Appendix 4.2 G Correspondence with KCC Roads Department		

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From: Donnachadh O'Brien <d.obrien@doba.ie> on behalf of Donnachadh O'Brien

Sent: Thursday 4 May 2023 17:21

To: George Willoughby

Cc:Richard Kiernan; Stephen Deegan; Colm Lynch; David ReelSubject:Re: Herbata Data Centre, Halverstown.- Bicycle Parking

George,

We are proposing a total of 52. It's 8 spaces per data centre building and there are 6 No. data centre buildings and 4 spaces at the Site Administration building which is a total of 52 bicycle spaces across the site.

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On 4 May 2023, at 18:15, George Willoughby <gwilloughby@kildarecoco.ie> wrote:

Donnachadh,

Could you please confirm that you are proposing to provide a total of **12 bicycle parking spaces** and not 52 bicycle parking spaces on the site.

Regards,

George

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From: Donnachadh O'Brien <d.obrien@doba.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 9:06 AM

To: George Willoughby <gwilloughby@kildarecoco.ie>

Cc: Richard Kiernan <richard.kiernan@doba.ie>; Stephen Deegan <SDeegan@kildarecoco.ie>; Colm

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Thanks George,

I have had a conversation with Aisling Tormey, and we noted that we would be making a strong case for the reduction in the 91m setback, as per the report we submitted to you. Ultimately, this appears to be a matter for KCC Planning department and we would hope that they would take their lead from KCC Roads comments below in relation to accepting the proposed setback.

I would also like to get your thoughts on **Bicycle parking** on the site.

The nature of the site and the likely trip generation form workers using bicycles is unlikely to require full provision the bicycle parking required under current development plan standards. There are 6 data centre buildings on the site and a campus admin building.

Data centres have extremely low staff number proportional to the floor area of the building and Table 1 below is an extract from Systra's scoping note issued previously which shows the total staff number per building, ignoring shift working patterns. There is a total of <u>28 staff</u> and conservatively we have estimated 25 trips per day form visitors/customers, who are unlikely to be cycling to the facility

If we apply the Development Plan standards only to the office gross floor area of each Data Centre this would equate to a requirement for 49 spaces, with only 28 staff serving each building, which makes no sense.

We are therefore proposing to provide a total of 52 bicycle parking spaces on the site.

- 1. 8 No. per Data centre building this provides cycle parking for 30% of the total number permanent staff on site.
- 2. 4 No for Admin building

Would be grateful if you could advise if you are in agreement with the above provision given the very specific nature of this development

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Kind Regards

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From: George Willoughby <gwilloughby@kildarecoco.ie>

Sent: 21 April 2023 12:23

To: Donnachadh O'Brien <d.obrien@doba.ie>

Cc: Marie Whelan mwhelan@kildarenrdo.com; Stephen Deegan SDeegan@kildarecoco.ie; Aisling Tormey ATormey@kildarenrdo.com; Aidan Farrell NRDO afarrell@kildarenrdo.com; Colm Lynch Clynch@kildarecoco.ie; David Reel Dreel@kildarecoco.ie; Yasir Khan YKhan@kildarecoco.ie>

Subject: RE: Herbata Data Centre, Halverstown.

Donnachadh,

Please note the comments from Aisling Tormey of the Kildare NRO below and the attached comments from Aidan Farrell of the Kildare NRO.

I recommend that you proceed with your planning application which will enable the Kildare NRO and the TII to make a submission on the design details submitted.

Regards,

George

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From: Aisling Tormey < <u>ATormey@kildarenrdo.com</u>>

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 11:34 AM

To: George Willoughby <gwilloughby@kildarecoco.ie>; Aidan Farrell NRDO <AFarrell@kildarenrdo.com>

Cc: Marie Whelan < MWhelan@kildarenrdo.com>; Stephen Deegan < SDeegan@kildarecoco.ie>

Subject: RE: Herbata Data Centre, Halverstown.

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George,

We note the proposal is still in contravention of the 91m set back as set out in the KCC CDP. A planning application has not yet been submitted. Accordingly, we are not in a position to agree to a reduction in setback distances at this stage. We also note TII have not yet been consulted.

Kind regards

Aisling Tormey BA BAI CEng MIEI Chartered Engineer Senior Executive Engineer

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From: George Willoughby < gwilloughby@kildarecoco.ie>

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:02 PM

To: Aisling Tormey < ATormey@kildarenrdo.com >; Aidan Farrell < AFarrell@kildarenrdo.com >

Cc: Marie Whelan < MWhelan@kildarenrdo.com>; Stephen Deegan < SDeegan@kildarecoco.ie>; Colm

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Subject: FW: Herbata Data Centre, Halverstown.

Aisling, Aidan,

I wish to confirm that the KCC Roads Planning Section has examined the additional information submitted by Donnachadh O'Brien Consulting Engineers and Our Section has **no objection** to the proposed VRU Improvement Works on the Caragh Bridge R409 to service the development and the proposed set back proposals from the M7 Motorway.

I would appreciate confirmation that the Kildare NRO are also in agreement with this by this Wednesday 19th April (COB) if possible.

Regards,

George

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From: Donnachadh O'Brien < d.obrien@doba.ie >

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:08 AM

To: George Willoughby <gwilloughby@kildarecoco.ie>

Cc: Stephen Deegan <<u>SDeegan@kildarecoco.ie</u>>; Richard Kiernan <<u>richard.kiernan@doba.ie</u>>

Subject: Herbata Data Centre, Halverstown.

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Hi George,

We spoke last week about further pre-planning engagement with TII and KCC Roads department in relation to the works along the R409 Caragh Road, as suggested by both Kildare NDRO office as the last formal pre planning. We would welcome if you could suggest a time and day for a meeting as soon as possible to co-ordinate the R409 works and those impacting the provision of path and cycleway on the site-side of the R409, including across the M7 bridge.

I have attached a report from the planning consultants, RPS, in respect to the 91m setback. We have pointed out precedence and other examples north and south of the site where other commercial developments have been granted and constructed with less than 91m. I think this document will be useful to review prior to the meeting as we would like to agree this issue with KCC prior to lodgement. The key conclusions of the report are in red below.

The subject proposals follow a considered design process and include a generous setback from the motorway and a high quality landscaping arrangement.

There is local planning policy pertaining to a 91m setback from the motorway in the Naas LAP. It is not considered that the rigid application of the 91m setback is appropriated in this instance because:

- There are numerous examples of buildings within 91m of the motorway in the immediate vicinity of the subject site;
- There has been no requirement to set back development 91m from the motorway in the general vicinity of the subject site in a large number of planning decisions made by KCC and ABP in recent years;
- A setback of at least 57.5m and 40m landscaping is proposed in the subject development, this addresses visual and noise impacts and is considered to allow for any potential future upgrade that may be required; and
- The requirement for a 91m setback from motorway is not applied consistently in LAPs within Kildare and other counties and there does not appear to be any overarching planning or technical requirement for such a setback.

It is considered that the proposed development accords with sustainable development objectives and adopts an exemplary approach to data centre development within the State.

Kind Regards

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