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The proposal has been reviewed and I enclose the Environment Agency's comments on:  
Walltown Quarry Picnic Site, Brampton, Greenhead, Northumberland, CA8 7HZ

LPA ref: 14NP0080

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**Our ref:** NA/2014/111524/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 14NP0080  
**Date:** 05 November 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING VISITOR FACILITIES TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED VISITOR CENTRE WITH A CAFE AREA AND OUTSIDE SEATING, IMPROVED TOILET FACILITIES AND A TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE. WALLTOWN QUARRY PICNIC SITE, BRAMPTON, GREENHEAD, NORTHUMBERLAND, CA8 7HZ**

Thank you for referring the above application that was received on 16 October 2014.

The Environment Agency has no objections to the proposed development but wishes to provide the following information:

**Disposal of Foul Sewage – Environmental Permitting Regulations**

Under the terms of the Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2010, anyone intending to discharge volumes of sewage effluent of 5 cubic metres per day or less to surface waters or 2 cubic metres per day or less to ground may be eligible for an exemption. We are currently working with Defra to review our approach to regulating these small sewage discharges. Whilst this review is underway we will not require registration of small sewage discharges in England under an exemption as previously required, as long as you comply with the conditions set out in our Regulatory Position Statement. This is available on our website at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/118753.aspx>.

Please note that we will retain the existing system so that anyone can still register if they wish to. This might be, for example, as part of a house sale.

An Environmental Permit from the Agency is normally required for discharges above this volume or to sensitive locations. It is illegal to discharge sewage effluent in sensitive locations, or discharge over 5 cubic metres per day to surface waters or 2 cubic metres per day to ground, without an Environmental Permit.

Further guidance on Environmental Permitting requirements is available on our website

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at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/water/32038.aspx>

With regards to design, the site must be drained by a separate system of foul and surface water drainage, with all clean roof and surface water being kept separate from foul water.

**Useful websites for applicants:**

EA website - Do I need to apply for a permit or register an exemption?

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/water/110593.aspx>

EA website - Apply for a new Bespoke permit:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/permitting/117626.aspx>

**Car Parking Areas**

Drainage from parking areas that will discharge to a surface watercourse must be first passed through an oil interceptor. Drainage to soakaway from car parking areas for greater than 50 spaces should be passed through an oil interceptor before discharging to ground.

The Environmental Permitting Regulations make it an offence to cause or knowingly permit any discharge that will result in the input of pollutants to ground and/or surface waters.

I have sent a copy of this letter to the agent/applicant.

Yours faithfully

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