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Dear Ms Kennard

Silverton Parish Neighbourhood Plan stakeholder consultation – September 2014

Thank you for providing the Highways Agency with the opportunity to contribute to the development of your Neighbourhood Plan.

The Agency is a statutory consultee prescribed by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and we have responsibility for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the strategic road network (SRN), which in this case includes the M5 to the east of the plan area.

The Agency is keen to support the development of neighbourhood plans and the delivery of local growth and our responses to all local planning consultations are informed by policy contained within:

- DfT Circular 02/2013 entitled The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development;
- DfT Guidance on Transport Assessment (March 2007); and
- the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), published by DCLG in March 2012.

You may also find it useful to see our response to Mid Devon District Council's consultation on local plan options and I attach a copy of that response, dated 18 March, for ease of reference.

As the boundary of your plan area is in close proximity to the M5 we would welcome the opportunity to comment further as your plan progresses to ensure that any proposals that may have the potential to impact on the SRN are supported by a satisfactory assessment of traffic impacts and mitigation requirements. If you wish to discuss in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me, either by phone or via email at planningsw@highways.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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