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Dear Standish Parish Council,

Thank you for providing National Highways with the opportunity to comment on the notice of publication of the Standish Neighbourhood Development Plans proposals. We are responsible for operating, maintaining and improving the strategic road network (SRN) which in this instance consists of the M5 motorway which runs along the western boundary of the plan area.

As you may be aware, in our previous response, National Highways stated:

*“It is noted that a small portion of the allocated strategic ‘West of Stonehouse’ SA2 site falls within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary. Stroud Local Plan, which was adopted in 2015, allocates 1,350 dwellings and 10 hectares of employment at the SA2 ‘West of Stonehouse Site’ under Core Policy CP2. The Stroud Local Plan is currently under review and the pre-submission Draft which was published in May 2021 seeks to allocate 700 homes and 5 hectares of employment within the Standish Neighbourhood Plan area at the Policy PS19a ‘Stonehouse North West Site’.*

*Policy PS19a of the draft Local Plan states that development should address ‘Any associated infrastructure enhancements required and identified in the Stroud Infrastructure Delivery Plan in this location’. As set out in our response to the Local Plan Review, the Plan’s Infrastructure Delivery Plan should reference the need for improvements at M5 Junction 13, in addition to improvements that will be required on the A38 and A419. Where development is likely to result in a severe or unacceptable impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, it should not be permitted to come forward ahead of the delivery of the infrastructure required to mitigate its highway impact.*

*Whilst it is acknowledged that it is for the Local Plan to identify and manage the delivery of infrastructure required to support the proposed PS19a strategic allocation within the Standish Neighbourhood Plan area, we would recommend that the requirement for improvements at M5 Junction 13 to support the delivery of development at PS19a is clearly signposted within the relevant Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.”*

Having reviewed the submitted documents, It is noted that new text has been added to policy to reflect this. As such, I can confirm that National Highways have no specific comments in regards to the publication of the Standish Neighbourhood Development Plans proposals.

I trust the above is clear, but please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance,

Kindest regards,

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