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Dear Ian,

## **South Oxfordshire Local Plan Progress**

Thank you for your letter of 31 July 2019 regarding the South Oxfordshire Local Plan Progress and the potential implications for the Vale of White Horse District Council.

However South Oxfordshire District Council decides to move on with their Local Plan, Vale of White Horse District Council is committed to ensuring the offer of Housing and Infrastructure funding (HIF) for Oxfordshire remains in place to deliver the significant need for infrastructure, particularly in the Didcot area. The Vale's Local Plan part 1 (adopted) and Local Plan part 2 (to be considered in October by Council) both rely upon the HIF funding to benefit existing and planned development.

I am grateful that Oxfordshire County Council, as the accountable body, is working closely with MHCLG to try to keep HIF in place and I am aware that officers from the Vale are already assisting this work.

Yours sincerely



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