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Your ref: Stoke upon Tern Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Edward,

## **STOKE UPON TERN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION**

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above referenced Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) received on 10 August 2018.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a 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) in England. In Shropshire the SRN comprises the M54 motorway and the A5 and A49 trunk roads. It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN. The closest section of the SRN to Stoke upon Tern is the M54 motorway with Junction 3 having the most direct link via the A41.

We have reviewed the consultation documents and can confirm that the only potential concern would be the Clive Barracks development site, a Tern Hill Community Hub, anticipated by the NDP to deliver up to 500 additional dwellings. However, we note that the site is not yet part of any formal site allocation, but it is rather a potential development site, featuring in Shropshire's 2017 consultation on "Preferred Scale and Distribution of Development" for the Local Plan review. We note that the emerging Local Plan will need to consider this site in more detail as the Plan is developed, and it is requested that the NDP makes this position clear.

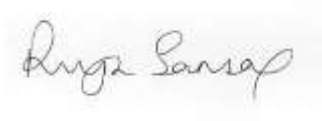
At this time, on the basis of the limited information available, it is likely that the distance to the nearest section of the SRN is such that the Clive Barracks site will have limited implications for the continued safe operation and functionality of the SRN.

We support the commitments of the Parish to sustainable development contained within the Plan.

Highways England would welcome further engagement as the Neighbourhood Development Plan is developed further.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or clarification.

Yours sincerely



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