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Dear Sir/Madam,

LOGGERHEADS PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION

Thank you for forwarding me details of the Loggerheads Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which I note has now been formally submitted to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

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). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. The nearest section of the SRN to the Loggerheads Parish area is the M6 south of Newcastle-under-Lyme, with access available at Junction 15. This junction is approximately 6 miles from the Parish.

Highways England commented in 2017 on an earlier version of the Plan. At that time, it was concluded that we had no specific comments to provide.

The Loggerheads Parish Neighbourhood Plan gives extensive detail on its drive to promote sustainable alternatives to private motoring and the principle of this approach is welcomed by Highways England.

In terms of housing, it is noted that 430 new homes are planned to be delivered up to the year 2033. Given the planning status of the sites and the distance of the Neighbourhood Plan area from the M6, this does not give rise to any concerns in relation to potential impacts upon the operation of the SRN.

Therefore, once again Highways England has no specific comments to make at this stage.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Broome', written in a cursive style.

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