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Dear Stephen

Southampton City Gateway – 11/00204/FUL – Inner City Boxing Club

Bouygues Development are aware that the issue of the continuing operation of the Inner City Boxing Club is something which is very important to the successful grant of planning permission for the above scheme. To this end, we have been working very hard to find a solution to the problem. I write to clarify what our position is on this matter as we look to gain your approval prior to you writing your recommendation for the planning application.

We had originally hoped that the provision of a new home for the boxing club could be dealt with via commuted sum as part of the S106 with Southampton City Council assuming responsibility for the delivery of the new facility. We understand from conversations with Council officers that this approach is not favoured due to the cost of the ongoing management of such a unit.

To this end, we would be prepared to commit to a three step process in order to guarantee the boxing club with our support and ensure a suitable location will be provided. We are happy to accept the following stepped obligations:-

1. To use all reasonable endeavours to find an alternative location for the boxing club to relocate from such date as vacant possession of the Parkville Road site is requested.
2. Should we not be able to find a suitable solution, we would be prepared to set-up temporary accommodation on site to ensure that the activities of the boxing club will carry on until such time the development will be complete. In parallel to this stage, we will continue to provide all reasonable endeavours to look for a suitable accommodation to relocate the boxing club at the earliest opportunity.
3. In the improbable event where we have not been able to identify such a location during step one and two, we are happy to commit to relocate the boxing club on site and to provide them with the adequate room for them to operate as currently done on site.

As you are aware, we have been searching for a new venue and are currently looking at the building at Swaythling Neighbourhood Centre. We are also regularly in touch with Gino Piccinino, the coach of the boxing club and we will remain so, until together we have found a place suitable to the boxing club.

In addition to providing a new home for the boxing club we are committing to sponsor them to provide new equipment, which is of great benefit to the club and the local community.

I would very much like your agreement to the above strategy and would be delighted to work with you in drafting a satisfactory planning condition in advance of the planning committee meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you soonest.

Yours sincerely


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