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Tuesday 30th January 2018

Dear Richard

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning application reference 171923: *The Arc*, Kings Meadow Road, Reading

Thank you for your assistance to date in respect of the above application, and for forwarding to us a copy of Network Rail's consultation response.

In respect of their comments, we would respond as follows:

- Comment: *"A glare and reflection study will be needed to ensure that the train drivers' forward view and their view of signals is not affected by the building and sunlight interaction"*
Response: An Initial Solar Reflective Glare Report is enclosed
- Comment: *"Unless fully enclosed, the roof garden fencing shall be such as to minimise the risks of objects being thrown"*
Response: The Sky Garden would be fully enclosed
- Comment: *"This site was previously in railway ownership and there is a Network Rail access right to a strip of land parallel to the railway retaining wall and embankment slope. The planning application drawings do not appear to specifically show this strip, however the access is still required, including for access by motorised inspection plant"*
Response: Whilst this is not a material consideration for the Local Planning Authority, nonetheless we can confirm that the scheme has been designed to retain Network Rail's reserved access route (acquisition parcel 89 of the Network Rail (Reading) (Land Acquisition) Order 2009)
- Comment: *"If there are opening windows on the railway elevation, the proposals will need to be discussed with Network Rail and it is likely that restrictions on site and opening will be needed."*
Response: This matter can be controlled by condition
- Comment: *"The adjacent railway has 25,000 volt overhead electrification and the method of cleaning and maintaining the façade will need to avoid the risk of ropes etc falling onto NR land."*
Response: This matter can be controlled by condition

If you or your consultee have any questions, as ever please contact us at your convenience.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Croucher', written in a cursive style.

James Croucher MTP MRTPI
Planning Director

Enclosed: Initial Solar Reflective Glare Report