Notice of refusal

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Refusal of an application for a variation of a permit

Application number: PAN-007116

Permit number: CG0070201

To: Thornley Leisure (Maenan) Limited

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Natural Resources Wales has considered your application. We give notice that the application for a variation of a permit is refused.

The reasons for this decision are outlined in the attached schedule.

Name	Date
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Authorised on behalf of Natural Resources Wales

Schedule
Reasons for Refusal

1. The proposed discharge point is not suitable. During a site visit undertaken by a Senior Environment Officer on 19/09/2019, it was found that despite a constant discharge from the package treatment plant, the effluent was pooling and draining to ground due to a lack of flow within the receiving ditch, this is evidenced with photographs taken on site which demonstrate stagnant water and algae within the ditch. This directly contravenes the Groundwater Directive which requires the limitation or prevention of inputs of hazardous and non-hazardous pollutants to groundwater. In accordance with the Environmental Permitting Regulations Core Guidance (7.7), Natural Resources Wales may refuse an application in cases when the requirements of European Directives cannot be met or when the environmental impact is unacceptable.

2. The current permitted discharge point (approximately SH 78729 65746) is more suitable. This point is North of the site and is a watercourse which has constant flow allowing for dilution of the discharge. Hydrology data at this point shows that the mean flow within this watercourse is 14,515 cubic metres per day and even during extended dry periods the flow rate is 1,468 cubic metres per day, this is a very significant flow in comparison to the permitted discharge volume of 17.5 cubic metres per day. Therefore, the current permitted point is a more favorable discharge location.