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Dear John

**EXTENSION TO APPROVED WORKING HOURS – CONDITION 17 ON PLANNING PERMISSION REF: 18/P/2019 WALNUT TREE CLOSE, GUILDFORD**

As discussed, I have now lodged a formal application to vary condition 17 (which deals with working hours) in relation to the Walnut Tree Close site. The proposal is to in effect maintain the extended opening hours that were previously approved under Section 74b, ie from 08:00 and 20:00 Mondays to Fridays and 08:00 to 17:00 in Saturdays. It is though going to be necessary to work on Sundays to complete the construction in time for the internal fit-out to start at the beginning of August. So, it is proposed to introduce working hours from between 10:00 and 16:00.

I can get confirmation of the difficulties encountered in maintaining the construction programme from the contractors, Bowmer & Kirkland, if you require. However, the issue is really that there have been delays in materials being delivered because of factories supplying them being closed for various periods during Covid19 so the original delivery dates have not been adhered to. As you know the key date that simply has to be achieved is for the building to be open for occupation for students at the start of the academic year which, in this case, means occupation from 1 September 2021 onwards.

As discussed, Bowmer & Kirkland is prepared to agree to appropriate working arrangements – particularly on Sundays – to avoid any external working in block A which is that closest to the Bellway apartments. Internal works could be done within block A so a restriction could be imposed to allow external working to blocks B, C and D and only internal works within block A. This needs to be discussed with your EHO and we are happy to facilitate a call on that as soon as possible. Given the tightness of the deadlines the contractors would like to continue the working hours that were approved until the end of March, ie from 18:00 to 20:00 on weekdays and 13:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays and then start working on Sundays as soon as possible. The application itself asks for the extension of working hours from 1 April (retrospectively) until 1 August.

Could we arrange a call with your EHO or indeed arrange for a site visit for them to discuss the condition with the contractors as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely  
for SC5 Planning

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