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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Ardleigh Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan  
Pre-submission Consultation (Regulation 14)**

Thank you for your correspondence, dated 10 August 2022, for inviting National Highways' comments on the subject mentioned above. After completion of our review of the supporting documents, now sending my comments below:

National Highways is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England on behalf of the Secretary of the State. In the proposed Ardleigh Neighbourhood Plan for the period between 2020 and 2033, the land is located within the Tendring District Council.

National Highways is a key delivery partner for sustainable development promoted through the plan-led system and as a statutory consultee, we have a duty to cooperate with local authorities to support the preparation and implementation of development plan documents.

With respect to the adopted Section 1 of the Local Plan, the proposed new Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community (TCBGC) is to be sited on the Tendring and Colchester border, extending into the southernmost portion of Ardleigh

Parish. It is expected that this Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community will deliver a very substantial number (for example, *2000 total homes up to 2033 and a further 5500 homes post 2033*) of new homes throughout and beyond the current plan period; (para 11.11).

Tendring District Council Policy CP2 Transport Network stated that to serve this Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community (TCBGC), a new strategic link road between the A120 and A133 and a Rapid Transit System will be required. A planning permission for this new strategic A120/A133 link road was granted by Essex County Council in November 2021. This is part of a packaged bid including funding for the provision of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme which will be essential if a severe impact from the development is to be avoided on the highway network.

Therefore, such as the 'Policy TP – Transport and Parking' which identifies opportunities for any traffic mitigation measures and public realm improvements, including road junctions' improvement and implementation of sustainable transport measures, and traffic calming measures will be acceptable in principle.

We welcome any initiative which leads to introduce of walking, cycling, and any other sustainable scope of travel, following the Policy CP1 and traffic mitigation in line with the policy intended to enhance the active travel environment where appropriate.

National Highways offers No Objection to this Neighbourhood Plan.

If you require any clarification on the points raised, please let me know at [PlanningEE@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:PlanningEE@nationalhighways.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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