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Dear Adam,

## ORCHARD LANE, EAST MOLESEY - REVISED LAYOUT (EL/22/3525)

I am writing in connection with the revised layout for the proposed development at Orchard Lane, East Molesey. As you are aware, we prepared a Transport Statement (TS) in October 2022 in support of the planning application, and received a consultation response from Surrey County Council (SCC) as local highway authority in January 2023. Since that time, the site layout has been altered to accommodate the requirements of other consultees; we have therefore re-assessed the revised layout and I am providing this letter to summarise that re-assessment and provide a written response to the SCC comments.

- i. Firstly, I would state that as a result of the revised layout, all the conclusions of the Transport Statement remain the same. The proposed development will still provide sufficient car and cycle parking for the new residents and their visitors, and the net effect of redeveloping this site will have no material adverse effects on any part of the local transport network.
- ii. A series of revised swept path analyses are included here as Appendix A to reflect the minor changes to the site geometry.
- iii. The site access is technically a side road off Orchard Lane and therefore the required visibility splay of 2.4m x 43m was illustrated in the TS. However, SCC requested that the access be assessed as if it were a continuation of Orchard Lane (i.e. a bend in the road). We have therefore assessed a forward visibility envelope with a stopping sight distance of 18m which is sufficient for a vehicle leaving the site and negotiating the left-hand bend at 15mph¹. This is illustrated in Appendix B.
- iv. The refuse collection strategy is described in detail in the Delivery and Servicing Plan which is Section 6 of the TS (paragraph 6.2.1).
- v. The SCC consultation response raises a query over the operation of the ramp and asks whether signalised car park access arrangement has been considered. Paragraph 4.2.3 states that "The basement is accessed via a single width ramp, controlled by a set or sensors and a red/green signal control system. For safety reasons, the default setting will be a green light for those leaving the basement; however, as a vehicle approaches the top of the ramp, seeking to gain access to the car park, the lights will change to give priority to the entering vehicle".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Manual for Streets and DMRB, SSD calculation



- vi. All parking spaces will be provided with EV charging points. All EV charging points, including those in the basement, will be installed in accordance with The Building Regulations 2010, Approved Document S "Infrastructure for the charging of electric vehicles".
- vii. SCC has requested that the development makes provision for a Car Club, funds the introduction of a Car Club space on Orchard Lane and provides the residents with the years free membership. The provision of a Car Club was considered during the design development stage, in discussion with Lifestyle Residences. Section 5 of the TS is entitled "Residents' Travel Information" which forms part of a three-part Transport Implementation Strategy. Section 5.4 is entitled 'Shared Mobility' and sets out the strategy for providing shared transport for the residents. The nature of the proposed development, as bespoke later living accommodation, lends itself to car sharing and potentially for the provision of minibus, as explained in the TS. Given the nature of the proposed development, the applicant is happy to accept a planning condition requiring either a Car Club (as requested by SCC) or a minibus for a minimum of three years after first occupation, and that details of the shared transport provision should be submitted and agreed prior to first occupation. We would suggest the following planning condition, based on the standard Car Club condition set out in SCC's publication 'Guidance on car clubs in new developments':

"The development hereby approved shall not be first occupied unless and until a shared transport scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The shared transport scheme shall include either a) the provision of a car club space with opportunity for EV charging, a minimum of one car club vehicle for occupiers to use in accordance with the scheme, eligible residents will be provided with a minimum of three years free car club membership and £50 free drive time, or b) the provision of a mini-bus (or similar) for a minimum of three years to provide shared transport for the residents of the development. The car club or minibus vehicles shall be retained and maintained for their designated purpose(s) for a minimum of three years."

viii. SCC have suggested that a contribution towards maintaining and enhancing local bus services via a S106 agreement, should be considered. The TS demonstrates that the proposed development would result in a net increase of 4 bus trips in the morning peak (two people leaving and two people arriving) and just 2 trips in the evening peak. The net increase would be just 16 bus trips per day (8 departures and 8 arrivals). The TS concludes that the net increase in bus passengers would have no material effect on transport capacity. The overall effect, however, would be to add revenue to local bus services thereby increasing local bus viability. There is no justification for the development to make a S106 contribution towards bus infrastructure or services.

I trust that the above covers all matters in sufficient detail, however, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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## **Appendix A**Revised swept path analyses











## **Appendix B**18m forward visibility envelope



