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Dear Tim/Local Plan team,

Thank you for providing Highways England with the opportunity to comment on the submission version of the Bishop Clyst Neighbourhood Plan, encompassing the parishes of Clyst St Mary and Sowton. Highways England is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving the strategic road network, which in this case covers the M5 which forms the western boundary of the plan area, including junctions 29 and 30, and the A30 to the north.

We have noted the proposed policies, particularly with regard to future development proposals and traffic impacts. As you are aware, Highways England is concerned at the impact of further large scale growth on the efficient operation of M5 junctions 29 and 30, both of which experience congestion at peak times and offer limited scope for further future capacity improvements. We therefore welcome the plan's policies which seek to ensure that growth is proportionate and reflects local needs, and in relation to traffic and transport specifically which seek to ensure that major developments mitigate the traffic impact arising from development. We would expect any large scale development coming forward within the plan area to be supported by an appropriate assessment of traffic impact in line with DfT Circular 02/2013 The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development.

We also therefore support those policies which aim to bring forward improved pedestrian and cycle links between communities, providing sustainable local transport alternatives to the private car and improved connections to other non-car modes. We also welcome those policies which seek to safeguard and improve local facilities and services, which will lead to greater self-containment and reduce the need to travel.

If it would help to discuss any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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