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Your contact is: Mr Matt Burns, Planning

Dear Josh,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Application Reference: 231546

Application type: Approval of Conditions

Address: Gas Holder Alexander Turner Close Reading RG1 3EA

Proposal: Approval of details under condition 21 (Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement) of planning permission ref. 190627

I refer to your application as described above.

The following document is hereby approved pursuant to condition no. 21:

- Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement Revision D ref. J20563_Arb_Rev_D
dated May 2024

Received by the Local Planning Authority on 14th May 2024

The above condition shall have been considered to have been discharged, providing that the development is undertaken in accordance with the approved details.

Please note the requirement to record compliance with the approved arboricultural supervision measures through the course of development so that you can demonstrate you have fully complied with the requirements of the condition.

In addition to the above it is noted that in 2018 T2 Sycamore (previously pollarded) was described as being in 'fair' structural condition with 'weakly attached re-growth', and whilst not stated in the survey table, re-pollarding was recommended at that time in 5.2.1 of the previous AIA. The re-survey has the same comments, with re-pollarding still recommended in 5.2.1 but not indicated in the survey table (as would be expected) – it is unclear why the applicant has not carried out this work in the last 6 years. As the tree has not been re-pollarded since and it is not

known when (at least 6 years), it may now be a 'lapsed pollard' and if so, a crown reduction may be more appropriate in line with good arb practice. The applicant should seek advice on this from their arb consultant and should also ensure that the re-pollarding or reduction is only carried out July-Sep or Dec-Jan to minimise harm to the tree.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that all relevant conditions are complied with during the construction and/or subsequent use of the development.

Yours sincerely

Matt Burns

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