

**Our Reference:** 6713

**FAO:** Local Plan Programme Officer

**New Forest National Park Local Plan: Ashurst Hospital consultation**

Thank you for inviting Highways England to comment on the above consultation.

Highways England 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 Highways England 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 therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A36 and the M27.

We have reviewed this consultation and its supporting documentation and have no comments.

Kind Regards,  
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