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Dear Sir/Madam,

Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan Proposal and Neighbourhood Development Order Proposal - Consultation

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan Proposal and Neighbourhood Development Order Proposal.

We understand that the Neighbourhood Plan sets out planning policies for the Biddulph Neighbourhood Area. The areas that relate to the SRN include enterprise and tourism development, Mills Triangle Policy Area, new community facilities, existing community facilities, Biddulph Valley Way, housing, infill housing, critical road junctions, community infrastructure, and design.

Additionally, the Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO) grants planning permission for the replacement of shop fronts subject to compliance with the conditions and parameters set out.

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). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth.

In relation to this consultation, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the M6, which routes through the plan area, although the SRN is located approximately 10 miles away from Biddulph, with the closest junctions being the M6 J16 and J17.

Based upon the scale of development and proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan and NDO, these are unlikely to have a significant impact on the SRN.

We have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan Proposal and NDO Proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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