
3,256 ADDITIONAL GRAVE SPACES, CAR PARKING AND
BOUNDARY RAILINGS
LOCATION: READING CREMATORIUM & HENLEY ROAD CEMETARY, ALL
HALLOWS ROAD, CAVERSHAM, READING
APPLICANT: READING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

EA REF: SU77NW/3/8

Thank you for your letter dated 25th November 2003 and I apologise for the delay of this response.

The Environment Agency received a revised risk assessment from Babbie Engineering Laboratories in late 2003. The tier 2 risk assessment appears to be satisfactory and indicates that the proposed extension at the proposed burial frequency will not have a significant adverse impact on the Playhatch PWS. The Agency is willing to accept deep borehole soakaways provided they do not penetrate more than 5 metres into the Chalk. Large car parks in excess of ~20 cars will require an oil separator on the drainage system.

In order to manage the disposal of surface water in a more sustainable manner, taking into account flood risk and other environmental factors, the Environment Agency will recommend that restrictions are imposed on the discharge of surface water from the site. Particular care must be exercised where there is an increase in the impermeable area. The developer will be required to accommodate excess water and control its release into local watercourses, whether directly or by means of the local surface water sewerage system. Therefore, the following condition should be imposed on any planning permission granted:

CONDITION: Surface water drainage works/source control measures shall be carried out in accordance with details which shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the

Environment Agency
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Local Planning Authority before development commences.

REASON: To prevent the increased risk of flooding and to improve water quality.

(Note: There are alternatives to conventional storage for the control of surface water run-off that are favoured by the Environment Agency. These techniques not only cater for flood peak attenuation, but may also improve water quality and enhance the environment. Such systems include permeable pavements, grassed swales, infiltration trenches, ponds and wetlands. The developer is advised to discuss with the Agency how these techniques might be applied at this site.)

DECISION NOTICE

Would you please forward a copy of the decision notice to this office quoting our reference.

Yours faithfully



PAUL GAY
Planning Liaison Officer

CC: Property Services