

Copeland Borough Council
Development Control
The Copeland Centre Catherine Street
Whitehaven
Cumbria
CA28 7SJ

Our ref: NO/2025/117017/01-L01
Your ref: 4/25/2307/0F1
Date: 24 September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 70 DWELLINGS INCLUDING
INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDSCAPING AND BNG UPLIFT**

LAND TO SOUTH WEST OF SUMMERGROVE PARK, WHITEHAVEN

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, received 11 September 2025.

We have reviewed the following document:-

- Phase 1: Desk Top Study Report, prepared by Geo Environmental Engineering (referenced: 2018-3441; dated: 04.05.2022)

Environment Agency position

We have no objections to the development as proposed, however we wish to make the following comments:-

The desk study for the site, referenced above, has been reviewed to assess the likelihood of contamination causing unacceptable risk to groundwater quality. The development area is sited over agricultural land and is not expected to give rise to contaminated soils unless the source of land spreading activities (if any) originate from waste processes or sewerage sludge.

The Galemire Quarry directly adjacent to the site was licensed for deposit of inert wastes. Water in its base represented the water table in the principle aquifer. Unfortunately the license holder was served notice to remove skip waste that posed an unacceptable risk and the County Council was left with the task of removing all waste back to excavated bedrock levels, transferring waste to County operated Yeathouse Quarry landfill. Since then, the County Council has controlled landfilling the quarry with strictly inert waste to protect the aquifer.

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Development at this site should not cause detriment to quality of underlying groundwater within the principal aquifer despite the proximity to the former restored landfill. Environmental Health should be able to advise on landfill gas issues.

Yours faithfully,

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Planning Advisor

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