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Stratford-on-Avon District Council
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Our ref: UT/2015/114247/03-L01
Your ref: Relief Road
Date: 27 July 2015

Dear Sir,

ENQUIRY IN RELATION TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON WESTERN RELIEF ROAD FOLLOW UP PLANS AND REPORT

Thank you for your enquiry which we received on 6 July and further report on 17 July 2015.

As stated previously, we have no in principle objections to this development, but we were not previously satisfied that design was proceeding along the correct lines to comply with planning policy. Subsequently, the updated plans and supporting statement give enough assurances at this stage that the applicant is willing to provide a scheme that will not increase flood risk or result in regular road closures due to flooding. As such, we would have no opposition to the Relief Road proceeding on the basis of the new outline proposals.

As a minimum the Flood Risk Assessment will need to demonstrate the following:

The deck of the road will need to be adequately designed to not compromise the use of the relief road during times of flood, nor pose any danger to road users during the 100 year flood event. This would normally require the designed deck level to be 300mm above the modelled 100yr Climate Change water level as determined by our Strategic Flood Risk Modelling. However, as the scale of this development will require further hydraulic modelling to support the detailed design of the relief road, this level may change. We advise earliest consultation should any proposals for deck levels below this value be considered. Designed deck levels below the 100yr CC level may not be considered acceptable on economic grounds alone.

Displaced volumes of water must be adequately compensated for in areas of land

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hydraulically connected to the existing floodplain of the associated watercourses. Plans and calculations will support this level for level and volume for volume displacement. The FRA will focus primarily on demonstrating that the design will not negatively impact on third party flood risk and where feasible, provide betterment to existing flood risk in the vicinity.

This development provides an opportunity to explore options for flood risk management downstream of the development and we would welcome a collaborative approach to working through the detailed design of the WRR, between Cala Homes, Stratford District Council and Environment Agency Flood Risk Management to maximize the potential wider benefits of this project.

Yours faithfully

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