DATED 10th April 2024

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

(1)

- and -

GHL (IPSWICH) DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (2)

- and -

SHR IPSWICH LIMITED

(3)

AGREEMENT

made pursuant to Sections 278 and 38 of the Highways Act 1980 and any other enabling power relating to the development of land on the south side of Commercial Road, Ipswich, Suffolk

Nigel Inniss Head of Governance Suffolk County Council 8 Russell Road Ipswich Suffolk IP1 2BX

Ref: S278/GRAFTON WAY/LEGAL 80198

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- (1) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL of Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich Suffolk IP1 2BX ("the County Council")
- (2) **GHL (IPSWICH) DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED** (company number 13775645) of 3rd Floor, Sterling House, Langston Road, Loughton, Essex, England, IG10 3TS ("the Developer")
- (3) SHR IPSWICH LIMITED (company number 14068191) of St. Helens, 1 Undershaft, London, United Kingdom, EC3P 3DQ ("the Owner")

RECITALS AND DEFINITIONS

Completion"

(A) In this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires the following words shall have the following meanings:-

"1980 Act"	Means the Highways Act 1980 (as amended)
"Approved Contractor"	Means the contractor(s) approved by the County Council for carrying out the Highway Works of the value and complexity proposed (which includes but is not limited to Galliard Construction Limited)
"Approved Sub- Contractor"	Means the sub-contractor(s) approved by the County Council for carrying out the Highway Works of the value and complexity proposed
"CDM Regulations"	Means the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/51)
"Certificate of Final Completion"	Means any of the certificates referred to in paragraph 15.3 of Schedule I
"Certificate of Substantial	Means any of the certificates referred to in paragraph 14.2 of Schedule I

"Commuted Sums" Means the sum of £1,794.24 (One Thousand, Seven Hundred

and Ninety Four Pounds and Twenty-Four Pence) which is calculated, as set out in paragraph 18.1 on Schedule I towards the cost of the County Council's future maintenance liability of the Highway Works

"Contract"

Means the contract or contracts in respect of each and all of the Highway Works

"Contractor"

Means the contractor or contractors who have been awarded the Contract to execute the Highway Works. For the avoidance of doubt the aforementioned definition does not include any subcontractor

"Development"

Means the development to be carried out pursuant to the Permission

"Director"

Means the County Council's Executive Director of Growth, Highways and Infrastructure or other officers of the County Council acting under his hand

"Highway Works"

Means the works collectively or individually as the context requires which are set out in Schedule III of this Agreement and shown in the Works Drawings

"Highway Structure"

Means any bridge, subway, culvert, pipe, tunnel, or other structure built in, over, under or adjacent to any part of the highway

"Performance Bond" Means the bond with the Performance Bond Surety for each and all of the Highway Works, such bond to be in the form set out in Schedule II.A to the effect that should the Developer default in the execution of its obligations to carry out the Highway Works and to maintain the same in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement then the County Council will call upon the Performance Bond Surety to provide the full value of the Performance Bond (subject to the provisions hereinafter contained) to carry out the Highway Works and maintain the same as aforesaid

"Performance

Means the sum of £216,301.25 (Two Hundred and Sixteen

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Thousand, Three Hundred and One Pound and Twenty-Five Pence) being the Tender Sum plus 10 per cent in respect of the Highway Works and as set out in each of the Contracts

"Performance Bond Surety"

Means Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company (Europe) Ltd or such other company as may be approved by the County Council (acting reasonably)

"Permission"

Means the planning permission granted by Ipswich Borough Council dated 13 May 2022 granted with reference number IP/19/00148/OUT in respect of the Site together with any modification of it

"Road Safety Audit"

Means the evaluation of each and all of the Highway Works during design and at the end of construction to identify potential road safety problems that may affect any users of the highway and to suggest measures to eliminate or mitigate those problems in accordance with Department for Transport standards or by the County Council as agreed by the Director

"Site"

Means land on the south side of Commercial Road, Ipswich, Suffolk and registered at the Land Registry under title number SK423422

"Specification"

The County Council's "Specification for Estate Roads" dated May 2007 (or later amendment current at the date of this Agreement) so far as this is consistent with the Works Drawings and description in Schedule III (subject to any variations agreed in writing by the Director)

"Sub-contractor"

Means the sub-contractor(s) working for the Contractor(s) who have been contracted to execute the Highway Works

"Substantial Completion"

Means complete to the reasonable satisfaction of the Director and so that the Highway Works can be used for the purpose and operate in the manner for which they were designed

