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Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	**Your ref:**	09/00246
Development Control		
Council Offices Argents Mead	**Date:**	24 April 2009
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Dear Sir

TEMPORARY DWELLING STANMAUR FARM BREACH LANE, EARL SHILTON, LEICESTER, LE9 7FB.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above planning application.

We OBJECT to the proposed development as submitted because it involves the use of a non-mains foul drainage system which poses an unacceptable risk of pollution to the underlying secondary aquifer. We therefore recommend that planning permission be refused on this basis for the following reasons:

Reasons
The development involves the use of a septic tank discharging to ground. This will increase the risk of pollution to the water environment and in particular to the underlying secondary aquifer.

Government guidance contained within DETR Circular 03/99 and Welsh office WO 10/99 'Planning requirements in respect of the use of non-mains sewerage incorporating septic tanks in new development' gives a hierarchy of drainage options that must be considered and discounted in the following order:

1 Connection to the public sewer
2 Package sewage treatment plant (which can be offered to the Sewerage Undertaker for adoption)
3 Septic Tank
4 If none of the above are feasible a cesspool

The Agency needs to compile reports to meet DEFRA high level targets and consequently a copy of the required decision notice should be forwarded following determination of the application.

Yours faithfully

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