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Dear Matt

LAND WEST OF NORMANDY WAY, HINCKLEY: FULL PLANNING APPLICATION (23/00573/FUL)

I write further to the comments received from National Highways in relation to the above planning application submitted on behalf of Bloor Homes for the delivery of 153 dwellings at Land to the West of Normandy Way, Hinckley.

National Highways have responded to Technical Note 3 that was issued to them, Leicestershire County Council as the Highway Authority and to the District Council on the 26th October. In its response it seeks further information in relation to the trip generation and modal shift assumptions used in the note, but also requires that the applicants undertake further assessments of two junctions on the A5.

The enclosed Technical Note 4 Note, prepared by Capricorn as the applicant's highways consultant, provides the further information sought. It clearly concludes that the Hollycroft Grange scheme with the additional dwellings would demonstrably have less of an effect on the A5 than had originally been assessed and approved. There is, therefore, no reasonable basis for National Highways to require any further modelling of the junctions on the A5.

The applicants have continually sought to work collaboratively with National Highways and the County Council in relation to this application. However, neither party has been prepared to meet to review and resolve these matters. Indeed, it is noted that a consultation response in relation to the wider highways network has not yet been provided at all by the County Council.

This is a scheme that benefits from a long standing development allocation in the extant Local Plan and forms a critical part of its spatial strategy in maintaining the housing land supply in the District. It is, therefore, incumbent on both National Highways and the County Council to work proactively with the applicants and take positive view of the robust and up to date evidence and proposition presented in the Technical Notes in order to expedite the approval and delivery of this important scheme and avoid an unnecessary appeal.

I trust that the above is clear, but I'm more than happy to discuss these matters further if that would be helpful. In the first instance, I would be grateful if you could confirm safe receipt.

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Yours sincerely,

Mark Rose
Director