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Hi Caroline,

In reference to the above planning application to discharge conditions 59 and 84 of planning application 10/01780/HYBRID, I have the following comments to make:

**Condition 84:  I cannot recommend discharge until the below is addressed**

Proposed footbridges are substantial structures which require technical approval from a responsible body.

The submitted documents do not make clear where the 2 proposed footbridges are to be situated. On the assumption that they will be on footpaths remote from the highway, then the footbridges will not be adopted by Oxfordshire County Council. However Technical Approval in accordance with BD 2/12 is required for both structures to ensure the safety of the public.  The main water crossings on the spine road have been audited and approved.

* The footbridge drawings submitted show spans of 10.6m and 17.1m. The drawings only show details of the superstructure. Substructure and foundation details are also required.
* Approval in Principle (AIP) documents need to be submitted and approved for both structures in accordance with BD 2/12 “Technical Approval of Highway Structures” prior to any detailed design.
* Apart from the technical aspect of the designs, the AIPs should set out who is going to own, inspect, maintain and pay for any repairs needed during the lifetime of the structures.
* In view of the 3m widths indicated for both footbridges, additional measures are likely to be required to ensure that vehicles cannot be driven onto the bridges. Other railings may also be needed on the approaches to safeguard pedestrians/cyclists.

**Condition 59:  No Objection**

The CTMP has already previously been approved for other phases of this development.

Should you wish to discuss this in more detail, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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