

Ms Sarah Papaleo
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Development Control
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Our ref: NO/2024/116421/02-L01
Your ref: 4/24/2374/0F1
Date: 09 December 2024

Dear Ms Papaleo

INSTALLATION OF THREE TOTEM POLES TO BE INSTALLED ON THE RIVER TRAIL.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS TO THE EAST OF THE RIVER EHEN, EGREMONT

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above application, received 5 December 2024.

In our letter referenced NO/2024/116421/01-L01 and dated 25/11/2024 we objected to the development as proposed in the absence of a flood risk assessment (FRA).

The application is now accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) prepared by West Cumbria Rivers Trust, received by email on 05/12/2024.

Environment Agency position

We withdraw our objection to the proposed development and we wish to make the following comments:-

We have reviewed the revised FRA in so far as it relates to our remit, and we are satisfied that the points raised in our previous response have now been addressed and as such, the development would be safe without exacerbating flood risk elsewhere.

We are therefore removing our flood risk objection to the development as proposed. As a result of the FRA, the applicant will be aware of the potential flood risk and frequency. The applicant should be satisfied that the impact of any flooding will not adversely affect their proposals.

Environmental permit - advice to applicant

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit

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Lutra House Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX.
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to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culverted main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence
- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in the floodplain of a main river if the activity could affect flood flow or storage and potential impacts are not controlled by a planning permission

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03708 506 506. The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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