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Our ref: NO/2024/115982/01-L01
Your ref: 3/2024/0037
Date: 02 April 2024

Dear Ms Hayes

**PROPOSED DRILLING OF TWO BOREHOLES FOR GROUND SOURCE HEATING PURPOSES AND ASSOCIATED UNDERGROUND PIPEWORK.
LAND ADJACENT TO 7 AND 9 WINDY STREET, PR3 2GD**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received 25 March 2024.

Environment Agency position

This application forms part of a wider scheme for the installation of ground source heat pumps in the area. It is unclear whether the wider scheme is an open or closed loop system and therefore, we have provided guidance in our responses to other planning applications that form part of the scheme. Our guidance relates only to open loop systems, which may require further investigation and the obtaining of an environmental permit for the works.

With regard to the specific system proposed for these properties, it is clearly stated in section 6 of the submitted Planning, Design and Access Report, produced by Prospus Consulting, reference 22_011-PDAS_02 and dated 16/01/2024, that a closed loop system is proposed. We therefore have no objection to, or further advice to give, regarding the proposed works at this property.

Yours sincerely

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