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From: Laura Gibbons <Laura.Gibbons@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 February 2022 11:59
To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>
Cc: Paul Cann <Paul.Cann@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation on: Y/6/22/DOC

Hi Simon,

The condition was worded to state the verification report needed to be completed by an independent engineer. However, we've accepted it not being an independent company on another site where we had significant push back where the engineer personally was not involved in design. So if the author personally did not have involvement with design, I think we could agree to Odyssey being the author IF the report contents were robust.

As detailed in my formal response we have a number of issues regarding the report contents and how the verification has been completed, namely:

1. "Odyssey did not have site presence during construction to be able to verify the SuDS elements of the drainage scheme were installed as per the approved design". A verification report must be completed by an independent engineer who has visited site during construction to inspect the works.
2. The report also acknowledges that no inspections of catchpits have been completed and that the base course had not yet been drilled on the roadway.
3. Survey information is missing for some of the infiltration blankets.
4. Some considerable differences to design have been noted, with no comments provided as to how these may impact upon the functionality of the system.

Thanks,

Laura Gibbons

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Please note that I work Tuesdays 08:00-16:00 for Arun only.



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From: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>
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Hi Laura,

Can you give some further advice on the condition discharge in view of their response below.

Simon

From: Peter Cleveland
Sent: 09 February 2022 09:07
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Dear Simon

I have now discussed with Dandara and also reviewed the original condition.

In short, we are not able to get another engineer to complete the verification report. Odyssey have been the engineers involved throughout the scheme and are best placed to confirm the completion of the drainage scheme in accordance with the approved details. We would ask what is the Council's definition of independent – Dandara have interpreted this as using an external consultant rather than their in house engineers. As the design is fixed and Dandara would still be paying for the service, another person completing the report would be no less independent than Odyssey. We are using chartered engineers, external to Dandara and the report is prepared as such under their Chartership so feel it meets the requirements of the Condition.

The development is now constructed and we cannot retrospectively inspect the drainage infrastructure.

Please could we ask that you discuss further with Laura and see if there is some reasonable flexibility on this point as there doesn't appear to be any issue with the content of the verification report nor are we aware of any concerns being raised to the Council on the suitability of the SuDS system. Dandara would be pleased to meet Laura on site for inspection of what is visible if that would assist.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,