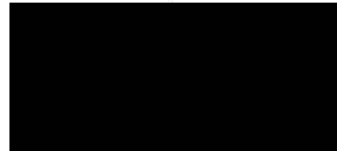




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Dear Sir or Madam,

Regulation 18 consultation – Draft Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document

Thank you for consulting National Highways, formerly Highways England, on the Draft Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document (DPD). We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on this important piece of work.

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). 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 responding to Local Plan consultations, we have regard to DfT Circular 02/2013: The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development ('the Circular'). This sets out how interactions with the Strategic Road Network should be considered in the making of local plans. In addition to the Circular, the response set out below is also in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant policies.

Comments

We understand that the draft DPD climate change and sustainable construction provides more detail than policies contained in the current Warwick District Local Plan 2011-2029 and if adopted will impose standards on developments to meet the council's target of net zero carbon or as close as possible by 2030, and the government target of meeting net zero carbon nationally by 2050.

We have found the draft DPD shares common goals and ambitions with our own [Net zero highways: 2030/2040/250 plan](#)

The focus of the draft DPD aims to ensure that new buildings do not continue to impact on climate change. The objectives in achieving this are: