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Subject: Parcel B6, Land to the north and east of Boorley Green, Botley, SO32 2UA
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Hi Liz

I've reviewed the most recent report by GESL entitled Boorley Green, Parcel B6 , Ref. GE18008/GR02/190911, dated 11/9/19, which from the text of the report is a soil contamination assessment report.

This recent report references an area of elevated contamination in the locality of borehole reference WS375, which forms part of this Parcel and was encountered during the initial site investigation, also by GESL (DESK STUDY & GROUND INVESTIGATION REPORT, GE9523/GIR/JT/OCT13, dated Oct 2013), and which was described as follows, *"This dataset revealed an outlier for each of the speciated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons within WS375 at a depth of 0.50m. The sample description for the Made Ground at this location was different to the Made Ground in the adjoining borehole positions and included carbonaceous fragments and plastic sheeting. The borehole was located within the infilled area associated with the former mineral abstraction"*.

The report states in respect of the land near WS375, that, *"The form of construction in the area of WS375 is assumed to comprise permanent hard cover which prevents end users coming in to contact with these soils and thus no specific remedial action is required other than segregation of any soils excavated from this area and the soils being removed from the site. These soils would not be suitable for placement at all gardens or in the upper 0.5m of open space landscaping."* My emphasis.

This recent report then goes on to refer to a further report regarding sampling and testing which was undertaken around WS375, also by GESL, letter report ref. GE15030-GR03-16-02-08. It is stated that this report confirms the elevated levels of soil contamination but that they are limited to the vicinity of WS375. However I have reviewed the information on file and cannot find this report.

Given that we do not have sight of this last report, ref: GE15030-GR03-16-02-08, nor confirmation that gardens or open space landscaping will not be located within 10m of WS375, nor the depth or nature of any imported soils forming land raise in this area, I am unable to support the application for discharge of condition at this time.

Regards

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