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Subject: Link Park Heathrow - revised application with alternative data centre proposal

I am writing on behalf of Link Park Heathrow LLP, who as you will be aware, previously submitted a planning application in December 2020 for a data centre proposal at Thorney Mill Road, Heathrow, UB7 7EZ.

I am getting in touch as the plans have been revised, with a new layout to reflect stakeholder feedback. This will see an illustrative scheme with a single data centre building. It will avoid changes to the railhead, see increased levels of planting to minimize the visual impact of the scheme and avoids any impact on the existing adjacent poplar trees.

A revised planning application has now been submitted to Bucks Council and Hillingdon LBC, and we expect that it will be validated in the next couple of weeks. We recognise that parish councillors may be interested in the revised plans and are happy to arrange a briefing over MS Teams so they can find out more about the scheme and ask questions of the project team. Do let us know if this would be of interest?

Economic benefits

A data centre at Link Park is a major investment and there would be a number of economic benefits from the proposals, with the potential for them to kickstart a new industry in this part of Buckinghamshire. This would include the following benefits:

- £390m investment in this part of Buckinghamshire
- 90 jobs to maintain and operate the data centre over its lifespan which will add £12.1m GVA per annum to the local economy
- 130 indirect jobs in the local data economy
- 171 non-tradeable local service jobs, generating around £3m in GVA per annum
- 200 construction workers
- £3.85m in business rates per annum

Public engagement

Whilst we have already undertaken two rounds of public consultation on the principle of the development, we recognise that local residents will have an interest in the revised outline plans. We are distributing the attached leaflet to c.6,750 local properties, providing details about the scheme and directing people to our updated project website, which has further information:

www.linkparkheathrow.com

Once the scheme is validated, we will also include a link on our project website to access the Bucks and Hillingdon planning portals, so residents can give feedback as part of the statutory consultation.