

Your ref: Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Ms Morgan,

RE: SHENSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above Neighbourhood Plan received by Highways England on 09 October 2015. Highways England is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England having been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport from 1 April 2015 as the successor to the Highways Agency. The SRN includes all major motorways and trunk roads. The SRN within the parish boundary comprises of the A5 trunk road. In addition, the A38 trunk road is located just outside the parish boundary.

The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work 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.

Highways England has previously provided comments on the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan document (Pre-Submission Version). Whilst we do not have any further comments, we like to take this opportunity to reiterate our previous comments in respect of the proposals at Birchbrook Industrial Estate. Any planning application should be accompanied by an appropriate level of transport assessment to define the significance of any highway impacts arising and requirements for highways mitigation.

Highways England is pleased Lichfield District Council continue to recognise our position as a statutory consultee. We request the Council continues to apply the current regulations and consult Highways England on planning policy or applications that have the potential to impact the operation and performance of the SRN.

We welcome the council's commitment to ongoing consultation, but do not anticipate a need for us to attend a potential public examination session.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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