

Text of e-mail to applicant 28th June 2024 from

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Dear Mr Kelly,

Thank you for your email dated Monday 24th June.

In reference to your query on groundwater Source Protection Zone's (SPZ's), these are zones that are applied to areas to protect groundwater abstractions that are used drinking water purposes, more information on this can be found via this link: [Groundwater source protection zones \(SPZs\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/groundwater-source-protection-zones). SPZ's are divided into 3 main zones, your property is located within a Groundwater Source Protection zone III, which is the outer zone and is defined as the total catchment for a specific abstraction, i.e. *'the area around a supply source within which all the groundwater ends up at the abstraction point (the point from where the water is taken). This could extend some distance from the source point'*.

The Environment Agency's arrangement with the Planning Authorities is such that we will be consulted for comment during the planning application process if the detail of that proposal identifies any activity or historic use that may pose a risk to groundwater.

In this case your proposal does not appear to meet any criteria where we would provide any bespoke comment under planning. However, we would always strongly encourage that pollution prevention best practice measures are undertaken at any development that takes place upon sensitive environmental locations to protect the groundwater resource that underlies the site.

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We hope this provides an answer to your query, but please do not hesitate to get back to

me direct should you require any clarification or further assistance.

Kind Regards,
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