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Dear Mr Brown

Re: 20/01238/OUTMAJ - Sandford Park, Newtown Road, Newbury

Further to the previous comments and recommendations from the previous Spokes Highways Spokesperson, Tony Vickers, of 25th February 2019 and 7th June 2018, I would have the further follow up points below:

1. Access for cycling to this site and surrounding areas should be in line with the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) that has been created since the original comments were made.
2. The development of recent technology surrounding electric bikes and scooters which would help overcome the gradient out of Newbury Centre - however safe and segregated space should be allocated for this, and development of legislation to support the use of electric bikes and scooters.

May I also draw your attention to the DfT note that agrees with my predecessor, Tony Vickers, comments about the roundabouts and Monks Lane, and Andover Road not having any safe or convenient crossings for cyclists or pedestrians heading into Newbury from Monks Lane - these roundabouts are especially complicated due to the fact there are 2 of them, and safe passage for both pedestrians and cyclists is key to this development, and usage of active travel, especially from such a large development.

I also attach the previous comments and recommendations.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Gourley
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