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Date: 07 February 2020

Dear Madam

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DPD

REGULATION 19 – PUBLICATION VERSION – OCTOBER 2019

Thank you for referring the above consultation which was received on 14 January 2020.

The Environment Agency is the main body providing advice on improving resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change, with particular regard to flood risk, water resources, water quality and aquatic biodiversity.

We strive to make a positive contribution through our Statutory Consultee role and are happy to provide comments at this stage of the planning process.

We welcome the objectives of the DPD which will provide a framework for delivering development by 2031.

We have reviewed the following document. Please note that our comments relate solely to the protection of controlled waters. Matters relating to human health should be directed to the relevant department of the Local Authority:

• 'Birmingham Plan 2031 - Development Management in Birmingham - Publication Version (Regulation 19) October 2019.

The Environment Agency supports the proposed policy **DM3 Land affected by contamination, instability and hazardous substances** with particular referenced to paragraphs 2.25 – 2.29. The Policy references Environment Agency guidance 'The Environment Agency's Approach to Groundwater Protection' (2018) and incorporates information about the Environment Agency's approach to managing and protecting groundwater, where land contamination is an issue.

As such, we have no further comments on Policy DM3.

If you have any queries regarding the above comments please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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