

Ribble Valley Borough Council
Development Control
Council Offices Church Walk
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 2RA

Our ref: NO/2014/107004/01-L01
Your ref: 3/2013/0937
Date: 07 October 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 3 (MATERIALS) 4 (VISIBILITY SPLAY) 6 (ACCESS)
13 (TREATMENT PLANT) AND 17 (DRAINAGE) OF PLANNING CONSENT
3/2010/0283**

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Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

We have reviewed the details as submitted in relation to Condition 17 and wish to comment as follows:-

Condition 17

Based on the details as submitted, we are unable to recommend the discharge of Condition 17 in relation to the proposed development as approved under application 3/2010/0283.

Although the site plan and details of an oil interceptor and sewage treatment plant have been provided, there is no indication of the volumes and/or nature of waste water likely to be generated and the volume of treated effluent to be discharged. Neither this application nor application 3/2010/0283 makes mention of trade effluent from the washing/servicing of coaches and how this effluent will be treated.

The submitted drainage scheme proposes to discharge untreated vehicle wash water from the coach washing/servicing area directly into the watercourse on site. If the vehicle wash water was allowed to enter the surface water drain it would be considered as pollution under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2010), which make it an offence to cause or knowingly permit any discharge that will result in the input of pollutants to ground or surface waters.

Environment Agency
Lutra House Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX.
Customer services line: 03708 506 506
www.gov.uk/environment-agency

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If no foul sewer is available then the wash water must be conveyed to a sealed, re-circulation system with no overflow, or to a sealed tank for off-site disposal. Wash water must not be discharged to any watercourse or soakaway.

We recommend that the applicant refers to the following Pollution Prevention Guidance, which is available on the GOV.UK website: *Vehicle washing and cleaning: prevent pollution, PPG13* (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vehicle-washing-and-cleaning-ppg13-prevent-pollution>)

Under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2010) any discharge of sewage or trade effluent made to either surface water or groundwater will need to be registered as an exempt discharge activity or hold an environmental permit issued by the Environment Agency. This applies to any discharge to inland freshwaters, coastal waters or relevant territorial waters.

If the volume to be discharged is less than 5 cubic metres per day, then a permit to discharge will not be required. If the volume exceeds 5 cubic metres per day, an application for a permit to discharge will be required.

The applicant should apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/environmental-permit-check-if-you-need-one> or contact us for an Environmental Permit application form and further details on 08708 506506.

The applicant should be aware that the granting of planning permission does not guarantee the granting of a permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010. A permit will only be granted where the risk to the environment is acceptable.

When we are formally consulted by the Council on the information submitted to fully discharge Condition 17, we will be able to review our comments.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant/agent.

Yours faithfully

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