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Dear Sir / Madam,

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West Berkshire Council

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. Sandleford Park, Newtown Road, Newtown, Newbury, Berkshire.

Hampshire County Council as adjoining highway authority provided a response to application 16/03309/OUTMAJ, a previous planning application for up to 1000 dwellings on the Sandleford Park site and also to 18/00764/OUTMAJ - Outline planning permission for up to 1,000 new homes & 18/00828/OUTMAJ – Outline application for up to 500 new homes.

The remaining matters that still needed addressing identified within the 2018 submission were as follows:

- Junction modelling for the A34/B4640 junction
- Mitigation options for the B4640 arm of the Swan Roundabout
- Impact of the traffic growth on the A339 corridor to Basingstoke and associated safety concerns
- A343 Penwood Crossroads assessment with regards additional traffic and mitigation of safety issues
- Connecting the development to existing rights of way

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

• Details of bus service improvements and infrastructure improvements on Newtown Road.

It is noted that the new submission is broadly similar to previous submissions and that updated modelling has been provided. The results of this modelling are broadly similar to previous results.

It would appear that the outstanding matters highlighted above as needing addressing have not been considered. Further to this more committed development has been agreed on the A339 further adding to the issue of the impact of traffic growth on the A339 corridor to Basingstok e and the associated safety concerns.

## Recommendation

Having regard to the above, the highway authority would recommend a holding objection until the remaining information is submitted. HCC request that these revisions are provided in a Technical Note.

I trust that the above is clear but I would ask you not to hesitate to contact Mark Philcox should you wish to discuss anything further.

Yours faithfully

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