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Councillor Simon Ball

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Dear Councillor Ball

### Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*Has the aquifer that is situated on Cumwell lane been included into the plans for the new development that is going to be situated on it?*

As part of the consideration of the planning application, the planning team have consulted the Environment Agency specifically about this matter. The EA note that the development overlies the Wickersley Rock Sandstone, which is classified as a Secondary A aquifer, and the Pennine Upper Coal Measures which lie beneath the sandstone and are classified as a Secondary B aquifer.

The outline planning permission for the site includes a condition to ensure that adequate pollution prevention is incorporated into the drainage design such that local groundwater quality is not impacted.

Foundations for industrial units, such as this, would not normally cause large-scale disturbance of flow in an aquifer and as the site has not had previous contaminating uses there is limited possibility of transmitting contamination into it.

As such, the EA have confirmed that they would not consider it necessary to impose any planning conditions relating to disturbance of the aquifer as part of the reserved matters that are currently being considered.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Alan Atkin  
Chair of Planning Board