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Subject: Consultation on the second draft of the Wandsworth Local Plan ('Publication Version')

For the attention of: Wandsworth Council (FAO Christine Cook)

Consultation: Second draft of the Local Plan ('Publication Version')

National Highways Ref: #15738

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your email dated 10 January 2022 inviting National Highways to comment on the above Consultation. We recognise that this consultation has now ended but thought you might still find it useful to have National Highways' response for your records. Please accept our apologies for missing the original deadline.

National Highways 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 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. The closest section of the SRN to Wandsworth is M4 Junction 1, which is approximately 6.5 miles away.

National Highways is a key delivery partner for sustainable development promoted through the plan-led system, and as a statutory consultee we have a duty to cooperate with local authorities to support the preparation and implementation of development plan documents. National Highways is aware of the relationship between development planning and the transport network, and we are mindful of the effects that planning decisions may have on the operation of the SRN and associated junctions. We cannot cater for unconstrained traffic growth generated by new developments, and we therefore encourage policies and proposals which incorporate measures to reduce traffic generation at source and encourage more sustainable travel behaviour. In order to constructively engage in the local plan-making process, we require a robust evidence-base so that sound advice can be given to local planning authorities, in relation to the appropriateness of proposed development in relation to the SRN. This also extends to include transport solutions that may be required to support potential site allocations.

We recognise that, at this stage of the Plan-making process, consultation responses should focus on the draft Local Plan's legal and procedural compliance, including the duty to cooperate, and the 'soundness' of the Plan.

National Highways raises no concerns or objections to this consultation.

Thank you again for consulting with us and please continue to consult us on other relevant planning applications or consultations via our inbox planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Many thanks

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