

## Planning Consultation (DPD)

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Dear Forward Planning Team,

Thank you for consulting National Highways on the draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 consultation. National Highways is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving the strategic road network, which in this case comprises the M5 including Junction 27 which runs to the east of the Plan area.

We have reviewed the draft policies which are generally in accordance with the overarching policies of the adopted Local Plan. In accordance with the adopted Local Plan, development coming forward across the Neighbourhood Plan area will be required to assess its impact on the surrounding highway network, and where it is identified that proposals would result in a severe congestion or unacceptable safety impact, mitigation will be required in line with current policy. We therefore welcome the inclusion of draft Policy T16 'Encourage Safe and Sustainable Movement', to encourage development to provide or enhance sustainable transport options to reduce reliance on the private car. In line with adopted Local Plan policies we would expect development to be supported by robust travelling planning measures to ensure sustainable travel infrastructure and initiatives are fit for purpose and effectively implemented.

These comments do not prejudice any future responses National Highways may make on site specific applications as they come forward through the planning process, which will be considered by us on their merits under the prevailing policy at the time.

I trust the above is clear, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

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