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Dear Paul Lewin,

Thank you for consulting us on the Modifications to Brent's Local Plan. Please accept our apologies in the delay in responding to the consultation. We hope our comments can still be taken into consideration.

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, Highways England is responsible for managing and operating a safe and efficient Strategic Road Network (SRN), i.e. the Trunk Road and Motorway Network in England, as laid down in Department for Transport (DfT) Circular 02/2013 (Planning and The Strategic Road Network).

We are 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. Highways England is aware of the relationship between development planning and the transport network, and we are mindful of the effects that planning decisions may have on the operation of the SRN and associated junctions. We cannot be expected to cater for unconstrained traffic growth generated by new developments, and we therefore encourage policies and proposals which incorporate measures to reduce traffic generation at source and encourage more sustainable travel behaviour.

We wish to draw your attention to Highways England's document 'The Strategic Road Network, Planning for the Future: A guide to working with Highways England on planning matters' (September 2015). This document sets out how Highways England intends to work with local planning authorities and developers to support the preparation of sound documents which enable the delivery of sustainable development. The document indicates that Highways England will review and provide comments on any amendments to local plans proposed by local planning authorities that have the potential to affect any part of the SRN.

Further to our previous correspondence in October 2020, we note that you have taken account of the Statement of Common Ground that was agreed between HE and the London Borough of Brent in April 2021. It is noted that modifications have been made to Section 5.2 East (BEGA1 and BEGA2) to include the comments within the appropriate sections. We are pleased to see that Highways England have been referenced within the Local Plan document and it has been made clear that Highways England will be consulted on any development that may have an impact on the M1. Although there is no SRN within the London Borough of Brent boundary, it should be noted that the M1 is located in close proximity to the north-east of the borough boundary.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the modifications to Brent Local Plan and look forward to continuing to participate in future consultations and discussions. In the meantime, if you have any questions with regards to the comments made in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me using [planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk).

Kind regards,

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