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Your ref:

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Dear Andrew,

**Former Wyevale Garden Centre Pield Heath Road Hillingdon: Planning Application
1381/APP/2021/2233**

We have reviewed the letter from Hillingdon Borough Council Planning department regarding the recent planning submission at the above site. It is noted that the letter states that the site is known to be contaminated and that an appropriate contamination assessment needs to be submitted with the planning application.

Having examined the available online historical maps for the site, the site originally comprised of fields with a nursery first shown on the 1914 edition map. The surrounding land use is also fields with the River Pinn to the west and a gravel pit to the south of the site. Mapping shows the expansion of the nursery over the years with the 1965-72 map edition recording the site and the area to the north as Pield Heath Nurseries. The current site land use is the former Wyevale garden centre bounded to the north, south and west by undeveloped land/woodland and Pield Heath House School to the east.



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The land use history has identified a potential source of pesticides / herbicides contamination within the near surface soils associated with the nursery / garden centre. However, for land or groundwater to be designated as polluted a linkage must exist between:

- a source of contamination capable of causing significant harm;
- human or environmental receptors; and
- a pathway by which the contamination can reach the receptor.

It is understood that the planning submission relates to the use of the former Wyevale Garden Centre as a temporary film production facility for one year. The existing buildings on site will be used for film production, in addition to this, five temporary workshop units are proposed to be located on the existing hardstanding car park. No breaking of the ground will be undertaken for the placement of the temporary workshop units; therefore, no pathway exists for any contamination to reach the receptor. In the event of a pathway existing, it is considered that the risk would be low/moderate to humans.

Should you have any queries regarding the above or require any clarification, please be in touch.

Yours Sincerely

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