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Gravesham Borough Council
Planning Department

Application Ref: 20240199

Site: Keady Office Building, Dalefield Industrial Park, Dalefield Way, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2FL.

Development: Erection of a new three storey office building, for use Class E, and erection of a single storey storage building, for use Class B8, with associated parking and landscaping.

Groundworks Contractor Written Statement In support of Condition 10 and the approved Remedial Action Plan & Watching Brief Report (Manhire Associates, 23052 WP01 Rev 00, February 2024)

We write in our capacity as the groundworks contractor responsible for the relevant foundations and groundworks associated with the above development.

The groundworks undertaken by O'Halloran & O'Brien Ltd comprised of: reduced dig / foundations / slab works / drainage / service trenches / external works: hard and soft landscaping.

The works were carried out with reference to the approved contamination strategy and watching brief procedures contained within **23052 WP01: Phase 2 Dalefield Road Remedial Action Plan & Watching Brief Report, Revision 00, dated February 2024.**

During the course of the groundworks, the near-surface ground conditions encountered generally comprised existing hardstanding / concrete yard slab over selected crushed concrete fill associated with the previous site development in 2016-2018. Based on the ground conditions exposed during the works undertaken by O'Halloran & O'Brien Ltd, **no visual, olfactory, or other evidence of unexpected contamination was identified.**

In particular, no fuel or oil staining, buried waste, ash, clinker, asbestos-containing material, unusual discoloration, unusual odours, or other suspect contamination indicators were observed during the groundworks operations undertaken by us.

Accordingly, **no contamination-related remedial action was required or undertaken by O'Halloran & O'Brien Ltd**, and no contamination event arose that required notification to the Local Planning Authority under the discovery strategy set out in the approved Manhire report. Materials arising from the works, including excavated muck and broken concrete, were removed from site in the normal course of the groundworks operations. All such removals were undertaken through the appropriate waste streams, with the relevant tickets and records retained. No materials were removed from site on the basis of identified or suspected contamination.

Crushed concrete, MOT Type 1, sand and topsoil were imported and used as part of the construction and reinstatement works. These materials were brought to site as part of the normal groundworks scope.

This statement is provided as the Groundworks Contractor Written Statement referred to in Section 5.6 of the approved Manhire Associates report.

Signed: 

Name: *Charles Osmond*

Position: *Site Manager*

For and on behalf of O'Halloran & O'Brien Ltd