"Technical Standards" Means the standards necessary to ensure complete conformity with all UK primary and secondary legislation (including by-laws) all guidance standards and codes of

practice issued by the Department for Transport the County Council statutory undertakers and relevant professional institutes the Road Safety Audit and formal instructions issued by the Director from time to time during the design and implementation of the Highway Works and for the avoidance of doubt this shall include the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and BS5489 in relation to the design of any street lighting

"Tender Sum"

Means the sum of £196,637.50 (One Hundred and Ninety Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds and Fifty Pence) (including the costs associated with statutory undertakers work and traffic management) agreed by the Director for carrying out the Contract by the Contractor

"Works Drawings"

Means the attached drawings bearing the numbers referred to in Schedule IV or any subsequent revision of them which has been approved or requested by the Director and which relate to the Highway Works

- (B) In this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires :-
 - (i) Words importing the singular meaning where the context so admits include the plural meaning and vice versa; and
 - (ii) Words of the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and words denoting actual persons include companies, corporations and firms and all such words shall be construed interchangeably in that manner; and
 - (iii) "party" or "parties" means a party or parties to this Agreement; and
 - (iv) references to any party shall include the successors in title and assigns of that party; and in the case of the County Council the successors to its statutory functions; and
 - (v) where a party includes more than one person any obligations of that party can be enforced against all of them jointly and severally unless there is an express provision otherwise; and
 - (vi) the headings and contents list in this Agreement shall not form part of or affect its construction; and

- (vii) references to clauses schedules and paragraphs are references to clauses in and schedules to this Agreement and paragraphs in schedules to this Agreement; and
- (viii) where a party or any officer or employee is required to give its consent approval or agreement to any specific provision in this Agreement such consent approval or agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed; and
- (ix) any mention herein of any act or of any section regulation or statutory instrument shall be deemed to refer to the same source as at any time amended and where such act section regulation or statutory instrument has been replaced consolidated or re-enacted with or without amendment such mention shall be deemed to refer to the relevant provision of the updating consolidating or re-enacting act or section or regulation or statutory instrument
- (C) The County Council is the highway authority (except for trunk roads) for the purposes of the 1980 Act for the area within which the Site is situated and the Highway Works will be carried out
- (D) The Developer is carrying out the development of the Site and has the benefit of the Permission
- (E) The Owner is the registered proprietor with title absolute of the Site
- (F) The Owner's sole purpose in entering into this Deed is to dedicate as public highway that part of the Site upon which the Highway Works are to be constructed which does not currently form part of the public highway and the County Council agrees to accept such dedication and adopt that part of the Site and the Highway Works as highway maintainable at public expense on the terms and conditions hereinafter contained
- (G) Having regard to the development plan and other material considerations the County Council considers it expedient in the interests of the proper planning of their area that the Highway Works need to be carried out to facilitate the Development and that entering into this Agreement will be of benefit to the public

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:-

1 LEGAL EFFECT

- 1.1. This Agreement and the covenants that appear hereinafter are made pursuant to Sections 38 72 and 278 of the 1980 Act Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 and all other enabling powers to the intent that the provisions of this Agreement shall bind the Site and the parties hereto and all persons deriving title through or under them
- 1.2. This Agreement is a Deed. Any financial default under this Agreement will be registered as a Local Land Charge under section 278(5)(c) of the 1980 Act
- 1.3. No waiver (whether express or implied) by the County Council of any breach or default by the Developer in the performance or observance of any of the covenants, terms or obligations in this Agreement shall constitute a continuing waiver and no such waiver shall prevent the County Council from enforcing any of the covenants, terms or obligations or from acting upon any subsequent breach or default in respect thereof
- 1.4. Any provision of this Agreement which is or may be unlawful void or unenforceable shall to the extent of such unlawfulness invalidity or unenforceability be deemed severable and shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement
- 1.5. This Agreement is governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and shall be determined in the Courts of England

2 NOTICES

2.1. Any notices or other written communication to be served or given by one party upon or to any other party under the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been validly served or given if delivered by hand or sent by recorded delivery post or sent by the DX service to the party upon whom it is to be served or to whom it is to be given or as otherwise notified for the purpose by notice in writing provided that the notice or other written communication is addressed and delivered by hand or by recorded delivery post or by the DX service to the address of the party concerned as nominated in sub-clause 2.2. below

2.2. The address for any notice or other written communication in the case of each party to this Agreement shall be as follows:-

