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Dear Sir George

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Thank you for your letters of 4 June to Gwyn Drake and 10 June to John Aspinall.
I am responding as the team leader responsible for planning in this area.

Unfortunately the recent press coverage based on the developers' press release of last week was a misrepresentation of the current situation in respect of the Highways Agency's position on this development.

The Agency has not agreed final conditions with Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) regarding the development. When TVBC has proposed the conditions we will seek formal legal advice on them. In addition, TVBC has asked us for further guidance on the issue of possible noise mitigation measures near the trunk road, with respect to our responsibilities under PPG24 (policy guidance), and we are considering this.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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