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Subject: RE: FAO Anna Ironmonger: Neighbourhood Planning: Highways England response (our ref #11585) re Reg15 Consultation: Otham Neighbourhood Plan
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Hi Anna

The Otham Neighbourhood Plan largely relies on the Maidstone Local Plan for most of its allocative policies, with cross references, for example, to the various housing sites we mentioned in our representation.

As such there is little for us to say about the plan itself, but rather, it will be the interplay of the neighbourhood and local plans that will be important in terms of any potential impacts on the Strategic road Network arising from development in the Otham area. Provided the neighbourhood plan acknowledges this connection, and ensures that all developments are supported by Transport Statements/Assessments as appropriate then we would be content.

Regards

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Highways England is reviewing the way our Spatial Planning Teams engage with stakeholders across the development sector. We would value your honest feedback and suggestions to identify our strengths and areas where we could improve. The survey will take approx. 15 minutes to complete and we would be grateful if you could complete it by **Friday 11 December 2020**.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SpatialPlanningReview_HighwaysEngland



Please contact Vanessa.RoaPineros@PAConsulting.com if you have any queries regarding this survey.

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