

## Colliers Wood Matters Update

### Deed of Easement with Merton and Sainsburys

The form of Deed of Easement for the Bridge was agreed with Sainsburys in February 2023.

The form of Deed of Easement with Merton Council is still to be agreed after 18 months of negotiations. Merton were originally provided with the form of Deed of Easement agreed with Sainsburys, but wanted absolute signoff on the specification for the Bridge. We raised the concern that this could leave Clarion ransomed and proposed a compromised whereby Clarion would provide the specification and Merton would have 10 working days to approve it or provide their comments. If they failed to either provide comments or approve the specification within the 10 working days approval would be deemed to be given.

We proposed this compromise to Merton on 30 October, but we have not heard back from Merton since then.

It is important to note that the form of Deed of Easement provided to Merton was accepted by Sainsburys. We have offered a compromised position, but are still yet to hear back. Merton as the Local Planning Authority would have the power to reject any specification for the Bridge via the planning process in any event.

### Transfer of Land Parcels from the Environment Agency

We were given the Environment Agency's solicitor's details in October 2023 and made contact shortly afterwards. We received a response from the Environment Agency's solicitor in November 2023 to say they were yet to be instructed.

At the end of February we received confirmation from the Environment Agency's solicitor that they were now instructed. We responded raising standard enquiries and they reverted to say that they understand Clarion have agreed to cover their fees up to £5,000 plus VAT. The HOTs say that Clarion were to cover legal fees but did not state an amount. They also stated that Clarion would cover their professional fees up to £5,500 plus VAT.

We have just sent Clarion a funds request for the £5,000 plus VAT for legal fees as agreed and understand Clarion are making arrangements for these to be sent over shortly.

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