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Sent: 30 July 2020 16:44
To: Eatough, Richard
Cc: Giorgio Framaliccio; Caroline McHardy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SSE Site, 55 Vastern Road. (ref: 200188)

Importance: High

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your response in relation to my voice mail messages regarding the SSE site, Vastern Road.

By way of context, the application (ref: 200188) was submitted on 4th February 2020, and validated on 16th March 2020. My clients immediately agreed to Jonathan Markwell's request to pay for RBC to commission external consultants in respect of viability; daylight sunlight; wind; and energy. Having initially been told that RBC were considering the viability report in house, on 4th June, we received a further update informing us that quotes were being sought from external consultants. The consultants, BPS, were instructed on 23rd June some 15 weeks after my client had agreed to pay the requested fee. We understand that the report from BPS has now been received by the Council but the report or outcome has still not been shared with my client.

Throughout the process, we have received copies of consultations responses as they have been issued to the case officer, which we have responded to expediently. My client has also agreed a number of requests for further financial inputs to cover external consultant fees that the case officer considered necessary.

At the time of writing, the determination date of 15th June 2020, has passed, and one extension of time to the end of August (26th) agreed. Yet we still have no indication of the case officer's views on the application submission or the material submitted to address consultation responses. We have requested a virtual meeting or con call with Jonathan Markwell on a weekly basis (either via ourselves or our client), and as yet have had no acceptance of this request, with Jonathan citing that he will not engage until he has the outcome of the Viability. This is frustrating as in his own words he has highlighted there are a "plethora of other issues" to be resolved, so we do not understand why to date these couldn't be addressed separately. We are aware that our colleagues dealing with the 'Station Park' scheme have had regular contact and feedback from their case officer, and we would politely request the same level of service.

My clients urgently need feedback from our case officer so that we may understand which matters are considered to have been dealt with satisfactorily, and which matters (if any) need further amendment or information. My client is unable to make any amendments to the scheme without this level of input and guidance from our case officer. We are now in a situation where we have been informed that the application will not be going to the August committee, and we urgently require a meeting with Jonathan Markwell so that we can address any outstanding concerns in a timely way, so that the application can be taken to the September committee. We do not consider this to be an unreasonable request given that the application has now been before the Council for 20 weeks.

I request that you look into this further, and I look forward to your response, and to hearing from Jonathan Markwell in respect of a meeting or telephone call.

Kind Regards

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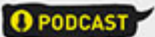
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From: Eatough, Richard <Richard.Eatough@reading.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 July 2020 22:44

To: Kim Cohen <Kim.Cohen@bartonwillmore.co.uk>

Subject: sse Site, 55 Vastern Road.

Dear Kim,

This morning, I found a vm from you on my work mobile received late last Friday afternoon.

Jonathan Markwell is not able to come back to you at the moment, due to preparing another priority application for our next committee, but I am regularly briefed on the progress with your application.

The email that I have sent to you and others this evening is pertinent to the consideration of the sse site application. Also, I am aware of BW's involvement in the Reading 2050 Vision and I would be interested to know whether this is being reviewed in the context of COVID-19's influence on town planning, long term.

Regards,

Richard

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