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Consultation: Proposed Main Modifications to the Draft Revised Lambeth Local Plan 2020

Highways England Ref: #12640

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated 17 February 2021 regarding the above consultation and requiring a response by 28 March 2021.

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). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. There is no Strategic Road Network within Lambeth Borough, the nearest would be the M4 approximately 7 miles outside the Borough to the west.

Our interest in local plan documents is specifically focussed on the council's approach to highway and transport matters in relation to regeneration and new development. We are keen to understand how local authorities initially identify and prioritise transport improvements in order to deliver sustainable development. Specifically how local authorities set and implement policy to manage trip demand and ultimately how these might contribute to the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network for which we are responsible.

We have reviewed the consultation documents, and are satisfied that the Main Modifications proposed and outcome of the consultation will not materially affect the safety, reliability and / or operation of the SRN (the tests set out in DfT Circular 02/2013, particularly paragraphs 9 & 10, and MHCLG NPPF2019, particularly paragraphs 108 and 109). We have no comments or objections.

Thank you again for consulting with Highways England and please continue to consult us via our inbox: planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Regards

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