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Dear Planning Policy,

Thank you for consulting National Highways on the revised West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Councils Neighbourhood Plan. National Highways is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving the strategic road network, which in this case comprises the M5 including Junction 25 which runs through the south east of the Plan area. Our predecessor Highways England previously provided comments on the Regulation 14 draft Plan in March 2021.

The Plan area contains a large part of the emerging Taunton Urban Extension (UE) comprising Monkton Heathfield and Priorswood/Nerrols. The UE, when complete, will include in the region of 5,400 new homes, additional employment land (22.5 Ha), new primary and secondary schools, local shops and other community facilities and green space. Highways England has recently been consulted on the Somerset West and Taunton (SWT) Local Plan Review Issues and Options report, which forms the first stage of preparing the new SWT Local Plan 2040. The West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Plan should ensure it reflects and align with the Policies and allocations of the overarching Local Plan.

The scale of development and associated policies proposed within the draft Neighbourhood Plan are considered unlikely to result in a severe impact on the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network. These comments do not however prejudice any future responses National Highways may make on site specific applications as they come forward through the planning process, which will be considered by us on their merits under the prevailing policy at the time.

I trust the above is clear, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

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