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## For the attention of: Tom Webster, Cherwell District Council

## Planning Application: 23/01080/OUT

## Site: Land North Of Bicester Avenue Garden Centre Oxford Road Bicester

**Proposal:** Variation of Condition 4 (approved plans and documents), Condition 30 (highway design) and Condition 34 (employment floor space limit) of 17/02534/OUT relating to the erection of a business park of up to 60,000 sq.m (GEA) of flexible Class B1(a) office / Class B1(b) research & development floorspace (now under Use Class E); associated vehicle parking, landscaping, highways, infrastructure and earthworks (Original Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement)

## Our Reference: NH/23/00869 (Tracker No: #19918)

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your email dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in respect of the above Section 73 Variation of Condition application.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such National Highways works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

In the case of this development proposal, our interest is in the A34 and M40.

We have reviewed the details of this application and are satisfied that the impacts of the proposed variation of conditions 4, 30 and 34 of planning permission 17/02534/OUT will not materially impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN. The highway changes proposed do not interact with the SRN and the size of the development is not changed.

Please continue to consult us on relevant planning applications via our inbox: <u>PlanningSE@nationalhighways.co.uk</u>.

#### Kind regards

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