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Your ref: 6/2021/0671/MAJ
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Dear Ms Clare Howe

Location: South Side Former Shredded Wheat Factory Broadwater Road Welwyn Garden City
Proposal: Erection of 317 dwellings (Class C3) with associated access, parking, landscaping and other supporting infrastructure, and outline planning for up to 404 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved for access.
Application Number: 6/2021/0671/MAJ

I am writing in response to the above planning application insofar as it raises issues in connection with waste matters. Should the Borough Council be minded to permit this application, a number of detailed matters should be given careful consideration.

The Environmental Statement submitted to support the proposal sets out the anticipated waste types that are predicted for the construction phase of the proposed developments and sets out a relative (qualitative) assessment of the potential waste quantities and their intended fate (Table 18.4). Table 18.4 (page 513) provides a useful indication of how the anticipated waste types will be managed (i.e. reused, recycled or disposed etc).

Estimates of construction and demolition waste (coming from the construction phase) have been set out in the Environmental Statement within Table 18.6, for each block of the proposed developments (i.e. Block 8, 9, 12, & 13). The total estimate for construction and demolition waste for all four blocks combined, is 8105 tonnes.

As the Borough Council is aware, the Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan is under review. The Capacity Gap Report produced to support the Waste Local Plan review, identifies Construction, Demolition and Excavation waste to be a significant capacity gap for Hertfordshire and therefore every effort must be made to reuse and recycle as much of this waste as possible.

There are many documents which provide advice on the re-use of materials on construction sites. Please follow the link below to find an example of a guidance document:

<http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/sites/default/files/Maximising%20Re-use%20of%20materials%20on-site.pdf>

In line with adopted Waste Local Plan Policy 12: Sustainable Design, Construction and Demolition, the Waste Planning Authority will expect to see a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) prepared to support the project, either at the planning application stage or as a requirement by a condition.

It is understood that the Principle contractor for Phase Two and Phase Three (i.e. the application site) has not yet been appointed and therefore no SWMP has been prepared.

Paragraph 18.123 of the Environmental Statement states that the Principal Contractor's Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will detail the practical execution of the construction works and that the CEMP will also include Resource Management Plan (RMP) and a SWMP.

The Waste Planning Authority supports the commitment to preparing a SWMP and would be happy to assess any SWMP that is submitted as part of this development either at this stage or as a requirement by condition and provide comment to the Borough Council.

Good practice templates for producing SWMPs can be found at:

<http://www.smartwaste.co.uk/> or <http://www.wrap.org.uk/category/sector/waste-management>.

The other Waste Local Plan policies that relate to this proposal are set out below:

Policy 1: Strategy for the Provision for Waste Management Facilities. This is in regards to the penultimate paragraph of the policy &

Policy 2: Waste Prevention and Reduction

In determining the planning application, the Borough Council is urged to pay due regard to these policies and ensure their objectives are met. Many of the policy requirements can be met through the imposition of planning conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Chapman



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