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Chairman
Cherhill New Village Hall Committee

Nigel McGurk
Independent Examiner

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Dear Mr McGurk:

Cherhill New Village Hall CRTBO

I have been informed by Wiltshire Council that you have asked if we wish to comment on Wiltshire Council's letter dated 30/07/18, in particular the sections headed "Air Quality," "Noise and Lighting," "Archaeology" and "Highways,".

As you will appreciate, over the course of the project to date we have had extensive discussions and in some cases meetings with Wiltshire Council Staff members responsible for each of these aspects and have developed our plans in accordance with their advice. Our response to the comments in this letter are as follows :-

- Air quality – the letter encourages us to include electric charging but does not appear to go as far asking for it to be a condition. We are keen to include such facilities if possible and given the pace of change in this area there may be many new opportunities by the time the build is ready to go ahead. As it is likely to be a year or more before we get to the detail design stage we propose reviewing the options then and will contact Wiltshire Council's Environmental Health Officer for further advice at that point.
- Noise – we have been asked for a condition to be added to make compliance with our objectives a condition including hall management plans. During previous discussions with Wiltshire Council's Environmental Health Officer we had agreed that it would make more sense for these to be part of the premises licence and to be reviewed from time to time in the usual way. We believe this is the right way to deal with the matter.
- Lighting – We have said that the lighting will comply with the Lighting Engineer's guidance notes which the Council have confirmed they are happy with. We have been asked that we specifically reference category E1 which is a new requirement. Cherhill is a rural village not a park and there is street lighting along the southern boundary of the site with the A4 which probably means that the site already exceeds E1. We have also had a lot of debate within the community about finding the right compromise between minimising light pollution and keeping the site safe. We believe that category E2 is the appropriate one for the site and will aim to achieve this or better.

- Archaeology – the Archaeologist has asked for a condition to allow for archaeological monitoring of any stripping and ground reduction. We already have this condition in the document.
- Highways – it is not entirely clear what highways are asking for with regard to the car parking. This has been one of the most hotly debated topics within the village which we have had to respond to and we have tried to find the best compromise between those that want open access to provide maximum benefit to all and those that are concerned about abuse of the car park which we know is often a problem in rural areas. Travellers are active in our area and we have in the recent past had problems with abandoned vehicles. We think the idea of having part of the carpark gated and part open provides the best compromise and we know it works well for other rural village halls. The area of carpark proposed to be kept open will be large enough for the great majority of events and will meet the requirements outlined in the letter. Of course access to the gated part has to be managed but so does access to the hall itself and will be made an important part of the hall management plan.
- Highways – we have been asked to add a 2.4 X 2.4 pedestrian visibility splay to the drawing which we will do.

I hope this clarifies our thoughts.

Yours sincerely

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