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Dear Tom

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RIMROSE VALLEY

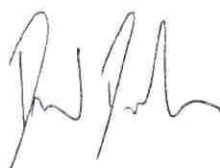
Highways England is currently reviewing options for the A5036 Port of Liverpool Major Scheme. One of the potential scheme options will involve utilising the Rimrose Valley to build a new road from Switch Island to the Port of Liverpool entrance. A detailed options assessment process has recently begun; however, this may take 12 to 18 months meaning it will be some time before a preferred option is announced. The preferred option would then pass through extensive public consultations.

It has been brought to my attention that there have been requests from local developer to include future potential developments (a proposed housing site and a proposed open space/renewable energy site – site reference OS10) in the Rimrose Valley within Sefton Council's draft Local Plan. I can confirm that these proposals would interfere with the scheme option described above.

I would ask that the above is taken into account when deciding upon content for the draft Local Plan. Highways England would also have concerns if other additional developments in the Rimrose Valley are committed to the Local Plan as this may severely constrain the options available for the major scheme.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Project Manager for the major scheme, Carl Stockton, to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely,



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