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Dear Paul,

Richmond Education and Enterprise Campus Development - EIA Scoping Opinion Request

Cascade Consulting, and its specialist subconsultants, has been appointed by Richmond Education and Enterprise Campus (REEC) to provide environmental consultancy services for the redevelopment of the Richmond upon Thames College site.

This letter and the enclosed Scoping Report constitute a formal request on behalf of REEC for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.

The proposed development is identified in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Core Strategy (2009) as one of the locations where new development is likely to be concentrated over the Plan period (2009-2026). Policy CP18.B outlines that the land in educational use will be 'safeguarded' and the '*potential of existing educational sites will be maximised through redevelopment, refurbishment or re-use to meet educational needs*'.

The vision is to create a new campus for education and enterprise; a college working in partnership with employers on site, which will provide access to resources and work opportunities through work experience, apprenticeships and ultimately, jobs.

The development would provide:

- A new campus for education and enterprise – comprising:

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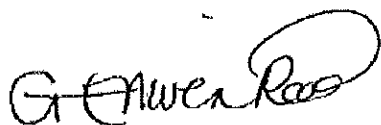


- Replacement college (Use Class D1) of approximately 20,000 square metres (Gross External Area (GEA)) to accommodate up to 3,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) day time students, as well as evening and weekend use.
- A new five form entry secondary school (Use Class D1) of approximately 6,000 square metres (GEA) for up to 750 students.
- A secondary school for children with special education needs (Use Class D1) of approximately 3,000 square metres (GEA).
- New Technical Media Hub for Haymarket (Ancillary Use Class D1) of approximately 2,000 square metres (GEA) including photographic studios, technical testing labs, archive, offices and meeting rooms (up to twenty full time staff), private gallery and creative industries incubator business units).
- Replacement on-site sports centre (Use Class D2) of up to 4,000 square metres (GEA) to serve both the college and wider community.
- Possible alterations to existing means of vehicular access to Langhorn Drive together with ancillary on-site parking and landscaping.
- Upgrading of existing Craneford Way Playing Fields for use by the college and local community.
- Enabling residential development of up to 2.5 hectares.
- Energy centre to support the development.

We trust that the enclosed Scoping Report provides sufficient information on the proposed development and scope of the EIA for the Council to provide a Scoping Opinion. However, if you need clarification of any points or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Claire Pitcher on 01342 871 659.

We would also be grateful for a prompt response within the five week turnaround period as prescribed by the EIA Regulations.

Yours sincerely
for Cascade Consulting



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