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**Mr Andrew Browning
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Dear Andrew,

**Application 20/02391/LP3 – New Wear Footbridge
Submission of discharge of conditions 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19**

Please accept this application to discharge Conditions 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 attached to full planning permission granted on the above site for the following development ref. 20/02391/LP3 and varied via application ref. 23/00432/VA3:

'Construction of a high-level pedestrian and cycle bridge across the River Wear, linking the north and south sides of the river between the 'Vaux' site and the Sheepfolds area'.

The conditions to be discharge are:

15. No groundworks or development shall commence at the north and south bridge landing points until a programme of archaeological fieldwork has been completed. This shall be carried out in accordance with a specification provided by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest. The investigation is required to ensure that any archaeological remains on the site can be preserved wherever possible and recorded, in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF and Core Strategy Policies BH8 and BH9.

16. The building(s) shall not be occupied/brought into use until the final report of the results of the archaeological fieldwork undertaken in pursuance of condition 14 of this decision notice has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest. The investigation is required to ensure that any archaeological remains on the site can be preserved wherever possible and recorded, in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF and Core Strategy Policies BH8 and BH9.

17. The buildings shall not be occupied/brought into use until a report detailing the results of the archaeological fieldwork undertaken has been produced in a form suitable for publication in a

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suitable and agreed journal and has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to submission to the editor of the journal.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest and the publication of the results will enhance understanding of and will allow public access to the work undertaken in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF and Core Strategy Policies BH8 and BH9.

18. No groundworks or development shall commence in the compound and crane areas of the site until the developer has appointed an archaeologist to undertake a programme of observations of groundworks to record items of interest and finds in accordance with a specification approved by the Local Planning Authority after the submission of the geotechnical investigation results. The appointed archaeologist shall be present at relevant times during the undertaking of groundworks with a programme of visits to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to groundworks commencing.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest. The observation is required to ensure that any archaeological remains on the site can be preserved wherever possible and recorded, and, if necessary, emergency salvage undertaken in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF and Core Strategy Policies BH8 and BH9.

19. The building(s) shall not be occupied/brought into use until the report of the results of observations of the groundworks pursuant to condition 17 of this decision notice has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest. The investigation is required to ensure that any archaeological remains on the site can be preserved wherever possible and recorded, to accord with paragraph 199 of the NPPF and Core Strategy Policies BH8 and BH9.

An Archaeological Watching Brief report has been prepared in order to satisfy these conditions.

I trust that sufficient information for the application to be validated and progressed to determination has been provided. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully
VolkerStevin Limited



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