

Hannah Gosling

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Subject: Letter regarding Valley Gardens Phase 3'

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for your email. I can confirm that the scheme design meets the requirements of all relevant statutory legislation, including but not limited to air quality standards, traffic management, environment and safety. The Council considers that the appropriate balance has been achieved between impact upon traffic congestion, air quality and sustainable transport and public realm benefits.

In relation to Condition 4, as I said in my letter, the appropriate level of engagement and consultation will continue as the project progresses.

The decision which the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee took on 7 February 2019 was to approve the Final Preliminary Design for the Valley Gardens Phase 3 project. The Committee agreed that it should be progressed to the detailed design stage which will include further public consultation and stakeholder engagement. The Committee authorised officers to procure professional services/contract(s) for the detailed design and construction stages of the Valley Gardens Phase 3 project, and noted that this authorisation will enable officers to procure and award either a design and build contract or separate contracts for the design stage and the construction stage. It further noted that an update on these procurements will be provided to a future committee meeting.

There will therefore be a further report to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee to update it on the procurements. As part of that report, officers will provide an update on progress but the decision which was taken on the 7 February will not be revisited by the Committee and officers will not be seeking approval for the scheme as that is already in place. The Council obviously has to comply with the process for making road traffic orders, including the need to report to a committee if there are objections and some aspects of the funding may need to be included in monthly budget reports to the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee. The Council may also need to apply for planning permission for some aspects of the project. But these are normal processes and so far as substantive approval of the scheme is concerned, a final approval has been given and there is no legal requirement to seek additional approvals.

Regards

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