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Planning department
Huntingdonshire District Council
St Mary's Street, Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

Subject: Response to planning advisor at the Environmental agency- Clarification in response to letter ref- AC/2024/132491/01/L01- Dated 13th December 2024

Dear Planning advisor

I am writing to respond to the questions raised on the above letter in relation to the use of foam at St. Neots Fire Station as per the below:

> We would ask that the applicant provide further details relating to the use of foams at the site. We note that the 'Clarification for C9' Letter states that no PFAS, fuels or other contaminants are currently handled on-site but that training with foams was undertaken approximately 20 years ago. Could the applicant confirm what the training involved, where on the site it took place, what type of foams were used and what volumes were used.
>
> We understand that intrusive investigations at the site did not identify significant contamination at the sampling locations, however it seems PFAS not included in analysis suite, could the applicant advise the reasoning behind this.
>
> Infiltration testing appears to have been undertaken at the site. Though we are unaware of the intended drainage design, we would ask the applicant to confirm that any infiltration SUDS such as soakaways will not be installed in areas of contaminated ground.

We can confirm that the training involved the use of limited amounts of protein foams. As previously stated, this was carried out to the rear of the station. (**as per appendix 1 below)** The front of the station, where the extension is planned, has never been used for this type of training.

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Protein foams were administered by means of an inline inductor from a 25l container. Over the years this would not exceed the 100L mixed with water. These foams are not recorded as containing any PFAS.

The foam associated with PFAS, AFFF, has never been used for training on this station. AFFF was used rarely as a specialist foam operationally for flammable liquid fires, not for training purposes.

We did not realise that our building surveyors had not included PFAS investigations but will ensure future developments will include this investigation.

To our knowledge there are no contaminated areas whatsoever at St Neots fire station site. We have consulted experienced senior operational staff with a knowledge of the activities undertaken at the station over many years who has confirmed the information provided above.

We trust that the combination of EPS's supporting statement, and this further clarifications will satisfy the requirements of the planning condition, enabling us to proceed with the project without further delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours faithfully,

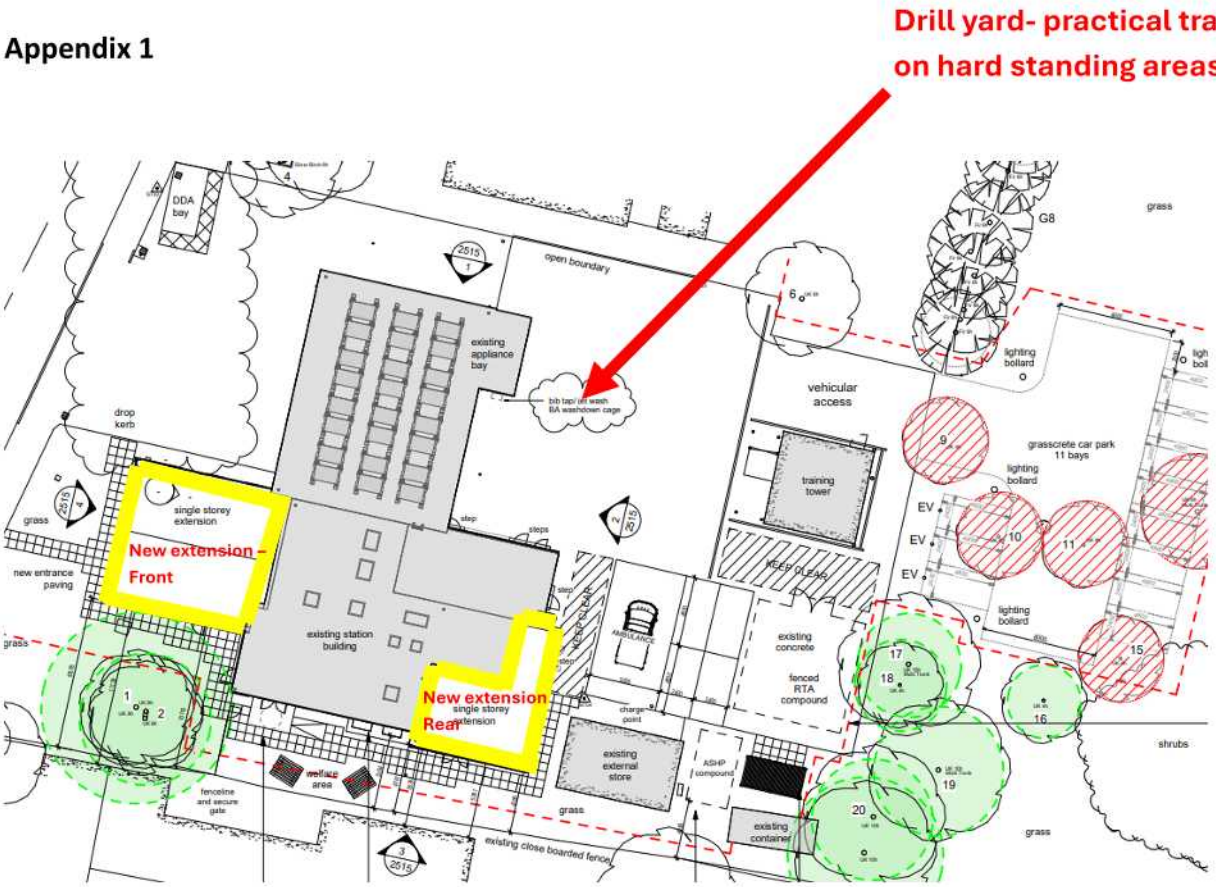
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Appendix 1



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