Donna Williams

From: Caroline McHardy
Sent: 11 January 2021 15:00
To: Markwell, Jonathan
Cc: Craig Pettit
Subject: RE: Vastern Road, Reading (200188)

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for sending this through.

I am happy to cover the cost of the review and please proceed to instruct Elements.

My only slight concern is their proposed timescales as quoted amount to a minimum of 7 weeks just to agree their response with yourself (5 weeks review and then a further review 2 weeks later with RBC/BH?).

As you are aware we are keen to get our application concluded and to a planning committee as soon as practicably possible so if there is anything we can do to help Elements shorten these timescales such as the briefing meeting from Hodkinson's I suggested last week do let me know and I will happily arrange it.

Kind regards

Caroline McHardy
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Dear Ms McHardy / Mr Pettit,

Further to our correspondence last week, please see attached the quotation received from Element Energy earlier today, which goes into detail regarding core and optional tasks (and timescales). At this juncture I would welcome your agreement to cover the cost of the core tasks? This amounts to £3,463 + £692.6 VAT = £4,155.60. Once I have your confirmation I will proceed to formally instruct Element Energy regarding the core task elements. I therefore look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Markwell, Jonathan
Sent: 08 January 2021 17:30

To: Caroline McHardy <Caroline.McHardy@berkeleygroup.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Vastern Road, Reading (200188)

Dear Ms McHardy,

Thank you for your email. This is confirmed and I hope you have as nice a weekend as you can too.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Jonathan,

As discussed yesterday we would appreciate an EOT to the 18th January to allow time for me to catch up with Kim Cohen on her return from leave next week.

Thank you for your understanding and do let me know if you want to set up a briefing for Elements on the revised Energy strategy with Hodkinson next week.

Have a good weekend, stay safe!

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Dear Ms McHardy,

Thank you for your email, best wishes (albeit I don't think I can personally describe anything as relaxing at present) and Happy New Year to you too.

I am presently awaiting Element Energy's quotation, which I asked to be received this week. As per my previous email of 18th December, I'll update you when I hear back from them (I am aware that at least one of those working on the project from Element Energy is on leave this week). An initial call with

Hodkinson may be beneficial, so I will advise them of this being a possible initial step once I hear back from them.

In the meantime, I am conscious that our current extension of time expires on Friday and I would welcome your update accordingly please?

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Jonathan,

Happy New year! I hope you managed to have a good break, albeit I suspect a quiet one like it was for most of us. But hopefully relaxing at least?

I was just writing to see if Elements have provided a quote yet, and whether they wanted to have a call with Hodkinsons at all early part of next week to brief them on what's changed? We just thought it may be helpful if they are pushed for time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Dear Ms McHardy,

Thank you for your email. This is agreed until 8th January, but in practice there is still uncertainty given if the application is to progress positively it will need to progress through a Planning Applications Committee meeting. My suggested EOT was/is a realistic one to help facilitate that.

For your information, I am unclear where you have obtained the viewpoint that the local planning authority would seek to issue the decision prior to Christmas. My email below makes it clear our

willingness and hope to progress things positively, without mention of this alterative course of action by the time period you have stated.

In other respects of your emails this week, following your reply on 15th December I have sought a quotation from Element Energy (as per my approach detailed in my email below of 11th December). I am awaiting a response from Element Energy at this time. However, based on their input on another project for the Borough, it is known that they presently aren't able to commence new instructions until at least w/b 11th January (due to current projects and the festive break). Once I receive their quotation I will update you accordingly, but please also note that beyond today I am on leave until 5th January. As such, hopefully I will have the Element Energy quote on my return, which will need to be agreed with you, before formal instruction is able to take place by the local planning authority.

I trust that this is of assistance and hope you have as good a festive break as you are able to in these times.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Jonathan,

Further to my email below I have now been able to update my board and they are seeking to discuss this with SSE, however unfortunately we are not hopeful to get a response prior to the Christmas Break.

Therefore in the spirit of reaching a positive outcome, can I suggest an interim extension of time to Friday 8th January to allow for this and so we can both continue to progress matters, and negate the need for RBC to issue a decision prior to the Christmas break?

I hope you are agreeable to this suggestion,

Kind regards

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