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DM/25/0987

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 16/04/2025 9:05 AM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Contaminated Land.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/0987
Address:	Great Frenches Barn Snow Hill Crawley Down Crawley West Sussex RH10 3EE
Proposal:	Prior Approval for the conversion of a single-storey agricultural barn to a single-storey dwelling
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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Comments Details

	Our records indicate that this agricultural building has been in place since circa 1955. Given the historical use of the site for agricultural purposes, it is possible that the building and the wider site may have been used for the storage of substances such as biocides, fuels, or animal remains. Such materials have the potential to cause localised contamination.
Comments:	The proposed development involves an increase in sensitivity due to the change to residential use. To ensure the site is safe for its intended purpose, it is recommended that a phased contaminated land condition be applied to this application. Additionally, it is advised to include a discovery strategy as a condition. This strategy would require that if any contamination is discovered during construction that was not previously identified, all works should cease until further assessment has been undertaken

and appropriate remediation measures have been implemented.

Recommendation: Approve the application with the following 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, including the identification and removal of asbestos containing materials, shall each be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority:

- a) A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:
 - o all previous uses
 - o potential contaminants associated with those uses
 - o a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
 - o potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site

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

- b) A site investigation scheme, based on (a) 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,

- c) Based on the site investigation results and the detailed risk assessment (b) 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. The development hereby permitted shall not be occupied/brought into use until there has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority a verification plan by a competent person showing that the remediation scheme required and approved has been implemented fully and in accordance with the approved details (unless varied with the written agreement of the Local Planning Authority in advance of implementation). Any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action shall be identified within the report, and thereafter maintained.

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.

Kind regards