

Cumberland Council (Copeland) -
Development Management
Market Place, Whitehaven, CA28 7JG

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Customer reference: 4/26/2238/0F1
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PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

Utopia House Lowca Whitehaven Cumbria CA28 6QT

Dear Sarah Papaleo,

Thank you for contacting us.

This is our response to your consultation 4/26/2238/0F1.

Environment Agency position

We have no objection to the proposed work but we wish to make the following comments:

Environmental permit - advice to applicant

Lowca Beck is a statutory Main River. The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit or exemption 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 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

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.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact clplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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