The County Council Suffolk County Council Endeavour
House 8 Russell Road Ipswich IP1
2BX marked for the attention of the
Assistant Director of Governance,
Legal and Assurance (or where the
context requires the Executive
Director of Growth, Highways and

Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX)

The Developer marked for the attention of David

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Infrastructure, Endeavour House 8

Langston Road Loughton Essex IG10

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The Owner SHR Ipswich Limited St. Helens, 1

Undershaft, London, United Kingdom, EC3P 3DQ marked for the attention of

Sean Moran

2.3. Any notice or other written communication to be given by the County Council shall be deemed to be valid and effective if on its face it is signed on behalf of the County Council by a duly authorised officer

3 **GENERAL**

- 3.1. All works and activities to be carried out under the terms of this Agreement (including for the avoidance of doubt such works as are of a preparatory ancillary or of a maintenance nature) are (save where expressly provided otherwise) to be at the sole expense of the Developer and at no cost to the County Council
- 3.2. All consideration given and payments made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be exclusive of any VAT properly payable in respect thereof and in the event of VAT becoming chargeable at any time in respect of any supply made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement then to the extent that VAT had not previously been charged in respect of that supply the person making

the supply shall raise a VAT invoice to the person to whom the supply was made and the VAT shall be paid accordingly

3.3. The County Council and their respectively duly authorised officers and agents may enter upon the land on which the Highway Works are being carried out at any reasonable time to ascertain whether the terms of the Agreement are being or have been complied with

4 <u>ARBITRATION</u>

- 4.1. Any dispute or difference arising between the parties as a result of this Agreement may be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator to be agreed upon between the parties or failing agreement within fourteen days after either of the parties has given to the other a written request requiring the appointment of an arbitrator to a person to be appointed at the request of either of the parties by the President for the time being of The Institution of Civil Engineers
- 4.2. Any reference to arbitration shall be undertaken in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996 save as follows:-
 - (a) the seat of the arbitration shall be at the County Council's offices in Ipswich Suffolk
 - (b) where appropriate the arbitrator may consolidate arbitral proceedings
 - (c) with the parties' agreement the arbitrator may appoint experts or legal advisers
- 4.3 A party wishing to refer any such dispute or difference to arbitration shall notify the other party in writing of such intention without delay
- 4.4 The arbitrator shall act as a referee and not as an expert except in any case where the parties to a dispute or difference agree on the arbitrator when such parties may also agree that such arbitrator shall act as an expert
- 4.5 Subject to Sections 67 68 and 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 the parties agree to be bound by the decision of the arbitrator

5 COVENANTS

- 5.1 The Owner covenants and warrants to the County Council that they have full power to enter into this Agreement and there is no other person having a charge over or any other interest in the Site whose consent is necessary for the Owner to enter into this Agreement and to comply with the obligations given by it as set out at paragraph 14.3 of Schedule I
- 5.2 The Developer hereby covenants and undertakes with the County Council that from the date of this Agreement it will (unless otherwise agreed by the County Council) carry out and comply with the obligations set out in Schedule I and the details set out in Schedules III and IV hereto
- 5.3 The County Council without prejudice to its statutory powers and duties hereby appoints the Developer to act as its agent and gives to the Developer licence (in so far as is reasonably necessary for the Developer to perform the obligations under the terms of this Agreement) to enter into and upon and remain upon the highway to carry out the construction of the Highway Works within the timescales referred to in Schedule III hereto or such other period as may be agreed in writing by the Director, provided that this licence shall not extend to the Developer's successors in title or assigns unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Director prior to that successor or assignee commencing work in the public highway
- 5.4 The Developer covenants with the County Council not to commence the Highway Works set out in Schedule III unless road space has first been booked with the County Council
- 5.5 The Developer covenants with the County Council as highway authority to give written notice not less than three calendar months prior to works commencing, in order that the County Council as highway authority has sufficient time to ensure that the commencement of works will cause the least disruption possible to road users and the County Council reserves the right to refuse consent and/or to stop or require the stopping of works under the terms of this Agreement and relevant legislation where the aforesaid notice period is not complied with
- 5.6 The Developer covenants with the County Council as highways authority to comply with the provisions of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, the Traffic Management Act 2004 and any amendments thereof

5.7 The County Council covenants with the Developer that on the date of issue of the Certificate of Final Completion the roads subject to the Highway Works shall thenceforth be, to the extent they are not already, adopted as highways maintainable at the public expense

6 THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

6.1 It is hereby agreed and declared that the provisions of Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 shall not apply to this Agreement

