

Educational Benefits Note

Former Wyevale Garden Centre, Pield Heath Road, Hillingdon

Ref. 13831/APP/2021/2233

August 2021

- 1.1 This note has been prepared by Nexus Planning in respect of the above planning application at the former Wyevale Garden Centre, Pield Heath Road, Hillingdon (the Site).
- 1.2 In the Planning Statement submitted in support of the planning application it was outlined that the Applicant, TSG and Locate Studios, was finalising a lease of the Site with Brunel University London and exploring the opportunity for production companies to offer work experience or placements to students of the University completing courses associated with the Creative Industries. It also outlined that the Applicant sought to offer guest lectures from the industry to speak to students about their experiences and entry into this sector.
- 1.3 Having regard to the above, we are now able to advise that the Applicant, through positive and proactive engagement with Brunel University London, is now able to offer the following commitments in association with planning application ref. 13831/APP/2021/2233:
 - i Use reasonable endeavours to provide 5 paid internships in each year for a period of not less than 1 month each for students of Brunel University London, or such other similar provisions as agreed with the University;
 - ii Advertise roles as 'extras' for students of Brunel University London in relation to any productions taking place at the Site;
 - iii Explore, where appropriate, any academic collaborations with the University including the potential for course development and research projects;
 - iv Use reasonable endeavours to organise guest lectures by industry experts at the University; and
 - v Use reasonable endeavours to enable students to utilise facilities managed by the Applicant to shoot final projects.
- 1.4 This partnership approach with Brunel University London is a unique opportunity that could encourage 'hands-on' learning and help support the next generation of skilled personnel in the film and TV industry for which the UK is already so well regarded, but as a result is suffering from a

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shortage. Such opportunities could be expanded to other production facilities managed by the Applicant in the Borough.

- 1.5 As a further benefit to the University and to foster its link with the film and TV industry, the Applicant will promote the University campus as a location for hire by production companies.
- 1.6 Overall, this is a benefit which should be afforded substantial weight in the determination of this planning application.