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From: McLaughlin Gavin [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2020 12:08
To: Turner Lucinda [REDACTED] Lawley Paul [REDACTED]
Cc: Charleton Patricia [REDACTED]
Subject: FOR SIGN-OFF letter to Camden Council on Buses/High Line S106 allocation

Hi Lucinda and Paul,

Please find attached a letter from Camden and a response I have drafted, which they asked for.

This concerns reallocating part of the 214 S106 contribution at Kings Cross to the High Line.

Their letter was addressed to me personally, so perhaps Lucinda responding is overkill!

What I am getting at is – should be fine for Paul to sign this off on behalf of Buses, rather than escalate.

Today/tomorrow would be fantastic...

To make it easy i.e. you may wish to read within the chain, and just reply YES/NO - I've also pasted the letter text below the line.

Gavin McLaughlin | Principal Planner
Spatial Planning | City Planning

22 April 2020

Dear Camden Council,

2004/2307/P
Kings Cross Central - Main site
RE: Contribution to Route 214 Improvement from Kings Cross Central

We acknowledge your letter to us of 12 February on the above contribution secured by the London Borough of Camden under Section HH (clauses 10-12) of the Section 106 (S106) legal agreement for the above planning permission.

The contribution is defined in the legal agreement as:

"Route 214 Contribution"

The sum of £915,000 to be paid by the Developer to the Council, such sum being approximately half of the full gross cost of the Route 214 Improvements for three (3) years.

"Route 214 Improvements"

Improvements within the "Camden and beyond" bus sector identified by TfL London Buses to convert the existing TfL bus route no 214 service to double-deck bus operation.

We understand that payment of this contribution was made to the Council on 02 June 2014, and with indexation the amount you received was £1,195,599.

Your recent letter to us highlighted that the Council, Mayor of London and local MP Sir Kier Starmer all support the Camden Highline project, which would convert a disused railway to the north of the Kings Cross site into a sustainable green space and pedestrian link between Camden Town and King's Cross.

You also notified us that to support the realisation of this key project, you propose to vary the S106 agreement to release £400k from the above contribution and re-allocate that sum towards the Camden Highline. This would leave a residual figure of £795,599 for bus improvements.

We accept and approve this proposed course of action and we are happy for you to progress it.

Thanks for acknowledging our previous requests for southbound bus services to use the section of Pancras Road between Goods Way and Euston Road as well as current northbound services (46 and 214 routes).

We are aware of your previously identified concerns with buses using that section of Pancras Road, in terms of traffic congestion, road space constraints, competing demands and road safety issues.

Thanks for confirming that Camden Council is willing to work collaboratively with TfL and consider and assess various potential amendments to bus services and stops in the Kings Cross area.

We appreciate that as part of this collaborative work, any potential benefits of re-routing bus services onto Pancras Road, including increased accessibility for local residents and making bus services easier to understand, will need to be considered carefully alongside all demands being placed on Pancras Road, including the issue of taxis overranking.

A balanced and carefully considered approach will certainly be required, and we therefore look forward to working with you on one.

During these unprecedented times we aim to provide our usual planning service with many of our team working remotely. Where possible we will replace our face-to-face pre application service and other meetings with video and conference calling. Please continue to contact us by email and mobile phone where available as usual. As we will continue to monitor SpatialPlanning@tfl.gov.uk please CC this address as well as send direct to individuals and other Spatial Planning inboxes. Please do not rely upon sending by post or courier only.

For more information regarding the TfL Spatial Planning team, including TfL's *Transport assessment best practice guidance* and pre-application advice please visit:

<https://www.tfl.gov.uk/info-for/urban-planning-and-construction/transport-assessment-guidance>

From: Margolis, Sam [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2020 17:05
To: McLaughlin Gavin [REDACTED]
Subject: TfL letter on highline

Hi Gavin

Hope all well despite these difficult times!

I just wanted to reach out re the above letter which was sent to you by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who has now left the Council.

I helped draft that letter.

Given the current situation, can you assure us that the agreement in principle to use the s106 funding in the attached (£400k) for the Highline next steps continues as planned?

Our view is that the Highline is an ideal 'recovery' project which we can take forward, with partners, after the current crisis ends.

If you can provide that assurance as soon as possible as we prepare our next steps that would be very helpful.

Any queries, do let me know.

Thanks

Sam

Sam Margolis
Transport Policy & Programmes Team Manager

[REDACTED]



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