

## Hannah Gosling

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**From:** Hannah Gosling  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 15:13  
**To:** 'Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis'  
**Cc:** Anthony Middleton  
**Subject:** RE: Letter regarding Valley Gardens Phase 3  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Abraham,

Due to the complexity of the scheme and high level engagement with Valley Gardens Forum Tony has requested a few clarification points with regards to your letter dated 18 March 2019 setting out how the conditions set by Coast to Capital have been met by Brighton and Hove City Council. We just want to ensure everything has been covered. Please see below:

- **Condition 3 states:**

**3 Prior to issue of, and within funding agreement:** Confirmation in writing from the Monitoring officer that the scheme design meets the requirements of all relevant statutory legislation, including but not limited to air quality standards, traffic management, environmental and safety. To also seek confirmation that the Council considers that the appropriate balance has been achieved between impact upon traffic congestion, air quality and sustainable transport and public realm benefits.

And you replied with...

*I am also able to reassure you that the Final Preliminary Design meets the requirements of all relevant statutory legislation and that the project is considered to achieve an appropriate balance between its implications and outcomes for traffic congestion, air quality and sustainable transport and public realm benefits; as these items were all identified within the core objectives that the council agreed for the project, against which various options have been appraised and assessed by the council's consultants, the outcomes reviewed by officers, and subsequent decisions made by the ETS Committee.*

The statement you provided does confirm that the scheme design meets the requirements of all statutory legislation. However you do not mention environmental and safety specifically. Just for certainty please could we ask you to confirm if this is met.

- **Condition 4 states:**

**4 Prior to issue of and within the funding agreement:** Confirmation in writing from the monitoring officer that an appropriate level of engagement will continue with the Valley Gardens Forum and members of the public, as the scheme evolves, including confirmation that the concerns of the Valley Gardens Forum will be put to the relevant Council Committee before the scheme is approved.

And you replied with...

*The appropriate level of engagement and consultation will continue as the project progresses through its detailed design stage, and various elements of the design are refined prior to construction. This progress will be **reported to the appropriate committee** as will any objections subsequently received to Traffic Regulation Orders.*

Whilst this paragraph does not specifically mention the Valley Gardens Forum it clearly confirms the intention of BHCC to continue with appropriate engagement and consultation. The key wording which is causing us some challenge is that the paragraph ends with the assertion that the progress will be reported to the appropriate committee. This is not the same as taking matters to a committee for approval. Please could you confirm that the final decision has not yet been taken and will be taken as required by this condition set.

If you could please provide a response as soon as possible that would be great.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,  
Hannah

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**From:** Trudy Haigh [mailto:Trudy.Haigh@brighton-hove.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis  
**Sent:** 18 March 2019 14:50  
**To:** Hannah Gosling  
**Cc:** Alice Rowland  
**Subject:** Letter regarding Valley Gardens Phase 3

Please find attached my letter to you regarding Valley Gardens Phase 3.

Regards

Abraham

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