

Our ref:
Your ref: Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Matthew,

HEDNESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

(LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY PERIOD UNDER REGULATION 16, NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2012)

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above consultation. Highways England is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the strategic road network (SRN) in England. The network includes all major motorways and trunk roads. The strategic road network in the vicinity of the application site is the A5, Watling Street. At its closest point, Hednesford Town is approximately 1½ miles from the A5.

Highways England has previously commented on the Neighbourhood Plan presented at an earlier stage of consultation. In terms of matters of potential interest to Highways England, there are no material changes within the currently submitted Neighbourhood Plan compared to the version we previously commented on. Therefore the comments set out below mirror those previously made.

Hednesford Town falls under the remit of Cannock Chase Council and so the Neighbourhood Plan needs to conform to and support policies set out in the Cannock Chase Local Plan (CCLP).

CCLP1 has been adopted and contains broad policies but no specific detail as to where developments will be allocated. CCLP2 will take into consideration allocations of developments and Highways England are currently engaged with Cannock Chase in order to review any potential impacts on the SRN arising from the proposed allocations.

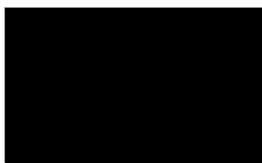
Broad locations for development in Hednesford are currently shown in the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan. These include 420 dwellings in Pye Green Valley and 900

dwellings West of Pye Green Road. These sites will create numerous vehicular trips which have the potential to impact upon the SRN, and will need to be considered as part of the planning process outlined above.

Highways England does not have any further comments to make at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or clarification.

Yours sincerely



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