Dear Cihan, Robert and Matthew,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe, during this unprecedented time for us all.
I have attached the latest guidelines received from ARMA (the RPRA is now an associate member),
which you may well have already reviewed.
It is an excellent document and amongst many important areas of guidance, it addresses the issue of
Major Works.
As we have recently stated in our letter to First Port, we now believe that there is little alternative
but to delay Major Works at Repton Park, due to the financial hardships many owners and residents
are already enduring, and which may very well worsen in the coming months and year, together
with the obvious issue of contractors working safely on site, and the continuing threat of contagion
through a lack of safe and adequate social distancing.
Whilst we were in support of commencing the Major Works in 2020, having delayed from 2019,
there was absolutely no conceivable way of predicting the global crisis we are now engulfed by.
This pandemic is not going to disappear this year as we all know, so it is almost impossible to
envisage a way in which “non-essential” work can be undertaken during the remainder of 2020.
We are extremely concerned on a range of levels, - contagion and financial stress being our chief
concerns.
At a time when so many people are now being made redundant, Furloughed or are witnessing an
alarming diminishment of income, First Port must immediately recognise that Major Works must be
delayed until next year.
Please read the excerpt from the document attached below:-

“MAJOR WORKS & OTHER MAINTENANCE & INSPECTIONS
Decisions on planned maintenance and Major Works will rely on your common sense. If major works
are essential (e.g. leaking roofs) they should continue for the time being. Where ever possible, it is
important to minimise inter-personal contact if work on-site is being carried out. If works are non-
essential, the client should be contacted and any proposed delays discussed.”

We appreciate that we are due to have a conference call with you next week to discuss the way
forward regarding Major Works, but with every passing day, it becomes abundantly clear that Major
Works must be stood down for 2020 without further delay.
Our friends and neighbours need to speedily understand that First Port recognise the concerns and
hardships that they are enduring, and we are requesting that you send out the correct message
immediately.
“Major Works will not be undertaken in 2020.”
That will be at least one financial and contagion worry that residents/owners can cancel out this
year.
We are confident that First Port will act as a responsible business during this appalling crisis.
Thank you and we look forward to talking to you next week.
Kind regards,
Paul Jacobs
Chair
For and on Behalf of the Repton Park Residents Association