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Dear Jonathan,

Discharge of Condition No. 9 for Launchpad Reading's Supported Housing Development to the rear of 36 Mason Street, Reading, RG1 7PD. (Application 160342)

This letter provides details in relation to planning condition no. 9 (implementation of soil contamination remediation scheme) attached to approved application ref:160342. During the submission of details to discharge conditions 4 through to 9 application reference:171442, condition 9 was withdrawn from the application following discussions with Senior Technical Officer Ross Jarvis, from Environmental Protection & Nuisance - Department of Environment and Neighbourhood Services.

It was agreed that a separate submission should illustrate the remediation works once they were carried out in accordance with approved condition no.8 (contaminated land remediation scheme), details submitted with application ref:171442. Ground & Water's Final Ground Investigation Report ref. GWPR2040 V2.02 (submitted with application 171442 and with this application), states in section '7.8 Remediation Method Statement':

"Installation of a geotextile/geo-membrane in the front communal entrances, and around perimeter of building, and installation of at least 100mm of decorative stone/chipping on top"

The build-up implemented on site consists of a permeable geotextile membrane laid on the ground formation level, over-laid with 100mm of compacted open graded crushed rock with no fines, finished with a 50mm depth of 20mm diameter slate chippings. This build-up exceeds the requirement stated in the remediation method statement. Please refer to photographs below illustrating the works that have been completed on site:



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Fig. 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Geotextile membrane laid on ground formation level, 100mm of compacted open graded crushed rock being laid on top.



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Fig. 5 & 6 – Finishing 50mm deep layer of 20mm diameter slate chippings laid on top of the 100mm depth of compacted open graded crushed rock.

We trust the above sequence of photographs are sufficient evidence of implementation of the approved soil contamination remediation strategy, however please do contact us if you would like to visit the site to inspect the finished build up.

Should you have any questions in relation to these matters please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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For and on behalf of Weston & Co Architects Ltd