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Our ref: NO/2021/113257/01-L01
Your ref: LCC/2021/0002
Date: 05 February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

PROPOSAL: WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH AREAS 1 AND 2 OF THE PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME CONSISTING OF NEW AND REPLACEMENT FLOOD DEFENCES ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF THE RIVER RIBBLE AND OTHER ANCILLARY FLOOD WORKS, INCLUDING: LAND REPROFILING, LANDSCAPING AND HABITAT CREATION, WORKS TO TIE-IN TO THE GRADE II LISTED PENWORTHAM OLD BRIDGE AND RAILWAY VIADUCT OVER RIVER RIBBLE, A TEMPORARY REMOTE CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND TEMPORARY SITE ACCESS. BROADGATE, RIVERSIDE AND RIVERSIDE ROAD, PRESTON

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received 19 January 2021.

Environment Agency position

The planning application is accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) produced by Jacobs, referenced ENV0000009C-JAC-ZZ-00-RP-EN-0002, Revision P02, dated 17/12/2020.

We have reviewed the FRA in so far as it relates to our remit and we are satisfied that the development would be safe without exacerbating flood risk elsewhere if the proposed flood risk mitigation measures are implemented. The proposed development must proceed in strict accordance with this FRA and the mitigation measures identified as it will form part of any subsequent planning approval. Any proposed changes to the approved FRA and / or the mitigation measures identified will require the submission of a revised FRA.

We have no objection to the development as proposed.

Environmental permit - advice to applicant

The proposed development involves significant works on or near a main river. The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)

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- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culvert (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it's a tidal main river) and you don't already have planning permission.

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits>

The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity and no later than 4 months prior to works starting.

Contaminated Land

We have reviewed the submitted Geo-environmental Assessment Report, Reference ENV0000009C-JAC-ZZ-00-AS-EN-0001/PO2, produced by Jacobs and dated December 04, 2020.

In section 5.4 it outlines that the contaminated materials, where found, are remaining in-situ and will be capped with imported soils to raise levels. We have no objection to the development and approach proposed, but wish to remind the applicant that consideration should be given to the application of the CLAIRE Code of Practice if wastes are to be imported as cover materials.

Yours faithfully

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