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Dear Sir

Consultation on the submission draft of the Pebworth Neighbourhood Plan

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the submission draft of the Pebworth Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2018-2030. It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as 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. In relation to the Pebworth Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the A46 approximately 9 miles to the west.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for the community of Pebworth is required to be in conformity with the adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan (2016-2030) and this is acknowledged within the document.

We note that the Housing Needs Assessment undertaken by Wychavon District Council in 2017 identified a need for 20 affordable homes in the parish. It is anticipated that much of this will be met by the new development permitted on the edge of the parish where approximately 133 affordable homes of differing tenures and sizes will be delivered as part of a scheme for 380 homes which fall into the Stratford upon Avon plan.

Considering the level of growth proposed for Pebworth, we do not expect that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN.

We have no further comments to provide and trust that the above is useful in the progression of the Pebworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

Fiona McKenzie