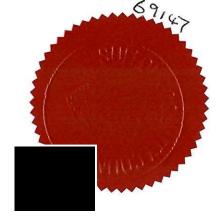
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- 7.1 If the Highway Works have not been commenced within one (1) year from the date of this Agreement, save as this period is otherwise extended in writing by the Director at his discretion, then this Agreement shall lapse and be of no further effect (save to the extent already complied with) and the Developer agrees to pay to the County Council any costs properly incurred by the County Council prior to the lapse of this Agreement (which have not already been paid) including but not limited to those costs set out in paragraph 19 of Schedule I to this Agreement
- 7.2 Where, in accordance with clause 7.1 above the Director, at his discretion, agrees in writing to an extension to the period of one (1) year after which this Agreement shall lapse, this Agreement shall lapse at the end of such period as agreed in writing by the Director where the Highway Works have not been commenced by the expiry of that extension period

In witness whereof this Agreement has been executed and delivered as a Deed on the date first written above

The COMMON SEAL of SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of





EXECUTED AS A DEED by SHR IPSWICH LIMITED Acting by one director in the presence of:

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EXECUTED AS A DEED by GHL (IPSWICH) DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED Acting by one director in the presence of:					

Director:

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SCHEDULE I

1 THE DESIGN OF THE HIGHWAY WORKS

- 1.1 The design of the Highway Works shall be to the satisfaction of the Director with due consideration of the Technical Standards
- 1.2 No work on any of the Highway Works shall commence and no Contract for their construction shall be let until
 - 1.2.1 full details of the design of the Highway Works to be commenced in the form of plans, drawings, specifications and other materials have been submitted to the Director together with the name of the principal designer (whom the Developer shall appoint for the full duration of the design and construction of each and all of the Highway Works) in accordance with the CDM Regulations and any codes of practice referred to therein
 - 1.2.2 the Director has given his written approval (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to the Highway Works to be commenced and such approval shall not be given if the said plans, drawings, specifications and other documentation have not adequately addressed the issues raised in the preconstruction stages of the Road Safety Audit process and if given shall lapse if the Highway Works are not commenced within twelve (12) months of the date of the said Director's approval
 - 1.2.3 preliminary proposals, detailed contract drawings, schedules and specifications for Highway Structures have been prepared by the Developer and submitted for written approval to the Director's Bridge Office in accordance with Department for Transport Document BD2/12 and the structural design and checking procedure has been carried out by an incorporated or chartered engineer familiar with Department for Transport Codes of Practice and experienced in the design of Highways Structures. The documents are to be agreed as applicable with the Director before the design is commenced and details are submitted for approval

- 1.3 If the Director does not propose to give his approval in relation to those matters referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule he shall in each case as soon as possible in writing inform the Developer and if the Director requires amendments or additions to the plans drawings specifications and other materials referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule these amendments shall be undertaken by the Developer at his own expense and a revised set of updated documents shall be resubmitted to the Director for his approval
- 1.4 Without prejudice to paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule, the Director shall not give his approval as referred therein until the Developer has paid the sum referred to in paragraph 19.1.3 towards the cost of checking the design of the Highway Works and inspecting the Highway Works. The Highway Works at all times shall be carried out in accordance with the plans, drawings, specifications and other materials which have received the Director's approval referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule and the Developer shall in the execution of the Highway Works comply or ensure that the Contractor complies with the Technical Standards

2 LETTING OF THE CONTRACT

- 2.1 No Contract shall be let until all traffic management measures have been prepared by the Developer and approved in writing by the Director ("the approved programme") and thereafter each of the Contracts will be offered to an Approved Contractor
- 2.2 The Contract to be let under paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule shall be let under NEC3 suite of contracts (and any amendments thereto shall be approved by the Director,) and the Developer shall obtain the agreement of the Contractor to be bound by the agreed drawings in Schedule IV
- 2.3 The Contract shall be awarded by the Developer subject to the Director having first given his written approval to the proposed chartered engineer(s) or other suitably qualified person(s) who shall be independent of the Contractor and will supervise the execution of the Highway Works by the Contractor
- 2.4 The Developer shall not award the Contract unless the Approved Contractor and the Approved Sub-Contractor/s concerned are insured

throughout the period of the Contract (such period to include the maintenance period detailed in paragraph 15.1 of this Schedule) for public liability risks in the sum of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) in respect of any single claim and the Developer shall ensure that the Contractor remains so insured throughout the period of the Contract and prior to the commencement of each or all of the Highway Works or any maintenance works carried out in accordance with paragraph 15.1 of this Schedule the Developer shall produce to the Director insurance policies fully covering the Developer's liability in respect of the matters set out in this Agreement

