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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NH Response: #19180. West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2029 - Regulation 16 Consultation

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For Attention of: Valerie Dobson. Chichester District Council
Your Reference: West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2029 - Regulation 16 Consultation
Our Reference: #19180

Dear Ms Dobson,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 February 2023 consulting National Highways on the Regulation 16 Consultation with regards to the West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2029, seeking a response no later than 17 March 2023.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as the 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, National Highways 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. With relevance to National Highways, 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 West Wittering, our focus will be on any potential impact to the A27 – Chichester Bypass.

It is noted that the Plan refers to: *“West Wittering is designated as a ‘Service Village’ both the adopted and emerging Local Plans where provision should be made for small scale housing developments. The adopted Local Plan target of 50 homes will be met through existing planning permissions.”*

In addition, section 5.0 Non-Statutory Community Aspirates refers:

Community Aspiration 2 – Highways and Transport

“To continue to work with WSCC, WW Estates, Police, Highways Agency and CDC to manage traffic and parking, especially in the holiday season around West Wittering Beach Car Park, and to promote and support sustainable transport including safe cycling routes.”

We support the commitments of the Parish to sustainable development principles as well as the aspiration to continuing engagements with Highways and Transport Authorities. It must be noted that **Highways Agency** is now known as **National Highways**.

Having reviewed the West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2029, National Highways have **no further comments** to make on its contents at this time. We welcome further consultation when new details regarding specific new housing applications and employment developments are added to the Plan.

If you or others have any questions regarding our response, please contact us at planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Best Regards

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