1.0 Introduction

1.1 Manchester City Council Capital Programmes and Procurement department have prepared this Statement to provide further information in relation to Conditions 8 and 13 relating to Planning Permission for the creation of cycling facilities at Wythenshawe Park, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester M23 0AB (Application Ref: 130542/VO/2021). The salient elements of each Condition are described below:-

> *8. Prior to the removal of vegetation or any trees details plans and locations of the following shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the City Council as local planning authority:*
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> - *The extent of removal of invasive plant species.*
> - *The extent of areas of proposed replanting with woodland species*
> - *The types and densities any new plant species to be introduced.*
> - *The number, type and location of bird nesting and bat roosting boxes.*
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> *13. (a) No retained tree shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, not shall any retained tree be topped or lopped, other than in accordance with the approved plans and particulars, without the written approval of the local planning authority. Any topping or lopping approved shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 5387 (Trees in relation to construction).*
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> *(b) No retained tree shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree shall be planted at the same place and that tree shall be of such size and species, and shall be planted at such time, as may be specified in writing by the local planning authority.*

1.2 It should be noted that the information provided to discharge each condition is as known at pre-commencement of the scheme. Should any further works to trees or vegetation be identified as the project progresses, the relevant information will be provided to the planning authority as an addendum to this document.

2.0 Proposals

2.1 Condition 8

2.1.1 Further details in respect of each element of the Condition 8 are set out below:

- *The extent of removal of invasive plant species.*

  Removal of invasive plant species to be as per Invasive Species Method Statement Plan contained in Appendix B.

- *The extent of areas of proposed re-planting with woodland species.*

- *The types and densities any new plant species to be introduced.*

  Planting of native woodland tree and shrub species will be carried out in areas that are cleared of non-native invasive species. Species to be planted on the site will include native fruiting and flowering species which provide benefits to invertebrates, birds, and mammals that may use the park. Species will be selected from the following:

  - English oak
  - Silver birch
  - Alder
  - Common lime
  - Rowan
  - Wild cherry
  - Holly
  - Hazel
  - Wych Elm
  - Willow species

  Species and densities of planting to be as per ecologist recommendations and be dependent on location, nature of surrounding ground cover, which will be determined following removal of invasive species. Further information can be provided to Planning as required.

- *The number, type and location of bird nesting and bat roosting boxes.*

  Number, type and location of bird nesting and bat roosting boxes set out in Appendix C.

2.2 Condition 13

2.2.1 The information contained in this submission is intended to provide an update to the Plans and Particulars submitted as part of the original planning application with regards works to trees, which included Arboricultural Impact Assessment [Rev 01]. An updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment [Rev 02] is contained in Appendix A, outlining additional requirements that have been identified prior to commencement of the scheme.

2.2.2 Trees identified for removal that were not referenced in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment submitted with the original planning application include the following:

- Category B – G181, T190, T191.
- Category C – T476, T481, T482, T483.
- Category U – G37.

2.2.3 Removal of trees throughout the scheme have been limited as far as reasonably practical, however, isolated removal of lower category trees as above are deemed necessary to facilitate construction of the Perimeter Trail.

2.2.4 In each instance where a tree is removed, a replacement of similar species will be planted at the nearest practical location to where removal has taken place. Further details can be provided to Planning as required prior to re-planting.

2.2.5 All works to trees are to be undertaken under the supervision of an Arboricultural Consultant and in full accordance with BS 5387.

3.0 Appendices

Appendix A – Updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Appendix B – Invasive Species Method Statement

Appendix C - Bird and Bat Box Plan

Appendix A

Updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Appendix B

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