Dear Mr Spurway

I understand that you are currently consulting on the application by Honiton Town Council for designation of the Parish of Honiton as a neighbourhood plan area. Highways England (previously the Highways 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 covers the A30 and A35 specifically.

We are keen to support the development of neighbourhood plans and the delivery of local growth and we therefore have no objection in principle to the designation of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. However, as both the A30 and A35 are central to the plan area, it is likely that any proposals coming forward will have the potential to impact on the SRN. It is therefore important that Highways England has the opportunity to comment further as the plan develops to ensure that proposals are supported by a satisfactory assessment of traffic impacts and mitigation requirements where appropriate.

The Asset Manager with responsibility for the trunk road in East Devon is Sally Parish, and if it would be helpful to the Town Council to discuss any proposals in more detail as development of the plan progresses, please don't hesitate to contact us via planningsw@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Kind regards Gaynor

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