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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the Submission Version of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the submission version of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Neighbourhood Plan which has been produced for public consultation and covers the period of 2019 to 2031. The document provides a vision for the future of the Plan area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a 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 relation to the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is in safeguarding the M1 Motorway and the A42 Trunk Road which route approximately 5km to the east and 6km to the west of the Plan area respectively.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for Hugglescote and Donington le Heath is required to be in conformity with the existing and emerging North West Leicestershire Local Plan (2011 to 2031) and this is acknowledged within the document.

Highways England previously reviewed the pre-submission version of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Draft Neighbourhood Plan and provided comments in a response letter in December 2019.

The pre-submission version of the plan acknowledged that North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) had made a resolution to grant planning permission for a number of sites collectively known as South East Coalville Development Scheme. The permitted scheme overlaps the area of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Neighbourhood Plan, with around 2,700 dwellings out of the 3,500 total dwellings located in the parish. Among these, 1,900 dwellings are expected to be constructed during the Plan period.

In line with the adopted NWLDC Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan required no further provision for housing other than through Windfall development. Policy H3 explained that the proposed windfall sites would be limited to a maximum of 5 dwellings in any one location in order not to worsen existing on-road parking issues in the area. The plan also aimed to support existing employment opportunities through Policy E1, and new small-scale employment through Policy E2 provided that it avoids harmful impacts.

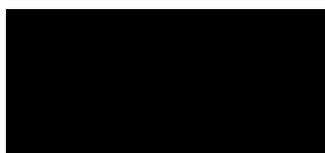
From review of the submission version of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Neighbourhood Plan, we note that there appear to be minimal changes to the pre-submission version, therefore our previous comments remain.

Considering the limited scale of the growth proposed in addition to the already committed developments, we would not expect that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN in the area.

However, we welcome the inclusion of Policy T1 for the provision of Transport Assessments for new housing developments, to demonstrate that they will not have a severe impact on the highway network.

We have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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