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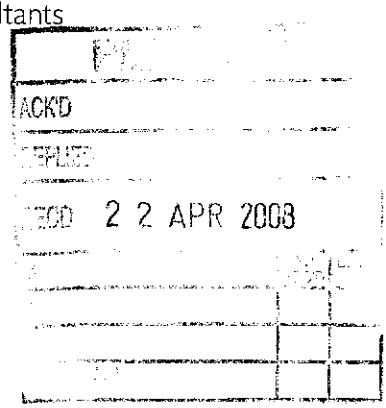

18 March 2008
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Dear Steve,

RE: ENERGY CENTRE,
REYNOLDS HOUSE, TECHNOPARK, MANCHESTER
***Planning application; Planning Portal ref.* PP-00424963**

Further to our various pre-application discussions and our latest email dated 10 April 2008 with regard to the above development, we have today submitted the planning application via the Planning Portal.

As you are aware, the principal activity of IFL is the provision of high quality datacentre services to internet service providers, web hosting companies and other technically aware enterprises. These services are provided from highly specialised premises fitted out with high levels of electrical power, air conditioning, fire detection and fire suppression equipment.

IFL has successfully built up the business, operating out of data centre premises owned or leased by the University until November 2006 when it leased the 1st Floor of Reynolds House (13,000 sq ft of technical space) which it has now sold to IFL Customers.

In August 2007 the University sold its interest in the company to Attenda Ltd, a company based in London providing critical Information Technology infrastructure.

In order to meet the high levels of demand for the services that IFL provide, the company now proposes to develop the Ground floor of Reynolds House. This involves expenditure on technical infrastructure in the order of £2.5M and the building of the new energy centre to house essential equipment is an integral part of this business development.

IFL are in the process of taking a lease on the Ground floor of Reynolds Building until 2021 (co-terminous with the 15 year First Floor lease).

IFL now has an annual turnover of £3M per annum, a staff of 7 and some 150 customers whose IT equipment is housed in the Reynolds House data centre. The data centre within Reynolds House is a key point of internet connectivity within the UK.

All relevant information including the application forms, existing and proposed drawings, design & access statement, tree and acoustic reports has been submitted on line with the exception of the following information which we agreed to submit by post.

Information Enclosed

- A cheque for £1,675 made payable to Manchester City Council for payment of the application fee for which we require a receipt for.

For the avoidance of doubt, under no circumstances does our Client wish to receive a Refusal Notice.

Should at any time the Council be minded to refuse the planning application, we wish to be immediately informed in order that we may consult with our Client to determine the most appropriate course of action.

We trust you will find all is in order and we look forward to receiving your acknowledgement of the application.

Yours sincerely,
For Pickard Finlason Partnership

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cc Mr P Mills; Client (letter + drawings)
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