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Hi Simon-

Thanks for sending through the **phase 4 site location plan**- that helps to get the bigger picture & full context for the site.

As discussed, when we spoke last Friday 24 July- having now walked around the site & viewed the Grade II\* listed former **flight test hanger** at close quarters, the scale of the hanger is so huge & dominant & the separation to the nearest buildings on the proposed site layout sufficient to have only a minimal impact on the setting & context of the former hanger. As such, the relationship is therefore considered to be acceptable.

I took the opportunity to look around the earlier developments of flats & housing adjoining. Some of these are rather successful in introducing a degree of interest & delight into the elevational & general form & appearance of the new buildings. As mentioned, the **Bovis-Street scene 2 illustration** shows the blank wall above the heads of the upper/ second floor windows, to accommodate the low (presumably sheet metal with a standing seam?) pitch of the monopitch roof. If the roof is formed with a sheet metal, it would be possible to introduce a projection at the eaves, front & back, which would introduce a shadow line & would, I feel, help greatly with definition of the roof/ wall junction. I imagine that there is some tanks/ plant etc up in the roof void, together with storage space perhaps- but it might be useful to introduce a small slot window in the roofspace for natural light/ ventilation. Again this would add something to the high level blank wall. The first floor windows are prominent & the framing & detailing makes them an eye-catching element in the appearance of the buildings- so there is sufficient interest generally- it is just that upper wall area.

Other possible ways of adding richness, without over-egging the design, might include the introduction of brick or rendered banding of courses/ lines or recessed or projecting string/ band courses. This will provide a subtle level of shadow movement & detail that would be beneficial over all.

Hope that this is helpful. My next BEAMS consultancy day is Friday 7 August- if we need to speak further on this.

Cheers *Rob*

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Subject: Hatfield Aerodrome/ Salisbury Village- phase 4, HATFIELD- S6/2009/0891/MA  
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 2009 02:50:43 +0000

Hi Simon-

I copied some of the Stride Treglown/ lavigne.lonsdale Design Statement- May 2009, when I was last at the office on 10 July. Unfortunately I have not had a chance to visit the site as I hoped but have got the gist of the proposed development & have talked over the layout of the proposed **164 no. dwellings** arranged in 2 & a half to 4 storey groups/ blocks & design approach in general terms with Richard Guise.

As discussed, I have great respect for Richard's approach to such sites- & the overall layout seems a sound response to the rather awkward site shape & constraints & the wider context. Some potentially interesting enclosed spaces are created & relatively short linear routes. The parking areas- total 297 spaces- bins & cycle stores/ areas are rather tricky to integrate but this has clearly been carefully thought through as part of the evolution of the scheme.

The relationship to the Grade II\* listed 1952- 53 **flight test hanger** is inevitably principally defined by the space separation/ scale/ height/ massing of nearest proposed new buildings. Such a large & significant structure clearly needs its own space & specific context. I would like to look & consider that point at the visit.

Perhaps the Bovis Homes street scene illustrations are deceptive but the elevations seem stark, imposing & somewhat bleak- but maybe you have further detailed drawings of these, that will explain the architectural concept in a rather more positive & less prosaic light- together with lighting/ paving/ edgings/ landscaping/ planting etc.

Hopefully we can discuss further tomorrow afternoon if that would be convenient?

Cheers     *Rob*

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Rob

I am away for two weeks from today, but will arrange for the file and plans to be on my desk on 10 July when you call, also the previous file which contains comments by Russ on a 2007 scheme for the same site by a different architect. If you could then get your comments back to me in time for my return on 20 July that would be good.

Becky and Anita have some knowledge of the scheme and one or other (or both) may be here when you call if you have any questions.

Thanks  
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Hi Simon-

What's the timing on this? Can it wait until next Friday 10 July (my next BEAMS day)? Perhaps we can get together that day & visit the site also- if need be.

Cheers *Rob*

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Hi Rob

Further to our brief word last Friday, I was wondering if you have had chance to look at the consultation on the above application? This was sent via our new e-consultation system, Dataspace, on 3rd June. There are a lot of documents however, so let me know if you need to come over and look at a paper copy. There is some history to this site - Russ has commented on earlier applications which were withdrawn or refused. I can fill you in on this if you give me a ring. The main issue is the design of the scheme and its relationship to the Grade II\* listed hangar.

Many thanks  
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