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Heather Morrison
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The Copeland
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Cumbria
CA28 7SJ

Via Planning Portal only

Dear Ms Morrison

Application to vary wording of conditions 22 and 23 of permission 4/12/2407/0F1

This letter has been prepared by Avison Young on behalf of NDAPL, the applicant of the above referenced planning application. It has been prepared in response to your correspondence of 27 April 2019 to provide some background context to the delay in discharging the above referenced conditions in relation to the now complete 'Albion Square' development, Whitehaven.

Given the passage of time and staffing changes it is unfortunately not possible to provide a detailed breakdown of the individual issues and events as to why Conditions 22 and 23 remain outstanding; it is however understood that collectively the following have played a part:

- Several personnel changes;
- Changes to instructed planning and transport consultants;
- An online security incident – i.e. the hacking of Copeland Council's online record system which caused protracted delays in confirming submitted documentation;
- Requirement to undertake updated traffic surveys;
- Requirement to undertake updated personnel transport attitude survey; and
- COVID-19 travel and work restrictions.

The applicant apologises that Conditions 22 and 23 remain outstanding and recognises that consequently they are currently in breach of planning permission. They are actively seeking to rectify this situation as evidenced by this application. Furthermore, a Travel Plan has been prepared with input from yourself and is to be submitted as soon as the current variation application has been agreed.



Therefore, we respectfully request that the application is validated as soon as practicable to allow for this remaining issue to be resolved.

Yours sincerely

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