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By email

Dear Andrew,

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (As Amended), Regulation 15: Request for EIA Scoping Opinion of the Local Planning Authority

RE: Begbroke Innovation District

This letter requests a formal EIA Scoping Opinion from Cherwell District Council with respect to the scope and methodology of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation to redevelopment proposals of approximately 170 hectares (ha) land at the existing Begbroke Science Park and surrounding land. The findings of the EIA will be reported in an Environmental Statement (ES) which will accompany the planning application.

The enclosed EIA Scoping Report provides the requisite information required under Regulation 15 of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended), namely:

- A plan sufficient to identify the land;
- A brief description of the nature and purpose of the development and of its possible effects on the environment;
- An explanation of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment; and,
- Such other information or representations as the person making the request may wish to provide or make.

It is noted that, in accordance with Regulation 15 (4), the Council should adopt an EIA Scoping Opinion within five weeks of receipt of this request and we would therefore be grateful if this timescale could be maintained where possible. We do, of course, recognise that the forthcoming Christmas period may affect responses from stakeholders.

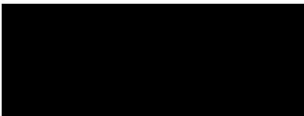




We assume that you will seek views on the scope of the EIA from the statutory consultation bodies during the five week period, together with officers within the Council and other interested bodies. For the benefit of our record on consultation, we would be grateful if you could provide a schedule of the consultation bodies the EIA Scoping Report is issued to.

Should you have any questions on the proposed scope of the EIA or require further copies of the EIA Scoping Report, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. We would be very happy to meet to discuss the proposed scope and approach to the EIA further.

Yours sincerely



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Director

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cc. Matthew Sharpe (Quod Planning); Tom Clarke (Oxford University Developments)