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Re: Sound analysis - impacts of MMC relocation of the heliport

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Fri, Dec 28, 2018 at 4:17 PM

Joe

I have now had a chance to discuss this with my Planning Director.

He has asked me to suggest an alternative approach as we only have \$3000 available for this work and we are not sure whether all of what was outlined in the "Scope" is actually appropriate given the overall situation and the recently submitted Maine Medical Center (MMC) *Sound Measurement Plan*.

As I have outlined previously, the City's concern is whether any property near MMC is potentially going to be affected by a serious increase in sound impacts as result of the pad being relocated further east and higher (and with a higher level of use) - and if any are affected, then we want the *Sound Measurement Plan* to identify mitigation and the criteria for its provision. The "Scope of Work" (and our advice to MMC) tried to identify a methodology for this by requesting a couple of new survey points and asking for protocols.

As you may appreciate, this is a unique review for us, so the advice we seek is really about what data to ask for in order to assess whether there might be any impacts- the applicant would be responsible for gathering any further data (if needed) and analyzing it. Similarly, we need advice as to what standards apply/what is reasonable regarding the criteria for requiring mitigation if there are impacts - ie we want to be in line with what is done at urban hospitals with helipads elsewhere in the USA.

We have just received the MMC *Sound Measurement Plan* (attached) which has approached the issue somewhat differently than anticipated, and raised some questions about the best way to complete the review.

So my Director is hoping that you could (with your fees paid on a time basis up to \$3000) help us address our underlying concerns by undertaking the following:

1. A **Peer Review** of the submitted (and attached) *Sound Measurement Plan* (which needs to be read together with the other MMC submissions that I sent to you previously) in the context of the condition of approval below:

That within 9 months of the date of this site plan approval the applicant shall submit a "Sound Measurement Plan" for review and approval by the Planning Authority, for assessing

the actual changes in sound impacts on nearby properties between the helipad operating at the existing site and at the new location, including criteria for mitigation where such impacts are severe based on appropriate national standards. The "Sound Measurement Plan" is required in the event that the predicted sound levels are incorrect, and it shall be approved and implemented at least 2 months before the helipad is relocated;

2. Advising us as to whether the addition of two survey points (with associated ambient, current helicopter sound and flight test prediction with new location), as anticipated in the list of elements advised to MMC in para 3 of the "Scope", **is necessary or the best way to approach this review?**

I am sorry this is not straightforward and appreciate your patience. Perhaps a telephone or conference call would be a good next step - I am in the office on Monday.

Thank you again for your help on this.

Jean

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On Mon, Dec 17, 2018 at 3:59 PM Joseph J. Czech <jjczech@hmmh.com> wrote:

Dear Jean,

We've looked over the scope and it seems to be more effort than what you've outlined below. We're currently estimating in the range of \$5500-6000 at this point, with 80% of the hours that effort (30 hours) by one of our staff consultants, and the remaining hours being a little oversight time by me and administrative support. We'd propose this on a Time and Materials basis, to offer you more flexibility in case your needs evolve along the way.

Before providing you a formal proposal, I wanted to see if this would be ok with you. Please advise.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe.

Joe Czech

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Hi Jean,

Thanks for the reply. Glad things are moving forward. I'm looking over your email and its attachment. I should have thoughts back to you on Thursday or Friday.

Joe.

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Joe

At long last I am finally able to send you the anticipated *Scope of work* on this project. I think you already have most of the supporting plans and documents, but I can send those along again if not.

You will see that we are thinking ball park of up to \$3000 plus expenses, and it would be helpful if you could confirm that this is along the right lines (see sections 5 to 12).

While we hope to be able to appoint HMMH without any other bids, as this is public taxpayer funded there may be some extra steps that we have to take.

Please let me know your thoughts on this, especially on the time/cost it might represent.

thank you

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