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Dear Sir/Madam
INSTALLATION OF AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS TO FLATS (PLOTS 867- 875 & 899-907 OF PLANNING PERMISSION PL/2022/07678)
FUGGLESTONE RED PHASE A2

I am pleased to submit an application to install Air Source Heat Pumps to the flats approved under ref. PL/2022/07678. This application follows on from the approval of a Non Material Amendment to install Heat Pumps to the dwellinghouses (PL/2023/04025 refers). It is understood that the Council would not accept a NMA for the flats, hence this full application for planning permission.

In terms of merit, as stated in the Chief Planner's Letter to LPAs dated 31 May 2022, the Government has made changes to the Building Regulations which will influence housing design and result in an increase in applications to amend planning approvals.

The changes to Part L of the Building Regulations 2021 came into effect on 15 June 2022 and form transitional arrangements for the introduction of the Future Homes Standards by 2025.

The Chief Planner's Letter expects LPA's to support the transitional arrangements to Building Regulations, stating: *"We expect these changes coupled with the new transitional arrangements to cause an increase in the number of planning applications that need amending. The transitional arrangements for the regulations (the means by which older regulations can be applied) apply on a building-by-building basis, not site wide. Therefore, any building that has not been started by June 2023 will need to comply with the new regulations and may need to get re-approved."*

To this end the proposed Affordable Housing Provider for Phase A2 has advised that any formal offer would require the affordable dwellings to be provided with air source heat pumps to all of its properties in line with the Government's drive to Future Homes Standard and in line with its Corporate and Social Responsibility strategy.

In order to ensure compliance with Part L 2021, amendments are required to the flats on the development- that is to say plots 867- 875 & 899-907 approved under ref. PL/2022/07678.

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The application is supported by a Site Plan showing the locations of the Heat Pumps, together with elevational details, the technical specifications of the pumps and a Noise Impact Assessment that concludes there would no impact upon the amenity of the prospective or neighbouring occupiers.

The proposed development would not result in a material change within the context of the approved overall development. It should be noted that the planning permission requires the use of renewable energy equipment to achieve a 10% reduction in carbon emissions, and the proposed amendments would be a betterment to this by securing significant carbon emissions reduction.

I trust the above details are sufficient to progress the application to a favourable conclusion.

Yours faithfully

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