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Subject: Puriton Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 consultation)

Dear Puriton Parish Council,

Thank for providing National Highways with the opportunity to comment on the pre-submission draft of the Puriton Neighbourhood Plan. As you may be aware, we are responsible for operating, maintaining and improving the strategic road network (SRN) which in this instance consists of the M5 motorway running through the plan area, and Junction 23 to the south of the plan area.

Policy B16 'Transport' of the adopted Sedgemoor Local Plan sets out that infrastructure improvements at A38 Dunball Roundabout and M5 Junction 23 will need to be brought forward across the life of the plan to accommodate growth allocated within the Plan. Development which results in an impact at M5 Junction 23, including that at Puriton, may therefore be required to provide proportionate contributions to support the delivery of this infrastructure in line with Local Plan Policy S3 'Infrastructure Delivery'.

Following review of the draft Plan documents we are satisfied that the proposed Plan policies are in accordance with the overarching adopted Local Plan and have no specific comments to make. This does not however prejudice any future responses National Highways may make on site specific applications as they come forward through the planning process, and which will be considered by us on their merits under the prevailing policy at the time.

Kind regards,

Sally

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