2.5 The Developer shall not sub-contract or assign the Contract without the written approval of the Director, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and any sub-contractor shall be an Approved Sub-Contractor

3 INSPECTION OF THE HIGHWAY WORKS

- 3.1 The Developer shall provide the Director with not less than twenty-four (24) hours nor more than seventy-two (72) hours' notice (excluding weekends and bank holidays) of any intended execution of the Highway Works specifying the tasks to be carried out in accordance with the approved programme referred to in paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule
- 3.2 Without prejudice to the approved programme the Developer shall notify the Director in writing at least twenty eight (28) days (or such lesser period as the Director may agree to in writing) prior to the commencement of any work connected with statutory undertaker's equipment
- 3.3 Without prejudice to the approved programme the Developer shall notify the structures team and the Director in writing at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the commencement of each and every stage of excavation and concrete operations associated with any Highway Structures
- 3.4 The Developer shall during the progress of each and all of the Highway Works give to or procure for the Director and any person or persons duly authorised by him free access to every part of the Highway Works and the Site on prior reasonable notice (save in the case of emergency when no notice shall be required) and permit him or them to inspect the same

as they proceed and all materials used or intended to be used therein and shall give effect to any reasonable and proper requirements made or reasonable and proper directions given by the Director to conform to the approved detailed plans Works Drawings and specification referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule

- 3.5 The Developer shall not cover up or put out of view any works forming part of the Highway Works without the approval of the Director and shall afford full opportunity for the Director to examine and measure any work which is about to be covered up or put out of view and to examine foundations before permanent work is placed thereon and shall give at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the Director whenever any such work or foundations is or are ready or about to be ready for examination
- 3.6 The Director shall without unreasonable delay, unless she considers it unnecessary and advises the Developer accordingly, attend when required by the Developer for the purpose of examining such works or of examining such foundations
- 3.7 The Director shall for the purposes of paragraphs 3.1 to 3.6 be allowed reasonable access and admission to the Highway Works or the places where materials or plant for the Highway Works may be stored or in the course of preparation manufacture or use (unless such access or admission is refused due to circumstances beyond the control of the Developer)

4 TESTING OF MATERIALS

- 4.1 The Developer shall reimburse the County Council for all reasonable costs and expenses whatsoever arising from the operation of paragraphs 4.2 to 4.5
- 4.2 The Director shall require the testing of materials plant and workmanship used or proposed to be used in the Highway Works and in his reasonable discretion have the power to reject any materials plant or workmanship so tested which he may reasonably and properly find to be not in accordance with the approved detailed plans Works Drawings and specification referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule in relation to Highways Structures the Director will require a schedule of testing to be agreed prior to the commencement of works or any part thereof

- 4.3 The Developer shall as soon as is reasonably practicable replace or repair any materials plant or workmanship which have been found to be not in accordance with the approved detailed plans Works Drawings and specification referred to in paragraph 1.2 of this Schedule
- 4.4 The Director shall for the purposes of paragraphs 4.2 to 4.5 be allowed reasonable access and admission to the Highway Works or the places where materials or plant for the Highway Works may be stored or in the course of preparation manufacture or use (unless such access or admission is refused due to circumstances beyond the control of the Developer)
- 4.5 The Developer shall as soon as is reasonably practicable remove such materials and plant as are rejected by the Director pursuant to paragraph 4.2. of this Schedule which are not capable of repair or remedy from the Site and if the Developer shall wish to continue to store such rejected materials and plant on the Site they shall be stored separately from those materials and plant which have not been so rejected or which the Developer shall wish in future to use in execution of the Highway Works

5 OPENING OF THE HIGHWAY WORKS

- 5.1 During the construction of each and all of the Highway Works and prior to the issue of the Certificate of Substantial Completion:
 - (a) the Director may issue instructions to the Developer to open or expose any of the Highway Works which has been covered up without previously being inspected by the Director
 - (b) should the Developer fail to comply with any such instructions the County Council may so take up or expose the relevant part of the Highway Works causing as little damage or inconvenience as is possible in respect of any other part or parts of the Highway Works the reasonable and proper cost of such taking up or exposure and reinstatement to be met by the Developer

PROVIDED THAT if the Highway Works or any part or parts thereof are covered up by the Developer after giving the notice referred to in paragraph 3.5 of this Schedule and the Director shall have failed to inspect in the period