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Subject: RE: The Ivers Parish Council - Call In letter to Secretary of State - Proposed Iver Motorway Services

Thank you for your email and letter below to the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities regarding the Proposed MSA at Iver Heath.

The Government is clear that localism and decentralisation are at the heart of their planning agenda and the general approach of the Secretary of State is not to interfere with the jurisdiction of authorities on planning matters.

The Secretary of State is also very selective about calling in applications and will only do so if they raise issues of national importance and those issues need to be decided by him rather than the local planning authority. The Secretary of State only calls in applications normally where issues of more than local importance arise.

Buckinghamshire Council have now referred the planning application (Ref PL/20/4332/OA) to the Secretary of State under the Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009. The application is still being considered in relation to the policy on call-in, and your views will be taken into account in determining whether or not the Secretary of State's intervention is justified. In this instance, you will wish to know that we issued an Article 31 Direction under the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015 to the Council on 17 October 2023, the effect of which prevents the Council from granting planning permission without special authorisation.

To date, the application made under the Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Act 1938 (as amended) has not been received here, once it has been received this will also be given due consideration.

I hope you will understand that I cannot comment on the matter further, as to do so might prejudice the Secretary of State's position.

Please note that as you have made representations about a planning application which is before the Secretary of State, it may be necessary to make your letter available to a third party should that party make a request for information on representations made to the Secretary of State on the application. Any personal or identifying information will be removed before release.

I will let you know the outcome in due course.

Regards

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