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**Your ref:** SMD/2016/0546  
**Our ref:** DC/17/2556  
**Date:** 20-JUL-17

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Location: The Knott Inn Station Lane Rushton Spencer.**

**Proposal: Installation of a duplex grade sewage pumping station pumping main KEE NuDisc sewage treatment plant.**

With reference to the above planning application, United Utilities wishes to draw attention to the following as a means to facilitate sustainable development within the region:

#### **Groundwater Protection Comments**

United Utilities has abstraction boreholes used for public water supply in the vicinity of this application which could be affected. The prevention of pollution to drinking water supplies is critical.

The Environment Agency has a series of published position statements documenting their approach to managing and protecting groundwater. These are outlined in [The Environment Agency's approach to groundwater protection](#). Table 1 in this document indicates the position statements (including restrictions or extra controls) applicable to certain activities within a Source Protection Zone 1 (SPZ1) of a groundwater source, which are designed to protect groundwater intended for human consumption. SPZs identify the groundwater catchment areas of sources of potable water and show where they may be at particular risk from polluting activities on or below the land surface.

We recognise the comments provided to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council by the Environment Agency, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017, with regard to this application and the Environmental Permit that has been granted.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again reiterate the proposed development site is located in a groundwater protection zone which could be at risk from polluting activities on or below the land surface. In the event of this application being approved, consideration must be given to ensure that construction, operation and maintenance of the proposal does not result in pollution risk to ground and surface waters.

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Yours faithfully

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