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## Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 03/11/2025 12:16 PM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Contaminated Land.

### Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/2634
Address:	Land Adjacent To Batchelors Farmhouse Keymer Road Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 0BQ
Proposal:	Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved (except the means of access from the public highway) for residential development and the construction of up to 26 dwellings, with vehicular accesses, and new footpath links to Keymer Road, the provision of new landscape amenity space, areas of ecological enhancements, together with associated Highways, Drainage and Utilities works associated with the proposed development.
Case Officer:	Martin Dale

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### Comments Details

Comments:	<p>I have reviewed the Phase 1 Desktop Study Report submitted by Stantec, dated 25th April 2019. The report provides a Conceptual Site Model and a detailed Preliminary Risk Assessment, which identifies multiple potential contamination sources including made ground, fly-tipped materials, and historical agricultural activities. The assessment also considers plausible pathways and receptors.</p> <p>The report includes a site walkover survey, which observed visual evidence of contamination such as fuel staining, construction waste, and suspected asbestos-containing materials. The southern part of the site is highlighted as the primary area of concern, with</p>
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moderate to high risks identified for several pollutant linkages. Notably, the risk to future residents from asbestos fibres is classified as high risk.

The report concludes that further investigation is required to confirm the nature and extent of contamination and to inform any potentially necessary remediation plan.

Therefore, I recommend that should the application be approved, a phased contaminated land condition should be applied. The first stage of this should require a Phase II intrusive investigation, including targeted sampling and laboratory analysis, in line with the recommendations of the submitted report.

Recommendation: Approval with conditions:

1. Prior to the commencement of development approved by this planning permission (or such other date or stage in development as may be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority), the following components of a scheme to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site, shall each be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority:

a) A site investigation scheme, based on the Phase 1 Desktop Study Report submitted by Stantec, dated 25th April 2019, to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site;

and, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority,

b) Based on the site investigation results and the detailed risk assessment (a) an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.

Reason: To ensure that the risks from land contamination to the future users of the land are minimised, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors.

2. Prior to the completion of the development hereby permitted, a verification report prepared by a competent person shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall demonstrate that any remediation scheme required and approved has been implemented in full and in accordance with the approved details (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority). Any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action shall be identified within the report, and thereafter maintained.

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Reason: To ensure that the risks from land contamination to the future users of the land are minimised, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors.

3. If during construction, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA), shall be carried out until a method statement identifying, assessing the risk and proposing remediation measures, together with a programme, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The remediation measures shall be carried out as approved and in accordance with the approved programme. If no unexpected contamination is encountered during development works, on completion of works and prior to occupation a letter confirming this should be submitted to the LPA. If unexpected contamination is encountered during development works, on completion of works and prior to occupation, the agreed information, results of investigation and details of any remediation undertaken will be produced to the satisfaction of and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the risks from land contamination to the future users of the land are minimised, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors.

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Kind regards