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Dear Michael Atkinson-Smith,

Planning consultation: Submission of details to comply with conditions 3 (CEMP), 4 (Phase 1 PRA), 5 (Drainage) and 6 (Materials) of planning permission 23/01325/FUL

Location: Salt Separation Services Ltd, Unit 12 Fletcher St, Rochdale, OL11 1AE

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 23 March 2026 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has reviewed the submitted information relating to conditions 3, 4, and 5, and we have provided our detailed advice below regarding these conditions.

We confirm that we do not have any comments to make in relation to conditions 6 as this matter is not directly related to our remit or previous advice on this development.

Condition 3

We have reviewed the Construction Environmental Management Plan (JCA, November 2025) and advise that it contains suitable measures to mitigate the impacts of surface water pollution, lighting and dust during the construction phases. We therefore consider that sufficient information has been provided to discharge this condition.

Condition 4

We have reviewed the Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment (T J Booth Associates, October 2025), which concludes that there is no credible risk to controlled waters, including the Rochdale Canal, and that no complete pollutant linkages are present. On this basis, sufficient information has been provided to discharge this condition.

Condition 5

We have reviewed the submitted Drainage Strategy Report (T J Booth Associates, October 2025), which confirm that surface water and foul drainage will connect to the existing network, with no increase in surface water runoff as a result of the development. The proposals do not introduce a pollution pathway to the Rochdale Canal. We therefore consider that sufficient information has been provided to discharge this condition.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact consultations@naturalengland.org.uk quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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