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Dear Matt,

## **ALVECHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION**

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above referenced Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) received on 28 June 2018.

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 reference to the Alvechurch area, the nearest section of the SRN is M42 running east-west through the Parish.

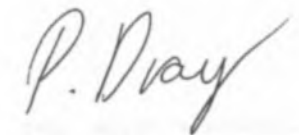
We have reviewed the consultation documents and recognise that the NDP considers the requirements of the adopted Bromsgrove District Plan and that the NDP is not intended to substantially address the long term housing needs that will be considered through the forthcoming Bromsgrove District Local Plan Review. We therefore have no concerns with regard to the implications for the SRN of smaller scale 'infill' development supported by the plan.

We support the commitments of the Parish contained within the NDP to sustainable development and the encouragement for improvements to the local transport infrastructure which are important principles in addressing wider transport objectives.

In so far as the plan pertains to matters of implications for the SRN we have no concerns regarding conformity of the plan to the basic conditions set out in Schedule 4B para.8(2) of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or clarification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Dray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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