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BY E-MAIL

Dear Rt Hon. Robert Jenrick,

May I first take the opportunity to congratulate you on your new appointment as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

I received a letter from Kit Malthouse MP, enclosed, relating to a decision taken by a meeting of our Full Council in respect of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan.

To confirm the current situation, our Local Plan remains at examination and we have been keeping our Planning Inspectors informed of the democratic process taking place in South Oxfordshire. We are liaising closely with the county council and other partners to understand how much the Oxfordshire Housing and Infrastructure Fund (HIF) award depends on the level of housing in the emerging Local Plan and the timescales and financial risks associated with any potential decisions Council may choose to make. The infrastructure projects that will be delivered by HIF are:

- a Didcot Science Bridge on the A4130 – going over the railway line and Didcot A Power Station site and join the A4130 Northern Perimeter Road;
- improvements to the A4130 from the Milton Interchange by making it a dual carriageway;
- a new river crossing at Culham; and,
- a bypass at Clifton Hampden.

I was perplexed by the contents of the letter and feel that there has been some confusion and I would be grateful if you and your new minister, the Rt. Hon. Esther McVey, would grant us a brief meeting to clarify any misunderstanding.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to meet at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Councillor Sue Cooper
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cc. Rt.Hon Esther McVey