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Your ref: 25/00736/HAZ

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Dear Mr. Brookman

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES APPLICATION FOR THE STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

ASDA DISTRIBUTION CENTRE GATE LANE, ROCHDALE, OL16 4NR

Thank you for referring the above application to the Environment Agency. We have no objection in principle to the proposed development, but we would like to make the following comments.

Environment Agency position

Advice to the applicant

The COMAH (Control of Major Accident (COMAH) Regulations 2015) regulations are enforced by the Competent Authority (CA). The CA comprises the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the relevant environmental regulator: the Environment Agency (EA) in England, acting jointly.

The EA, acting as part of the COMAH Competent Authority, have no concerns with the Hazardous substances consent application or the planning application. Whilst LPG is a named COMAH dangerous substance, the qualifying quantity for lower tier establishments is 50 tonnes, however the capacity of the tanker in the application is 32 tonnes.

Any facilities, above ground, for the storage of oils, fuels or chemicals shall be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by impervious bund walls. The volume of the bunded compound should be at least equivalent to the capacity of the tank plus 10%. All filling points, vents, gauges, and sight glasses must be located within the bund. The drainage system of the bund shall be sealed with no discharge to any watercourse, land, or underground strata. Associated pipework should be located above ground and protected from accidental damage.



All filling points and tank overflow pipe outlets should be detailed to discharge downwards into the bund.

Appropriate procedures, training, and equipment should be provided for the site to adequately control and respond to any emergencies including the clean-up of spillages, to prevent environmental pollution from the site operations.

We advise that polluting materials and chemicals are stored in an area with sealed drainage.

We recommend that all pesticide sale and supply / distribution stores meet the recommendations of the Code of Practice for suppliers of pesticides to agriculture, horticulture and forestry and where appropriate membership of the BASIS government recognised inspection scheme.

Please contact our National Customer Call Centre (Tel: 03708 506 506) for further information and guidance.

Additional information and guidance are available at -

Oil storage regulations for businesses

Ciria: Containment systems for the prevention of pollution

Code of Practice for suppliers of pesticides to agriculture, horticulture, and forestry

BASIS government-recognised inspection scheme

Please forward a copy of this letter to the applicant.

Yours sincerely

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