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Dear Cllr. Strachan and Mr. Thompson

The Ivers Parish Council Planning Committee has learnt that some £502,000 of section 106 funds has not been expended. The funds formed part of the mitigations agreed for the Pinewood Studios Development Framework. Indeed, the length of time that has elapsed since payment was made to the Council is significant and the developer is legally entitled to receive these funds back from the Council.

We are appalled and greatly disturbed that this has occurred.

The funds were to be deployed for cycle routing along Wood Lane and other related activities. These works are vital given the nature of the traffic issues in the area combined with poor and dangerous air quality. We must reduce the use of vehicles in the parish to help to improve the air quality.

A delay in expending developers' funds also sees the value of those funds decrease in real terms. It is imperative that Buckinghamshire Council adopts an approach of prioritising the works that are agreed via s. 106 negotiations to ensure that best value is realised for the community and this occurs in a timely manner.

Further large-scale development applications have been made by Pinewood Studios and other developers seeking to build data centres in the parish area. All of these applications, if approved, attract significant CIL and s. 106 funding. Buckinghamshire Council must plan for taking action as soon as the relevant payments are received.

Going forward, we urge you to ensure appropriate governance of this area and put in place action planning and processes to deliver the agreed mitigations in a timely manner.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr Julie Cook
Chair
The Ivers Parish Council Planning Committee

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