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Dear Mr Clark

North Taunton Development Spine Road

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 2019 to Cllr Woodman who has asked me to respond on his behalf as the senior officer responsible for this area of work.

I note the concerns that you raise. Somerset County Council has been continuing to work with Somerset West and Taunton Council regarding the Housing Infrastructure Marginal Viability (MV) fund opportunity, however a funding solution has not yet been agreed with the developer, so it may be that the development commences from the temporary access as per the planning consent.

We are continuing to work with all parties to move the scheme forward and if the MV funding loan is eventually agreed with the developer then this may enable construction of the whole road early in the development and minimise use of the temporary access.

It is likely that the form of access junctions will remain as per the current consent.

I would also like to pick up a point of detail in your letter and note that point 3 on page 2 of your letter is not an accurate representation of highways observations provided to date on the scheme. It is likely that any formulation/ phasing of the access junction works is likely to result in some disruption to the highway network during construction and may well require traffic management. At the moment the detail of any necessary traffic management arrangements have not been developed or agreed and the extent to which closures may or may not be required will be

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established in due course as part of the detailed delivery programme. The Highways Authority will seek to minimise delay to the network in agreeing the arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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