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Dear Sir / Madam

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT IN BIRMINGHAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – PUBLICATION VERSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 19)

We write on behalf of our client, IM Properties Plc (hereafter referred to as "IM Properties"), in response to the 'Development Management in Birmingham ("DMP") Development Plan Document – Publication Version Consultation' ("the Publication Version") (October 2019), particularly in the context of the development of Peddimore which now benefits from hybrid planning permission.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

IM Properties was appointed as Birmingham City Council's ("BCC") development partner for Peddimore in 2018 and is responsible for enabling and servicing the whole of Peddimore and marketing, delivering and managing the first phases of the site. The remaining part(s) will be retained in the control of BCC.

IM Properties and BCC secured hybrid planning permission for a high quality employment park at Peddimore (Ref: 2019/00108/PA) in September 2019. The hybrid planning permission included a condition (i.e. Condition 51) for all future reserved matters submissions to comply with the approved Reserved Matters Design Guide ("RMDG") (Revision P). The RMDG sets out a framework for the design of all future on-plot development across the site and for consideration of that design at reserved matters stage by BCC.

IM Properties has previously submitted representations to the DMP Preferred Options in March 2019, which should be referred back to by BCC. It is welcomed that a number of the recommendations put forward by IM Properties during the Preferred Options consultation stage have since been considered and incorporated by BCC in the Publication Version.

These representations and those submitted to the Preferred Options examine the emerging development management policies to ensure consistency with the Birmingham Development Plan ("BDP") 2031, the National Planning Policy Framework ("NPPF") (February 2019) as well as the RMDG for Peddimore.

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DM2 AMENITY

As previously set out in our representations to the Preferred Options, DM2 fails to offer flexibility in dealing with any adverse impacts on amenity. This has not been addressed in the Publication Version.

Therefore, our previous comments remain relevant, which is that new wording should be inserted into DM2 as follows:

"New development should seek to reduce and mitigate to a minimum potential adverse impacts on amenity features in the wider area."

This recommendation is in accordance with paragraph 180 of the NPPF, whereas the existing wording in the Publication Version provides a more onerous restriction on new development. Paragraph 180 of the NPPF states that likely effects should be taken into account, rather than "…not result in unacceptable adverse impacts…" as currently expressed in DM2.

DM4 LANDSCAPING AND TREES

IM Properties supports the approach taken to ensure new development contributes to and enhances green infrastructure across the city.

In particular, IM Properties welcomes DM4(3) which specifies that development proposals must seek to avoid the loss of, and minimise the risk of harm to, existing trees or woodland which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. This is appropriately balanced with DM4(5), which specifies that adequate replacement planting will be required to outweigh the harm resulting from loss of trees, woodland or hedgerows.

This addresses the concerns raised by IM Properties at the Preferred Options consultation stage.

DM5 LIGHT POLLUTION

IM Properties agree that appropriate lighting can provide a valuable contribution to making Birmingham a successful, safe and connected place.

In particular, IM Properties welcome the consistency of DM5 with paragraph 180(c) of the NPPF, in which external lighting "must seek to avoid or mitigate any potential adverse impacts" on amenity and public safety.

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DM6 NOISE AND VIBRATION

IM Properties agree that noise and vibration should be managed appropriately to ensure quality of life and working environments, particularly through the mitigation of any impacts.

IM Properties supports the consistency of DM6 with paragraph 180(a) of the NPPF in that where potential adverse noise and vibration impacts are identified, development proposals should set out how such impacts will be reduced and/or mitigated.

However, our previous representations to the Preferred Options still apply in that it remains unclear how BCC will apply the Planning Guidance Note (as referenced at paragraph 2.52 of the Publication Version)



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DM15 PARKING AND SERVICING

IM Properties continue to support the flexible and balanced approach adopted in Policy DM15 in preventing excessive car parking provision whilst ensuring low on-site provision does not increase on-street parking problems on the surrounding road network.

However, IM Properties contend that the DMP should set out HGV parking standards, as well as the new Parking SPD which will set out the City's parking strategy and revised car parking standards, and that such parking provision should reflect the operational requirements of future tenants.

The emerging Parking SPD should be cross referenced in the implementation section of DM15.

CONCLUSION

IM Properties continue to support the purpose of the DMP and its aim to support the strategic policies set out in the BDP, including Policy GA6 'Peddimore', and to update the development management policies in accordance with the NPPF.

Once adopted, the development management policies will form part of the primary material consideration for future applications for approval of reserved matters at Peddimore. Applications for the approval of reserved matters for the initial phases of employment development at Peddimore are expected to be submitted during 2020.

IM Properties trust that the information provided within these representations, particularly in relation to amenity, noise and vibration are taken into consideration before the DMP DPD is submitted to the Secretary of State, so that the development management policies are sound and do not prejudice the delivery of permitted development.

Yours faithfully

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How to use this Representation Form

Please complete this Part A in full. Please note that anonymous comments cannot be accepted. Then please complete a Part B form for each representation that you wish to make.

The Development Management in Birmingham DPD (DMB), including all supporting and accompanying documentation, is available to view in full online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/DMB

Representations on the Publication version of DMB can be made from **Thursday 9**th **January 2020 to <u>17:00hrs</u> on Friday 21st February 2020**. Please note that the Council is unable to accept representations after this point.

The Council strongly recommends the use of this Representation Form for submitting any comments. This will help to ensure that any formal representations that are made are matters of relevance to the subsequent examination by the Planning Inspectorate – an Inspector will only consider issues relating to the 'soundness' or 'legal compliance' of the DMB at examination.

PART A

1. Personal Details* * if an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organization boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in Section 2			
Title:			
First Name:			
Last Name:			
Job title (where relevant):			
Organisation (if relevant): IM Properties Plc			
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
Town:	County:		
Postcode: Telephone:			
Email address:			

2. Agent Details*			
* only complete this section if an agent has been appointed			
Title: Mr			
First Name: Samuel			
Last Name: Lake			
Job title (where relevant):			
Organisation (if relevant): Turley			
Address Line 1: 9 Colmore Row			
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Town: Birmingham County: West Midlands			
Postcode: B3 2BJ Telephone: 0121 233 0902			
Email address: sam.lake@turley.co.uk			

3. Requests for Notifications

This section is for requests to be notified of progress with the DMB for those who are not submitting a formal representation. If you do submit a representation using a part B form then you will automatically be notified of all stages of the DMB and can disregard this section.

I wish to be notified of the following stages of the DMB (please tick/check all that apply):

Submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Y/N	Υ
Publication of the Planning Inspector's Report on the Publication Version Y/N	Υ
Adoption by the Council Y/N	Υ

4. Declaration

If you are submitting Part B form(s), please confirm how many:

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Declaration:

I understand that any representations submitted will be made public and that my personal details will not be passed to any third parties without my prior written consent.

Name: Samuel Lake Date: 21/02/2020

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Please see our response to Q6.

Q8. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you wish to participate at the oral examination (i.e. in person at the hearing sessions rather than via written representations)?

Yes.

Q9. Are there any additional comments you would like to make with regard to the DMB?

No.

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Organisation (if relevant): Turley				
2. Your Representation Important Note: For each question, please mark with an X, complete a separate form for EACH of your comments. Please note for an explanation of the terms used.				
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Q4. Why do you believe that the DMB is NOT sound?				
a/ It is not positively prepared				
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c/ It is not effective				
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Q5. Which part of the DMB are you commenting on?				
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Q4. Why do you believe that the DMB is NOT sound?				
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N/A

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