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Dear Sir/Madam

Tiverton Masterplanning: initial consultation on options for an urban extension to the east of Tiverton – May 2013

Thank you for advising the Agency of your initial consultation on the developing Masterplan options for an urban extension to the east of Tiverton.

The Agency has already had the opportunity to comment on scoping for the transport assessment which will be required to support any resulting planning applications for the urban extension. Having reviewed your Options Report, we have no specific comments on the 2 options proposed or the questions the report contains, other than to reiterate the issues we have previously identified:

- the supporting transport evidence should consider the impact at M5 junction 27;
- the effects of the proposed development should be assessed cumulatively with other schemes including committed development in the area;
- the Agency supports the aim to provide better employment opportunities for local people as this can increase self containment of settlements and reduce out-commuting and the need to travel. Supporting evidence should seek to show how the development will link in with the existing settlement through sustainable links.

As you may aware, the Agency has recently secured funding from the national pinch point programme for improvements to junction 27. The programme has been developed to deliver smaller scale improvements to the strategic road network that will help to stimulate growth in the local economy and relieve congestion and/or improve safety. At junction 27 a scheme to manage better traffic movements, primarily in the form of partial signalisation, will be implemented by March 2015.

However, as we have confirmed in our comments on the transport assessment scope further assessment work will be needed to understand if this improvement will be sufficient to cater for the additional demand from these development proposals from the strategic road network perspective; and to understand how any further improvements that may be needed can be funded and delivered.

I look forward to further opportunities to comment on the Masterplan as its development progresses. If you have any queries in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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