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Preferred Option Consultation Development Strategy Team, Rugby Borough Council Town Hall, Evreux Way Rugby CV21 2RR

By email to localplan@rugby.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference: Rugby Local Plan - Preferred Option Consultation

We have been instructed by Swanvale Developments Ltd, who have a controlling interest in land at Junction 2 of the M6 (HELAA Site 143), to provide the following comments to the Preferred Option consultation.

We welcome the consultation document and broadly support the Preferred Option to plan for the additional development land requirements close to Coventry, in particular the area to the north of M6 Junction 2.

Our client's site is an available site that has been previously used for development in the form of development compounds (Balfour Beatty for the M6 Smart Motorway works in 2018/19) and has very recently been used by National Highways as a compound for A46/M69 road works. An OS Plan of the site and photographs of its use as a compound are provided.

The site lies adjacent to the proposed employment site allocation at 'Crowner Fields Farm and Home Farm' (Site 95) and is considered an appropriate site for small industrial/warehouse use that would complement the proposed manufacturing and research and development uses on this allocation and also at the proposed extended Ansty Park (Site 14).

The site falls within the Green Belt, but the joint Green Belt review study (2015) identified the site within parcel C6 as not contributing to the function of the Green Belt and recommended its release. The removal of Site 95 from the Green Belt will further reduce the openness of the area and the ability of our client's site to meet the functions of Green Belt. It instead presents a more logical extension of the development area, thereby allowing the M6/M69 slip road (as the western extent of Junction 2) to be the physical and durable Green Belt boundary.

The site was considered for allocation in the Stage 2 Site Options Assessment (March 2025) and was not progressed on the basis of the highway access and PTAL rating. The intention would be to improve the

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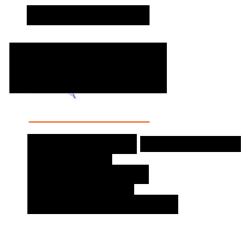
access from Hinckley Road (B4065) and initial drawings have been produced (see attached) showing how this would be achieved, including new footway access. The scheme would have the benefit of reducing the need for traffic to access and egress from/onto the M6 slip road as it would allow all access and egress onto Hinckley Road in both directions. (National Highways do not consider the use of the slip road to be ideal).

There is a bus route (Arriva Midlands 74, 74A, 74B & 74S) that provides 5 return journeys per day between Coventry and Nuneaton that passes through Ansty village and along the B4065 Hinckley Road. A Bus stop could be provided on the main road near our access as part of any development proposals.

In light of the alternative access arrangements that have been designed and the fact that the PTAL rating can be improved, it is felt that our client's site should be reconsidered as an extension to the allocation of Site 95 within the emerging Local Plan. It is logical to remove this area from the Green Belt as part of the surrounding significant releases being proposed.

If you would like to discuss the site in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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