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Hi Nick

Please see my responses to the planning officer's letter below re application ref: 75111/APP/2022/1007 (Officers response attached).

Condition 29 – Remediation

The planning officer has requested additional information for the following, and my comments are in blue:

1. What is the suspected date of the spill incident associated with the ASTs?

The spill occurred on the date of the inspection (22 June 2021). Photograph attached.

We spoke to the engineer at Abellio, and he said that he had overfilled the waste oil tank.

The spill had been contained by the time we arrived and had been cleared away by the end of the day.

2. Was this before or after groundwater and soil monitoring was completed?

This was before the monitoring was completed. (8 July, 15 July, 23 July and 3 August 2021)

3. Have the ASTs been removed from the site?

Yes, tanks were emptied on 20/12/2021 (report attached) and subsequently removed.

4. Please confirm the location of the spill incident on site.

The spill occurred at the rear of the unit.



5. Has the full area impacted by the spill been delineated?

The spill was on hardstanding and contained using a spill kit. Photo attached.

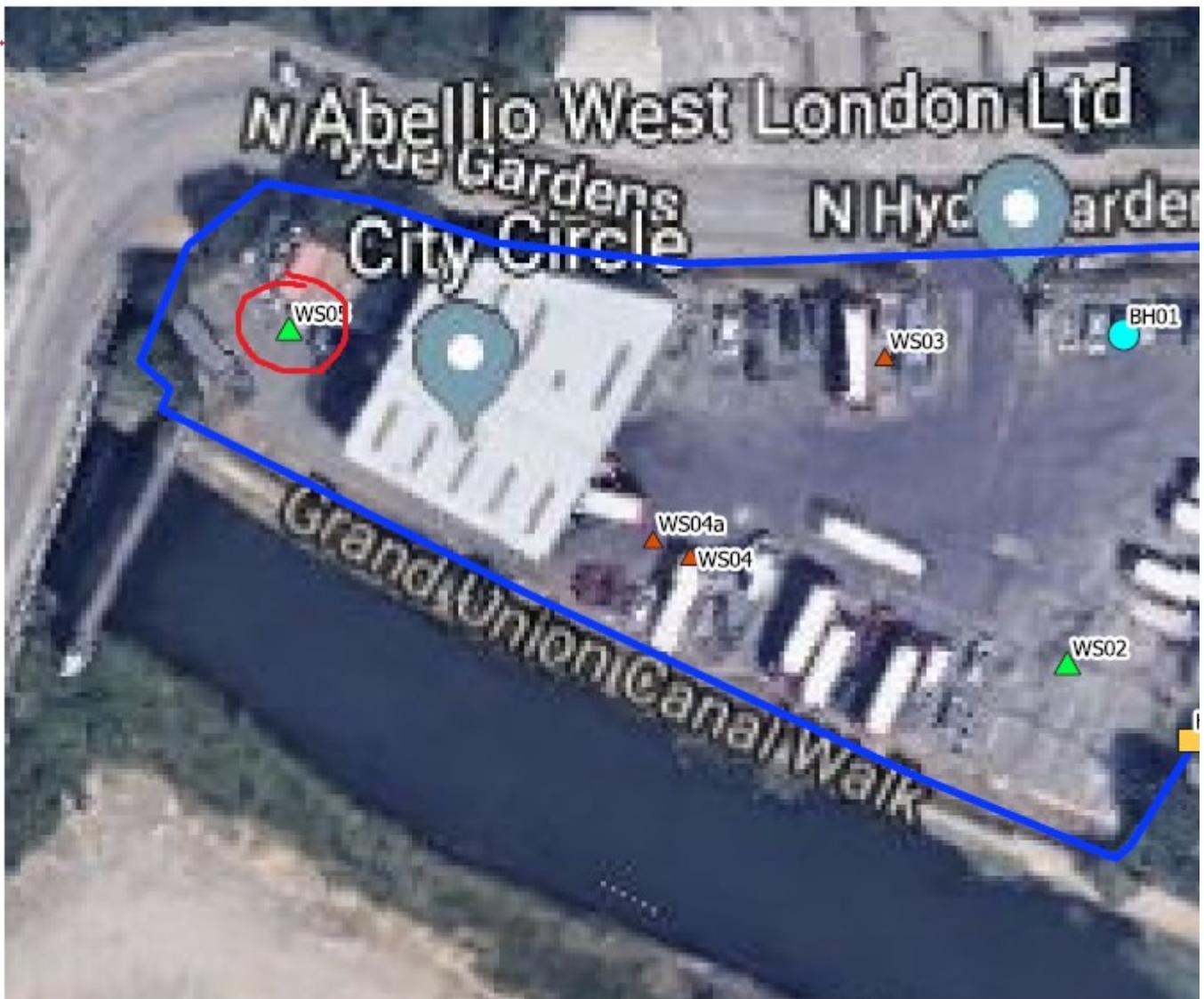
The spill kit was disposed of by Abellio and the area had been cleared by the end of the day on 22 June 2021.

As the spill was considered to be minor and cleaned up, no further works were required to assess contamination risk to groundwater.

6. What are the nearest monitoring locations to the spill incident?

WS05 - <5m from the tanks.

No elevated hydrocarbons were noted in the groundwater analysis (post spill).



7. Please clarify the surfacing of the site in the location of the spill. Was the spill on impermeable surfacing and were there any cracks/inconsistencies that may have resulted in a spill of diesel to the made ground and shallow gravels?

The spill occurred on hardstanding.

There were no obvious inconsistencies on the ground surface that was a cause for concern.

The oil was absorbed using a spill kit as soon as it occurred.

Condition 30 – Verification

The verification report is to be completed at the end of the project.

Condition 31 – Long term monitoring

We are confident that the spill incident (photo 019 attached) that occurred on 22 June 2021, has not impacted the Lynch Hill Gravels beneath the site:

- The incident was minor and occurred on hardstanding
- It was absorbed using a spill kit

- Subsequent monitoring rounds and groundwater analysis confirmed the absence of hydrocarbon contamination.

As such, we do not see the development having a significant impact on the quality of the groundwater at the site. I hope the above is sufficient to address the concerns from the planning officer and sufficient to support the discharge of Conditions 29 and 31.

Please let me know if you have any further comments.

Many thanks

Charlie

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