

Summary of the Environment Agency's relevant representations submitted on 2 March 2023.

The Environment Agency made representations in relation to the following environmental matters within our remit:

1. Ecology of surface watercourses, in particular the West Glen River
2. Protection of ground and surface water quality
3. Fluvial flood risk
4. Soil storage during construction
5. Protective provisions: disapplication of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (e) in respect of a flood risk activity only (Part 2, 6(1)(e)).
6. Requirement for other environmental permits
7. Environment Agency land interests

In summary, we have no objection to the principle of proposed development but there are some details to be agreed.

We are satisfied that matters 1-4 and 6 have been adequately considered, that the proposals relating to these are appropriate and that the draft Development Consent Order secures appropriate mitigation.

We are in discussion with the applicant's legal representative regarding protective provisions (5). We will notify the Examining Authority when these have been agreed and provide our formal agreement to disapplication at that point.

Point 7 relates to the Gwash-Glen water transfer pipeline, which crosses the site. It is essential that our rights to access this pipeline are protected.