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Forest of Dean Planning Authority
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Dear Sirs

Planning Application P1569/23/FUL – Market Square, Newent

Many thanks for your letter dated 4th December 2023 in respect of the above planning application.

I note your comments in respect of our application that was submitted on the 22nd November 2023 and it is in your opinion that the application cannot be validated until some issues have been dealt with.

I understand that information needs to be submitted to you within 14 days of the original letter.

Directors:

Stephen Cox
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I am pleased to say that the additional information has now been collated and I would be grateful if you could process this and validate the application so that the scheme can move forward to a speedy determination.

Associate:

Daniel Burden
ACIAT

In respect of your first comment of a Heritage Statement, we can confirm that this has already been sent to you under separate cover and the Heritage Consultant has updated the original report that was deemed to be suitable for the scheme and I trust that this document has been accepted as an appropriate supporting statement.



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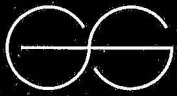
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I note that the original Biodiversity/Ecology report was undertaken in 2018 and this can no longer be accepted as a valid document. I can confirm that a new Ecology survey has been undertaken and a copy of this report is enclosed. Having reviewed the report in detail, the findings of the report are consistent with that that was found by the original Ecology report in that there are no sensitive receptors on site that will affect the proposals.

The consultants inspecting the site this weekend concluded that the trees that had already been identified for removal and had been approved by your Authority do not meet the criteria of requiring specific arboricultural impact assessment work. For clarity, I have specified data within the revised site plan enclosed and, of course, within the report the Ecologist has made reference to the unsuitability of these small trees being able to be beneficial to the local wildlife.

I believe now that you have sufficient information to validate this application so that we can move the scheme forward to a speedy determination.

As you will be aware, this application has already received some consent which has regrettably lapsed and the refusal that was issued 12 months ago has been referred to in our submitted Design & Access Statement and has been satisfactorily resolved.

I look forward to receiving further information regarding this formal validation.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

