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**From:**

**To:**

**Subject:** Consultation response to Planning Application 20/01238/OUTMAJ - Sandlesford Park, Newbury

**For the attention of:** Jake Brown

**Site:** Sandlesford Park, Newbury

**Proposal:** Outline planning permission for up to 1,000 new homes; an 80 extra care housing units (Use Class C3) as part of the affordable housing provision; a new 2 form entry primary school (D1); expansion land for Park House Academy School; a local centre to comprise flexible commercial floorspace (A1-A5 up to 2,150 sq m, B1a up to 200 sq m) and D1 use (up to 500sq m); the formation of new means of access onto Monks Lane; new open space including the laying out of a new country park; drainage infrastructure; walking and cycling infrastructure and other associated infrastructure works. Matters to be considered: Access.

**Application Number:** 20/01238/OUTMAJ

**Our Reference:** 88429 (Tracker No: 10541)

Dear Jake,

Thank you for your email, dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020, regarding the above application.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

In the case of this development proposal, our interest is in the A34.

We understand that this planning application is identical to the current undetermined planning application 18/00764/OUTMAJ of which we await further details in relation to the mitigation package planned. As such, we spoke with the applicants transport consultant on 16 July and await further information.

In the interim we ask that the application is not determined (other than a refusal) until such time as we have resolved our concerns in order for us to provide a Formal Recommendation.

Kind regards,

**Zoe Townend, Area 3 Assistant Spatial Planner**

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