

Response from Highways England

Dear Madam

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above referenced draft submission Neighbourhood Plan.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network. This network is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. The proposed development has a potential impact on the strategic road network, in this case the A46 trunk road.

We are pleased that the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in a way that promotes sustainable and diverse development in the respective areas. We note that the employment allocation, Land South of Alcester Road (A46) and West of Wildmoor Roundabout, is situated adjacent to the A46. An assessment of the development impacts on our asset will be undertaken for this development in due course.

We also note that the potential location for a further 700 new dwellings in the neighbourhood area has not yet been identified. We support your proposal that ideally new housing should be located in Brownfield areas where developments are best placed to make use of existing sustainable transport infrastructure.

Consequently our response to your consultation is one of no objections and that we are satisfied for the consultation to continue further. However, should an updated Core Strategy propose further employment and housing allocations or other developments in close proximity to the A46, a review of the impact of these developments on our asset will be need to be considered.

Please feel free to contact me on the details above if you wish to discuss this response in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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