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Our ref: CB/106/24

Dear Sirs

Response to planning application CCC/24/091/VAR

Subject: Johnsons Aggregate & Recycling Ltd., Saxon Pit, Whittlesey

In addition to our previous response dated 30th May 2025

Site drainage- an application to the Middle Level Commissioners for consent to discharge surface water from this site was rejected in 2025 as the operator had also applied to the Environment Agency for a permit to discharge trade effluent from the same outfall. Pending the Environment Agency decision, and because the applications were contradictory (MLC consent for surface water / EA for trade effluent permit) we had no option but to reject their consent application.

Historic surface water discharge consent previously held by the original site operators during its operation as an aggregate site is no longer valid due to the changes in operation and ownership.

As such this site currently does not have consent to discharge into the Middle Level system and we suggest determination of any planning permission should be withheld until drainage matters are resolved.

The Middle Level Commissioners are aware that the Environment Agency has now issued a permit to discharge trade effluent and will be contacting the operator to ask them to submit an application for consent to discharge. This must demonstrate that such discharge will cause no detriment to the environment, the efficient working of the drainage system or the flood risk of the district. It should not be assumed that such consent will be given as we do not routinely issue consent for the discharge of trade effluent.

Yours faithfully

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