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Dear Councillor Bremner,

Gartree2 New Prison (Planning Application ref: 21/01600/OUT)

I write further to your letter in respect of the above planning application. A meeting was held on 10th December 2021 with key stakeholders including the Chief Executive of Harborough District Council, Ward Member and Parish Councillors. I understand that you were invited to this meeting but were unable to attend. A note of the meeting is currently being prepared and will be circulated to all those invited to the meeting (including yourself).

I note that you have sent through some questions to MoJ directly and can confirm that these will be addressed directly by MoJ in a separate response. I have also attached (for reference) a copy of a letter sent to the Gartree residents by MoJ advising that the planning application for the new houseblock at Gartree was to be submitted shortly.

In advance of the above meeting, we thought it would be useful to provide a response to the issues raised in your consultation response to the above application.

For ease of reference this letter follows the same structure as the consultation response:

1. MoJ's consultants are in discussions with Anglian Water on the best solution for processing of foul water. It is proposed that there will be a pumping station at the site of the new prison. In addition a financial contribution will be made to upgrade the existing facility at Foxton. Anglian Water has confirmed through discussions that they are content with this approach.
2. Welland Avenue is a private road. The section of Welland Avenue which would provide access to the proposed new prison is owned by the MoJ. The MoJ therefore has access rights to the proposed new prison site. The residential section of Welland Avenue is in multiple ownerships, however, the prison access will not utilise this section of road.
3. Highways matters have been discussed with Leicester City Council (LCC). The formal consultation response from LCC confirms that the Council is content with the proposed development (subject to planning conditions referenced within the response). Discussions with LCC have confirmed that no improvements are required to the road adjacent to Foxton Primary School.
4. Drainage – a comprehensive surface water and foul water drainage strategy has been submitted to the Council as part of the planning application and is currently being considered by them. We will address any issues raised by statutory consultees as part of the consultation period.

5. Impact on Wildlife – this has been carefully considered. The County Ecologist has visited site and provided comments in respect of the new badger setts. The County Ecologist has also provided their written comments which confirm that they are content with the proposed ecological mitigation including the provision of new badger setts. The relocation of the badgers will be under the supervision of the project ecologist who will report to the County Ecologist.

I trust the above and attached is useful, however should you have any questions or require any further information, please direct these via the case officer at Harborough District Council (Mark Patterson) who will forward them to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K.R. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'M'.

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