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Dear Planning Policy team

Thank you for providing Highways England with the opportunity to comment on the submission version of the Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan. Highways England is responsible for operating, maintaining, renewing and improving the strategic road network (SRN) which in this instance comprises the A35 which passes to the north of the plan area.

We are satisfied that the plan's proposed policies in themselves are unlikely to result in development which will adversely impact on the SRN. It is noted that only one new housing allocation is being promoted within the neighbourhood plan, given the scale of existing Local Plan allocations within the Parish to address existing local housing need and the potential for further allocations to come forward as the new Dorset Council Local Plan emerges. Highways England looks forward to continuing to work with Dorset Council in developing the necessary transport evidence base to support the emerging Local Plan and the identification of any necessary infrastructure required to accommodate further growth. It is accepted by all parties that the A35 junctions, including the A35/A354 Stadium and Monkey Jump roundabouts, experience congestion particularly at peak times, and this has the potential to be further impacted by growth in and around Chickerell and Weymouth. It will therefore be important that any large scale development proposals coming forward which have the potential to impact on the operation of the A35 include a suitable assessment of traffic impact and mitigation measures, in line with the requirements of DfT Circular 02/2013 The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development.

These comments do not prejudice any future responses Highways England may make on site specific applications as they come forward through the planning process, and which will be considered by us on their merits under the prevailing policy at the time.

Kind regards
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