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Dear Nicola,

PORT TALBOT STEELWORKS SINTER PLANT – APPLICATION TO DISCHARGE CONDITIONS 5 AND 6 ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION REF. P2020/0403

On behalf of our client, Tata Steel UK Limited (Tata Steel), please find enclosed details to formally discharge the requirements of Conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission reference P2020/0403 (amendment to P2018/1036). The original planning permission was granted on 6 February 2019, for the:

“Demolition of existing structures accommodation the secondary dust extraction system for the sinter plant and installation of a replacement secondary system, including a bag filter system comprising a 6 storey structure, pipework and ducting, chimney stack (55m tall), electrical equipment, hard and soft landscaping and associated development.”

The amendment resulting in the granting of planning permission P2020/0403 related to the removal of a duplicate planning condition and updating the approved construction hours. It did not amend the description of development.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The following documents are submitted as part of this application:

Document	Author	Reference
Application Form	Turley	PP-09594008
Cover Letter	Turley	-
Soft Landscape Plan	EDP	edp5232_d002h

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APPLICATION FEE

An online payment for the requisite planning fee of £115 has been made to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) upon submission of this application.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Planning History

Since planning permission was granted in February 2019 (P2018/1036) the site has been subject to the following planning applications:

- P2019/0303 – Discharge of Condition 9 (external materials) – approved 7 May 2019
- P2019/5682 – Non-material amendment – approved 20 December 2019
- P2019/5697 – Discharge of Conditions 3 (drainage), 4 (remediation) and 5 (piling) – approved 15 January 2020
- P2020/0403 – Removal of Condition 16 (duplicate) and amendment to Condition 17 (construction hours) – approved 22 June 2020

Condition 5

Condition 5 of the permission states:

“Notwithstanding the submitted details, prior to the commissioning date (meaning the date on which the secondary de-dusting extraction system is first operational, which shall include for any purposes of testing) of the hereby approved secondary de-dusting extraction system, a revised landscaping scheme, which shall include the reasons for tree species selection given their proposed location together with the sizes at time of planting and proposed density and with measures for their protection, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be carried out on site during the first planting season after the first beneficial use of the hereby approved development and any trees or plants which within a period of five years are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and the same species.”

An updated soft landscape plan was prepared by EDP to respond to original feedback from the Biodiversity Officer, in particular the request for the inclusion of native cultivar and consideration to dust suppression species. The species chosen respond directly to the nature and industrial context of the site. The revised landscaping plan sets out the location, sizes and measures for protection of the species, in accordance with the details required from the above condition.

The revised landscaping scheme is appropriate for a site of this nature and the surrounding industrial context. It is considered that the supporting plan provides sufficient information to fully discharge Condition 5.

Condition 6

Condition 6 of the permission states that:

“Notwithstanding the submitted details, prior to the commissioning date (meaning the date on which the secondary de-dusting extraction system is first operational, which shall include for any purposes of testing) of the hereby approved development a landscape management plan, including long term design objectives, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for all landscape areas, other than small, privately owned, domestic gardens, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning

authority. The approved management plan shall be implemented prior to the end of commissioning for its permitted use."

The updated soft landscape plan sets out how the planting will be maintained in accordance with the relevant British Standards. This includes watering, protective guards and management across the five year period.

In the longer term, the landscape management will be coordinated by Tata's Environmental team in accordance with their estate management plans.

CONCLUSIONS

This application seeks the formal discharge of Condition 5 and 6 of P2020/0403 at Port Talbot Steelworks. We trust the enclosed information and supporting documents are acceptable and will enable the conditions to be promptly discharged in full.

We look forward to your confirmation of receipt and validation of this application. Should you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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