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Subject: [Ext Msg] RE: Land South of Chiswell Green Lane - S106 - Libraries and Waste

Hi James,

I understand from speaking to colleagues that you were seeking further justification relating to some of the contributions set out in our appeal statement.

Libraries

Further to our statement commentary:

St Albans Library is the local library facility which serves this development. St Albans Library is a large central Tier 1 library and is the busiest library in Hertfordshire. The whole service is already intense pressure and we do not have the capacity to mitigate the additional residents arising from the new development. This is consistently demonstrated by our Key Performance Indicators. Book issues at St Albans Library are already 33% above the band average. Loans of adult fiction alone are 20% above the band average. Visitor figures to St Albans Library increased by over 14% in 2019-20 and by over 28% in 2021-22. Visit figures to this library already account for 17% of the total visits to libraries for the whole county.

We are seeking £128,368 towards increasing library service provision to serve the development (index linked to BCIS 1Q2022).

Contributions are sought for the re-provision of the existing library as that is now the official position as it relates to expanding our offering in the area. The library has been reconfigured in the recent past and following a review of the facility, as presently constructed, there is very limited potential to expand its capacity further through reconfiguration. Re-provision of St Albans Library on a new site that will enable enhanced service provision is to move to a larger site that will meet the needs of our residents. The due processes that will be required to facilitate this are beginning.

If it would assist, where we previously sought this contribution prior to the commencement of the development, we could phase payments at 50% pre-commencement, 50% prior the occupation of 25% of the dwellings.

Waste

At the time of the Growth and Infrastructure Unit submitting a consultation response a waste project was not identified in the area and therefore we did not seek financial obligations towards this service.

A contributions towards Waste provision has been requested as part of the county councils updated response included within our appeal statement. A network of waste transfer stations are needed to enable the proximate bulking and segregation of waste prior to processing, treatment or disposal. As housing growth continues within Hertfordshire the amount of local authority collected waste and

waste generated from recycling centres, will also increase. The need to further segregate waste types to enable their efficient processing/recycling means that an increase in strategically placed bulking capacity is required.

Currently Waterdale Transfer Station handles the majority of Hertfordshire's residual waste, however there is currently insufficient spare capacity to cope with demand and also causes significant impact on queuing on the road network. In order to ensure the impact of additional growth in the area is mitigated, work is needed to increase provision at this transfer station.

This development is within the catchment area of the Waterdale Transfer Station. Waterdale Transfer Station has insufficient spare capacity to cope with demand and also causes significant impact on queuing on the road network. In order to ensure the impact of additional growth in the area is mitigated, work is needed to increase provision at this transfer station, therefore a contribution is required in order to provide additional provision.

Please can you confirm that the above is agreeable.

Kind Regards,

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