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**Subject:** Publication of the Hunston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019-2037 - The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 16)

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| **For attention**  **of:** | Valerie Dobson |
| **Consultation:** | Publication of the Hunston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019-2037 - The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 16) |
| **Highways**  **England’s Reference:** | #13846 |

Dear Ms Dobson,

Thank you for your notification dated 15 July 2021, inviting Highways England to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation, seeking responses no later than 09 September 2021.

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 (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works 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.

We will be concerned with plans and / or proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN. In the case of the Hunston Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), our focus will be on any potential impact to the A27.

We have reviewed the consultation documents and note that the housing allocation proposed in the NDP is consistent with the proposed housing allocation in the emerging Chichester Local Plan.

It is noted that Policy H1 of the NDP includes the following requirements:

* ‘Provision of a minimum 200 homes’
* ‘A transport statement is submitted to demonstrate the capacity of the local highway network to accommodate the scale of development proposed’

We would expect any proposed development of this size to produce a Transport Assessment which considers any impact on the SRN, in accordance with DfT Circular 02/2013.

Notwithstanding the above, on the basis that a cumulative assessment of the impact of these dwellings on the SRN has been undertaken and appropriate mitigation schemes identified as part of the evidence base for the adopted and emerging Local Plan, there are no material matters of concern for Highways England currently. However, it should be noted that development will be

required to contribute to the identified highway mitigation schemes in line with the adopted SPD *“Approach for securing development contributions to mitigate additional traffic impacts on the A27 Chichester Bypass”* and / or any subsequent updates therein.

We support the commitments of the Parish to sustainable development principles contained within the NDP but have no further comments to make on its contents at this moment.

We hope our comments assist.

Please do continue to consult us as the Plan progresses so that we can remain aware of, and comment as required on, its contents.

Thank you for consulting us. Should you have any queries regarding our response, please contact us via [planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Kind Regards David

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