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**Your ref:** CB/19/00887/FUL

**Our ref:** PCU/CONS/P0240/3237252

**Date:** 24 October 2019

Dear Mr Sansom

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Application by Central Bedfordshire Council: CB/19/00887/FUL**

**Construction of a new single and dual carriageway 2.75 miles (4.4km) road linking the M1 and the A6 between the M1 junction 11a and the A6 Barton Road. Comprising intermediate junctions, overbridges, underbridges, cycle paths, revisions to the Public Rights of Way network, drainage and landscaping.**

In my letter of 27 August 2019, I promised to let you know the outcome on the above application.

The Government remains committed to giving more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues and believe that planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. The call-in policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in this application. He is satisfied that the application should be determined at a local level.

I appreciate that this is not the preferred outcome for you, and I understand that there will be great disappointment as a result. It is however, now for the Council to determine this application and a copy of our letter to the Council is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

*Tara Dickenson*

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Planning Casework Officer