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Dear Sir/Madam

Re Apex Business Park, Unit 4a, Queens Farm Road, Shorne, Gravesend, Kent DA12 3HU
Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 and 21 of planning permission GR/15/1192 to
allow alterations to the site layout
Planning application - GR/25/1008 (KCC/GR/0048/2025)

The above planning application has come to the Society's notice and the Society wishes to make the following representations. The Society wishes to register an objection to the application on the following grounds, that the revised layout submitted under application GR/25/1008 (KCC/GR/0048/2025) omits a number of key elements which formed part of the planning consent granted under reference GR/15/1192 (KCC/GR/0387/2015).

Condition 2 of the planning consent granted under reference GR/15/1192 (KCC/GR/0387/2015) states that,

"2, The development hereby permitted shall be carried out and completed in all respects strictly in accordance with the submitted details, documents and plans referred to in Schedule 1 (attached) and/or as otherwise approved pursuant to the conditions below.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to maintain planning control over the development."

The condition makes reference to Schedule 1 (refer to page 3 below) which includes inter alia drawing 002 Rev 5 proposed site layout, dated April 2016. This layout clearly shows 17 dedicated car park spaces and parking for 6 heavy goods vehicles.

Grounds of objection

- (a) On the revised proposed site layout submitted under GR/25/1008 (KCC/GR/0048/2025) the area of the 17 car parking spaces is indicated as a Skip Storage Area. It is difficult to see how an assessed need for 17 car parking spaces can reduce to 6 spaces for the office. The Society notes that this coincides with the parking of a significant number of cars in the area of Queens Farm Road adjacent to the rail crossing. This area in the past has been used by the general public wishing to park in order to cross the North Kent Railway line to gain access to the Shorne Marshes the Canal Tow Path and the River Bank. Usage of the area by the public has