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For the attention of: Jane Reeves, Surrey Heath Borough Council

Proposal: Emerging Surrey Heath Local Plan – Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications

Our Reference: NH/26/16458

Dear Jane,

Thank you for your email dated 28 May 2026, consulting us on the proposed main modifications to the Surrey Heath Local Plan.

National Highways 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 National Highways 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.

We will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN. In the case of the Surrey Heath Local Plan, the relevant section of SRN is the M3, particularly junctions 3 and 4.

Our responses to Local Plan consultations are guided by relevant policy and guidance including the DfT Circular 01/2022 and National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023) (NPPF).

We have reviewed the consultation documents and have the following comments regarding modifications affecting the SRN:

Schedule of Modifications to the Policies Map

We note that there are some proposed modifications to the boundaries of some of the Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (policy E2) adjacent to the M3, specifically map 6 and map 10. We consider these to be minor and have no objection to these amendments.

Modification Ref MM38

We note the removal of the wording “to the satisfaction of the relevant highway authorities” from para IN2.2.a. We note that the requirement for mitigation to “maintain the safe performance and operation of the Local Road Networks and Strategic Road Network” is retained. Therefore, we have no objection to this modification.

Kind regards

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