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Sent: 25 April 2019 18:03

To: 'Markwell, Jonathan'; Neil Purvis

Cc: Eve Ladden Timbers

Subject: RE: 28876. Vastern Road, Reading. Request for EIA Scoping Opinion (190451)

Dear Mr Markwell,

As ever, thank you for your response.

And I apologies if I misunderstand, but your email seems to suggest that you would not to give priority to our case, despite being significantly over the deadline, unless we agree to an extension of time?

I have to say that I had the benefit of attending planning committee last night where annual performance stats were reported very positively to the huge credit to Officers. A significant of applications met determination target deadlines. These includes those where extensions of time were agreed between parties. But extensions should be agreed genuinely and in good and the applicant should not feel forced into agreeing an extensions of time under threat that their application will go to the bottom of the pile if they don't.

Again, apologies if I misunderstand you but this is a serious matter and your clarity on this is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards

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From: Markwell, Jonathan [mailto:Jonathan.Markwell@reading.gov.uk]

Sent: 25 April 2019 17:07

To: Katy Walker <Katy.Walker@berkeleygroup.co.uk>; 'Neil Purvis' <Neil.Purvis@bartonwillmore.co.uk>

Cc: Eve Ladden Timbers < Eve. Ladden Timbers@bartonwillmore.co.uk >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 28876. Vastern Road, Reading. Request for EIA Scoping Opinion (190451)

Dear Mr Purvis / Ms Walker,

Thank you for your emails. I have today sought clarity as to when I can expect responses from the remaining outstanding consultees (Transport Planning / Environment Agency / Ecology consultant). The scoping response will not be issued until these responses have been received and, to be clear, I do not consider it "appropriate to agree the Scoping Report as presented with the addition of a section on Biodiversity as a suitable way forward to avoid further delay" as Ms Walker suggests.

Although I will seek to progress your submission as soon as possible, I must also point out that I generally prioritise my workload in accordance with agreed target dates - without such a date being in place may therefore cause further delay in this instance. With this in mind, I again request as per Regulation 15 (4) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for the scoping opinion to be issued on or before 14th May 2019. Obviously if it is possible to issue the response prior to this, I would seek to do so. I would welcome your agreement via return email as soon as possible please. Obviously another option available to you is to seek a scoping direction from the Secretary of State, as per Regulation 15 (7) and (16) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended). I would therefore welcome your clarity as to how you wish to proceed?

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Markwell
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Sent: 12 April 2019 17:53

To: 'Neil Purvis'; Markwell, Jonathan

Cc: Eve Ladden Timbers

Subject: RE: 28876. Vastern Road, Reading. Request for EIA Scoping Opinion (190451)

Dear Jonathan,

I would mimic Neil's disappointment and I am sure you have likewise expressed your own frustrations to those internal and external consultees who have failed to respond to you to date.

I feel it sends an unhelpful message if we keep agreeing to extensions. In doing so, we actively encourage those consultees to continue to disregard the 5 week statutory time period and we become part of the problem.

Barton Wilmore are highly experienced consultants in this field and have Scoped thoroughly. In the absence of the outstanding responses, and the seeming lack of priority consultees have placed on responding, perhaps it would be appropriate to agree the Scoping Report as presented with the addition of a section on Biodiversity as a suitable way forward to avoid further delay.

I do hope you can give this some further thought and that we can perhaps move things forward on your return from leave.

Kindest Regards

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From: Neil Purvis [mailto:Neil.Purvis@bartonwillmore.co.uk]

Sent: 12 April 2019 17:20

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 28876. Vastern Road, Reading. Request for EIA Scoping Opinion (190451)

Dear Jonathan,

Just to follow up on the email below and conversation yesterday, I acknowledge that it will take some further time for receipt of consultation responses to inform the Scoping Opinion Response. It is disappointing however as these should have been provided within the 5 week statutory time period for Scoping Opinion response.

In the meantime we will progress with the production of the Environmental Statement for the planning application, based on the scope as outlined in the EIA Scoping report. We will also include an ES Biodiversity chapter as part of the ES as I'm aware this was raised as a concern during the call.

As discussed, given the programme we are working to, we cannot afford to factor in a wait of until 14th May without progressing.

Kind regards

Neil

Neil Purvis

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From: Markwell, Jonathan < Jonathan. Markwell@reading.gov.uk >

Sent: 11 April 2019 10:07

To: Neil Purvis < Neil. Purvis@bartonwillmore.co.uk >

Subject: RE: 28876. Vastern Road, Reading. Request for EIA Scoping Opinion (190451)

Dear Mr Purvis,

Thank you for your submission, which is under consideration by the local planning authority. At present I am awaiting a number of internal / external consultation responses, which will help inform the subsequent scoping opinion response. To date I have received responses from the Marine Management Organisation, Berkshire Archaeology & Thames Water - please see these attached for your information and comment should you consider it appropriate?

Given that I am awaiting a number of consultation responses and am out of the office beyond today until 23rd April (when the response is due) I therefore write to request a three week extension of time to provide the response. This request is made as per Regulation 15 (4) of the *Town and Country Planning*

(Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) and is requested until 14th May 2019. I would welcome your agreement via return email as soon as possible please.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Neil Purvis [mailto:Neil.Purvis@bartonwillmore.co.uk]

Sent: 18 March 2019 19:50 **To:** Markwell, Jonathan

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Subject: 28876. Vastern Road, Reading. Request for EIA Scoping Opinion

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Dear Jonathan,

VASTERN ROAD, READING. REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION UNDER REGULATION 15 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

Please find the attached cover letter and report which together form a request for an EIA Scoping Opinion in accordance with Regulation 15 (2) of the *Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)*Regulations 2017 (as amended) with regard to the proposed redevelopment of land at Vastern Road, Reading.

A hardcopy will be placed in the post to you tomorrow.

I would be grateful for acknowledgment of receipt of this request and I look forward to receiving the response.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Neil

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