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FAO Mrs Ailsa Teasdale - SAPO

16 December 2008

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Dear Mrs Teasdale

Raithwaite Hall, Sandsend, Whitby, North Yorkshire YO21 3ST
The Proposed Change of Use, Refurbishment and Extension of Raithwaite Hall and Outbuildings to
Form an Hotel with Spa and Associated Parking, Gardens and Landscaping

I write further to our telephone conversations, liaison with the Legal Services team at NYCC and your letter of 21 November last.

Firstly, perhaps I could thank you for your confirmation that the scheme, in general terms, is satisfactory and commensurate with our pre-application reviews and considerations. Please be assured that my client remains committed to continuing the co-operative approach that has been established. This is an exciting project, which can deliver a much needed quality end Hotel for the benefit of the local area and its economy. Indeed, given the current difficulties in the wider UK economy I am pleased that it is a scheme, which is deliverable.

In terms of the jurisdiction or power to determine point my client has resolved to take a pragmatic approach and as a consequence a separate planning application, for those development elements (main car park, northern extension to the Hall and detached outbuilding) not in the Park, has been submitted to Scarborough Borough Council (SBC). SBC has been invited to liaise with you and, of course, has already been consulted by yourselves on the substantive application. I have advised SBC that the full planning application fee has been paid to your Authority such that it might seek to recover part or otherwise advise. I am currently awaiting a response (the application being submitted on 3 December last).

In terms of on site renewables KSP Consulting (Civil and Services Engineers) has been commissioned to produce a study and proposals to assist compliance with new Core Policy D (Climate Change) and which I should be in possession of soon. I shall of course submit formally as soon as possible as I am conscious of your 13 week target date of 26 January 2009.

The storage in the outbuildings has been largely related to the more recent remodelling and aesthetic improvements to the Lakeside House, rather than anything relating to the Estates maintenance requirements. It is envisaged at this stage that the complete grounds maintenance will be contracted out, which implies further economic benefit to local grounds maintenance contractors and no requirement for on site maintenance buildings and/or compounds.

I have spoken with the scheme architect, David Bamford RIBA, about the brick/timber infilling issue re Outbuilding 1. His preference is to employ a brick to match in that he is confident of being able to source second hand materials. If not vertical timber boarding is a clear option that would not be discounted. I am more than happy to review and to deal with by condition as appropriate.

In terms of the landscape related comments I have taken the opportunity of discussing the matter with our retained landscape architects Trevor Foreman and Kate Curtis at Smeeden Foreman. For your information I enclose a letter from Kate addressed to David Bamford and which is self explanatory. I have no doubt that these matters can be looked at in further detail as necessary and agreement reached. Kate or Trevor are available at short notice to discuss with you and/or SBC to facilitate.

I am enclosing 4 no copies of the amended red line site area as requested (which "fits" with the red line plan now served on SBC as part of the planning application to it).

Perhaps we could review progress before the Christmas break?

Should any immediate matters arise please do not hesitate to contact me here at Kings Court.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Sadler

Head of Planning Unit

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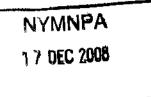
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Dear David

Proposed Hotel, Raithwaite Estate, Sandsend

Further to you letter dated 2nd December 2006, in esponse to the Woodland Officers comments (North York Moors National Page Authority letter 21* November 2008 from A Teasdale to S Sadler), we would advise as follows:

- With reference to the choice of scies, we have identified and formulated two distinct areas of landscaping in our schape; each tially these are divided into the two drawings for the scheme SF1349 LLO & LLO2. The proposals for the proposed parking (LLO1) are informed by the findings of the tree survey and discussions with our ecology department. We have generated proposals that tie into and reflect the native flora of the site and that would be suitable for the local conditions. The choice of plant material is almost eatirely native.
 - The proposals in the immediate surroundings (LL02) are far more ornamental. We feel this is an application response to the proposals for the buildings. We have drawn on the existing landscape gardens and the wider local environment to inform the choice of species in this area.
- It does appear that the Woodland Officer is misunderstanding the proposals in that the access road is already in place and would not require any upgrading works. With regard to the car parking proposals and the associated accesses there would be some minor incursion into the root protection areas, (Please see attached illustration) in one area. This could be overcome by pulling the parking slightly south in this area and employing no dig techniques for the footpaths. We would not anticipate the loss of any trees other than those two shown within the car park area.
- We would agree with you that the sections across the car park appear to be line with the site conditions as we understand them. We responded to the cut slopes shown on the sections by showing them seeded with a wildflower mix that would reduce maintenance as they would require infrequent cutting. The wildflowers also tie into our native/habitat creation approach to this part of the site.

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I hope the above is of assistance in the progression of the application.

Yours sincerely,



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