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Your Ref: AL/TG/1706

Dear Mrs Leadsom MP,

RE: BANBURY 15 APPLICATION SUBMISSION – EURO GARAGES RESPONSE

Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments to Cherwell District Council on our proposals for Banbury 15, adjacent to Junction 11 of the M40 (ref: 17/01044/F). I wanted to take this opportunity to respond to your specific concerns and queries directly before the application is determined.

In the first instance, I would like to clarify that none of the site lies within the constituency of South Northamptonshire. Rather, the entirety of the site sits within the constituency of North Oxfordshire which is represented by your colleague Victoria Prentis MP.

In your submission to Cherwell District Council you correctly note that there are two EIA Screening Opinion Requests linked to this application and that there are differences in the level of detail between the two.

We initially submitted a Screening Opinion Request for this application in March 2017 (ref: 17/00010/SO), in line with standard procedure. The more limited detail associated with this request was purposefully generic to allow for alterations to the scheme as the pre-application process progressed. The Petrol Filling Station and hotel are not mentioned as they are included within the description of a Motorway Services Area, although they were specifically discussed with the Council during the pre-application process.

The description of the application contained within this initial Screening Opinion Request covers the eventual uses of the site in sufficient detail to allow the local authority to decide whether an EIA is required.

The second Screening Opinion Request linked to this application (ref: 17/00041/SO) has been generated by Cherwell District Council on receipt of the planning application, due to the size and scope of the project. This Screening Opinion Request relates to the description of the submitted



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application, which is not materially different to the development which was subject of the original Screening Opinion Request.

This latest Screening Opinion Request has been automatically generated, we understand that Cherwell District Council will adopt the previous decision issued on 18th April 2017, which was that an EIA would not be warranted in this case as the proposed development would not give rise to significant environmental concerns.

For ease of reference I have attached the Screening Opinion from Cherwell District Council, which outlines the reasons why an EIA is not required in this case, to this letter. I hope this response answers your specific query. If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Jeremiah'.

Tom Jeremiah
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