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Sent: 25 September 2019 10:41
To: Markwell, Jonathan
Cc: Joseph Harding; Kim Cohen; David Taylor (Oxford); Elkie Russell
Subject: RE: 55 Vastern Rd, Reading (181724)

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Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for writing to me so promptly and it was good to see you yesterday and meet with Cllr Page along with Cllr Ayub and Cllr Rowland. I hope that you were able to see our commitment to the scheme at Vastern Road and also were pleased to see how we have been progressing the design evolution since the internal changes. As requested, I have enclosed below a sharefile link for the booklet that we presented yesterday.

<https://berkeley-group.sharefile.eu/d-scb3df66559543e0a>

As requested, we will be submitting a short pre-application booklet to you this coming Friday (via Barton Willmore) which will include our design strategy plans and design precedents which we briefly touched on and prepare suggestions and solutions for some of the key issues which were raised yesterday including covering your points as referenced below. The only point we might struggle to get to you by Friday is the long street scene elevations, but we will endeavour to prepare this for you as soon as we can so that you and your colleagues have all the information necessary.

We will also confirm the attendees/send an agenda but I would anticipate it will be myself, Elkie Russell, Dave Taylor and Joe Harding from Berkeley along with Kim Cohen (Barton Willmore) and one of the team from PBA.

Please don't hesitate to contact me in the interim if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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From: Markwell, Jonathan <Jonathan.Markwell@reading.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 September 2019 08:46
To: Caroline McHardy <Caroline.McHardy@berkeleygroup.co.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 55 Vastern Rd, Reading (181724)

Dear Ms McHardy,

Further to the email below and the meeting yesterday, I was anticipating receiving electronic versions yesterday of the information you wish to be considered at the scheduled meeting on 3rd October? This is so I can distribute it to various internal colleagues for consideration. As discussed, once my colleagues and I have initially digested the submission we may seek more specific information to help inform discussions at the meeting. Based on my own first glance of the information, it would be useful if you could please clarify/provide:

- Information regarding the distances between blocks / neighbouring buildings / distance set back from the riverbank (it is not clear if the plans within the document handed over yesterday were to scale & what scale this was?)
- Long streetscene elevations (Vastern Road - showing the terrace to the west and office buildings to the east; from the rear gardens of Lynmouth Road properties; from the eastern boundary of the site / relationship with the remaining SSE site; along the riverside showing the proposals within the context of existing nearby buildings / Christchurch Bridge)
- Very basic massing overviews stipulating the number of floors within each block
- Parking locations and interaction with the pedestrian / cycle route through the site (as discussed at the meeting)
- Indicative internal layouts of units, particularly with regard to facades facing east (potential impact on compromising bringing forward the rest of the site allocation in the future) and west (towards the rear / sides of Lynmouth Rd properties)
- Information relating to the mix of 1,2&3-bed units across the site
- Any indications at this stage regarding provision of affordable housing on site / anticipated location(s).
- Any information regarding whether any units will include front doors directly onto the pedestrian route through the site (or whether, as it appears on first glance, that all blocks are served by single entrances) (again, as discussed at the meeting)

Prior to the meeting it would also be helpful if you could please outline those who will be attending and your preferred meeting agenda? At this juncture I anticipate being joined by at least Darren Cook (Transport Development Control Manager) and Sarah Hanson (Natural Environment Officer).

I hope that this information is of assistance to you and look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions or queries, please feel free to give me a call in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Caroline McHardy [<mailto:Caroline.McHardy@berkeleygroup.co.uk>]
Sent: 18 September 2019 14:38
To: Markwell, Jonathan
Cc: Kimberley Silk; Joseph Harding
Subject: RE: Kenavon Drive (190617) / Vastern Rd (181724), Reading

Hi Jonathan,

Yes sorry, I did mean 12 noon tomorrow.

With regards to a pre-app please can we do Thursday 3rd October at 1pm?

I will make sure we give you hard copies of information and electronic copies on Tuesday.

Kind regards

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To: Caroline McHardy <Caroline.McHardy@berkeleygroup.co.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Kenavon Drive (190617) / Vastern Rd (181724), Reading

Dear Ms McHardy,

Thank you for your email. Further to your call a few moments ago, I can confirm that we can focus on Kenavon Drive tomorrow at 12noon (the time was confirmed in the attached correspondence, so I presume your reference to 2pm in your email below was inadvertent on your part?).

In terms of a re-arranged date to discuss Vastern Road with officers, I can suggest Thursday 3rd October at 1pm, Friday 4th October at 1pm or Monday 7th October at 12noon. This is on the proviso of the information you wish to be considered being provided on Tuesday 24th September (in hard format at your briefing with Cllr Page, which I can confirm that I will also attend - and electronically too, so I can easily distribute the information to colleagues). Please provide me with your preferred date/time as soon as possible so that I can confirm the required room booking.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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