From: Town Planning

**Sent:** 25 January 2019 11:48 **To:** Meynell, Charlotte

Subject: RE: Consultee letter for Planning Application: 2019/0062/P

OUR REF: HS2-LBC-PE-025

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you for consulting HS2 Ltd on the above matter we have the following comments to make.

Firstly it is noted these works constitute permitted development not requiring planning permission, and therefore the formal Safeguarding Directions for the high speed railway are not effected. However, it is also noted that comments can be provided on aspects relating to the siting and external appearance of the works.

Secondly, it is noted this is a revised application by the developer for GPDO Prior Approval Determination following a refusal of permission and subsequent dismissed planning appeal last year for similar proposals in an alternative location further south on Loudoun Road.

From a comparison of the location of the current plans shown on the attached re line plan with the extent of HS2 interests in that location on the attached digital mapping screengrab, as with the previous proposals please note that the land in question is entirely within subsurface safeguarding limits for the HS2 Alexandra Place ventilation shaft works, (shown as blue shading). However, following the HS2 design review in Summer 2017 a decision was taken to remove the ventilation shaft site from the programme and although Powers remain in the HS2 Phase One Act, it has been decided not to use them to build the shaft. See following link for more information: <a href="https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/commonplace-customer-files/hs2ineuston/APVS+question+and+answers+15.06.17.pdf">https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/commonplace-customer-files/hs2ineuston/APVS+question+and+answers+15.06.17.pdf</a>.

With reference to that information you will recall HS2 construction related activity (including Ground Investigations (GI)) was still planned in the Alexandra Place area and whilst there are no specific concerns regarding the siting of the development proposals, in the event that the works are consented by the local authority, the developer is still advised to follow ongoing progress of the HS2 programme at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited</a> and for themselves or their appointed contractor to contact HS2 Ltd directly in the event of any potential overlaps of proposed works in the area.

If there are queries in relation to this response do get in touch, otherwise we would welcome a copy of the decision once it is available for our records.

Yours sincerely,

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