Dear Ms Waye,

SKDC SAP – ADDITIONAL MATTER – RIVER GWASH FLOODING – FISH PASS ISSUES

Our Chamber has in its representations made on 18th November 2011 set out its views on the matter of alleged flooding from the River Gwash.

We now provide in Appendix X supplemental material which updates that presented previously.

In its representations made on 18th November 2011 contained within Appendix as Documents R6 and R5 are copies of e-mails from the Environment Agency ('EA') dated 2 April 2008 and 17 November 2011.

These e-mails supplement the conclusions contained in WYG's report of their hydraulic modelling of the lower reaches of the River Gwash (Documents R0 to R4 in Appendix R). In their report WYG propose a possible partial 'diversion' of the river by the construction of a 'fish pass' within lands in the Gwash Valley which form the southern portion of the 1995 South Kesteven Local Plan employment allocation E2.3.

Construction of such a 'fish pass' would effectively put the entire site within EA Flood Zone 1, thereby removing any flood risk constraints to development and ensuring the site is as suitable for development as any other within Stamford.

Attached in Appendix X of these current representations is a copy of a further e-mail from the EA dated 20 September 2012. It confirms that the 'fish pass' project is being actively progressed by the EA. Completion of the design is anticipated before the end of April 2013. Construction would then follow in the period May 2013 to end of April 2014.

We invite the inspector to read Appendix X.

We invite the Inspector to consider these points.

Stamford: The Finest Stone Town in England
Yours sincerely,

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Hello Jeremy

We are setting up contracts with topo surveyors as we speak so I will be in touch again as soon as they confirm the likely survey dates. Once we have the topo results back we can more sensibly start to discuss the length, orientation, location of the bypass channel etc with you.

In terms of the longer term programme, we would like to complete the design this financial year (i.e before end April 2013) and then look to construct the following financial year (May 2013 - end April 2014).

Just so you know Alistair Reason from PWC has been in contact with myself regarding the location of works so I will keep him updated along with yourself.

Kind regards

James
From: Askham, James R

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 8:46 AM

To: Jeremy Cooper

Cc: Tony Gilman (BTconnect)

Subject: RE: Access to land owned by FH Gilman and Co - Newstead

Many thanks for all this information Jeremy (I can confirm receipt of the topo also)

Thanks also for your continued support of this project, it is a high priority site for fish passage so glad we have you on board.

Will be in touch shortly re the topographic surveys

Kind regards

James

From: Jeremy Cooper [mailto:jeremy.cooper@fhgilman.co.uk]

Sent: 17 August 2012 16:53

To: Askham, James R

Cc: Tony Gilman (BTconnect)

Subject: Re: Access to land owned by FH Gilman and Co - Newstead

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James

Further to our meeting on site on Tuesday, here are the 3 things I promised to send you. Apologies for the (unavoidable) delay.

(1) WYG Hydraulic Study of River Gwash with existing weir and syphon, showing that EA Flood Zone areas are unduly conservative, and including comparative assessments of 2 notional fish pass schemes:

Report

Annex A-F

Annex G-J

Annex K-M

Emails from EA (02 Apr 2008)

Emails from EA (17 Nov 2011)

(2) CAD Drawing with topo survey of FH Gilman & Co lands (following in a separate email to keep message size below 10 MB).
(3) Contact details for land adjoining to the east of FH Gilman & Co land:

Tom Hindmarch  
c/o Duncan & Toplis  
14 All Saints Street  
Stamford  
PE9 2PA

Office: 01780 750888  
Mobile: 07710 133375

Please confirm safe receipt of both emails and all documents.

We confirm that you may have access to our land for further topographic survey, establishing water level gauge(s), etc, in connection with your study of the proposed fish pass. Please contact the undersigned, or Mr Tony Gilman, to confirm dates and arrangements for access.

Best Regards

Jeremy Cooper

Engineering Manager  
FH Gilman & Co  
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From: Askham, James R

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:56 PM

To: jeremy.cooper@fhgilman.co.uk

Subject: FW: Access to land owned by FH Gilman and Co - Newstead

Dear Jeremy,

I am forwarding this on as I have had an out of office email back form Ross saying he is not back till the 28th August. Am I okay to liaise with you in his absence, obviously it would be good to touch base anyway regarding the fish pass scheme,

Kind regards

James

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From: Askham, James R

Sent: 13 August 2012 14:13

To: 'Ross.d.connock@uk.pwc.com'

Subject: Access to land owned by FH Gilman and Co - Newstead
Dear Ross,

I have recently taken over Nick Kites role on the fish pass project at Newstead (on land owned by FH Gilman and Co where I believe Nick had originally been in contact with both yourself and Jeremy Cooper). As you may remember we are investigating options that will enable migrating fish to get past the Mill and the existing syphon with the preferred option being the construction of a bypass channel across the land owned by FH Gilman and Co.

We are now at a stage where we need additional topographical survey and water level information so we can best decide the optimal placement and length of the proposed bypass channel. I would therefore like to ask permission for various parties working for the EA to access the site. These surveys can be undertaken by parking at Newstead Mill Farm (with prior arrangement) and then walking from here to the land in question (this access is indicated by the red line on the attached). If this is acceptable, I need to know how best to arrange visits, who to notify etc. Would I be best arranging any access through yourself or through Jeremy? The alternative access is shown on the blue line but am guessing access on foot is best via the red line.

As I am new to the scheme I would also like to undertake a brief walkover of the site to familiarise myself and be able to best inform the surveyors ahead of their visit. Would it be possible to visit the site tomorrow or Friday this week?

Please feel free to call if you have any questions

Kind regards

James

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