



Our Ref: SDC 23/09/22

23 September 2022

TO: Grace Edwards – Senior Planning Officer LBRuT

BY: E-Mail

Dear Grace

Ham Close Regeneration – T10 Pine Tree and proposed play equipment

Further to my attendance at the post-planning LBRuT Parks Team meeting on 22 September 2022 and the request for a response on RHP's approach to the maintenance and management of both the T-10 Pine tree and the play equipment located nearby, I am happy to provide the following:

I have reviewed and am satisfied with the applicant's (Hill Residential) earlier response to your tree officer's comments on the siting of the play equipment. I have also met with RHP's Head of Community Services, responsible for both caretaking and tree management across Richmond.

We can confirm that RHP will maintain the tree in accordance with the requirements to be agreed by our arborists through annual tree inspections to ensure the play area is not negatively impacted by the growth, whilst ensuring that no unnecessary harm is caused to the tree.

For information, all RHP play areas are visually inspected weekly by the caretaking team and monthly by an independent play area specialist and any concerns raised through these inspections will be responded to accordingly and appropriately.

Finally, please be aware that as now, Ham Close will continue to benefit from a dedicated on-site caretaking team and the design proposals include for an expanded Caretaker Hub located next to the T-10 Pine Tree in the first phase of delivery, who will also monitor the tree and play area.

I hope my response provides you with the reassurance needed.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Simon Cavanagh
Regeneration Manager