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Dear Sir/ Madam,

A42 – Regulation 16 consultation (submission version) on Swannington Neighbourhood Plan

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to provide our comments on the Regulation 16 consultation for Swannington Neighbourhood Plan which covers the plan period from 2022 to 2039.

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 relation to this consultation, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A42 in the area.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with the relevant national and local policies. We note that this is acknowledged within the document and that it has been prepared in accordance with the adopted North West Leicestershire Local Plan (2017).

We note that Swannington falls under the Sustainable Village classification in the Local Plan mentioned above. It is anticipated to have a limited range of services and facilities where a limited amount of growth will take place. There is no specific housing requirement for Swannington in the adopted Local Plan, and we acknowledge that the

North West Leicestershire District Council is in the process of updating the housing requirement for the district.

Having reviewed the Plan, we note that the indicative housing requirement for the parish is between nine and forty-three dwellings. Two windfall dwellings are estimated to be provided per year over the Neighbourhood Plan period. It results in an additional thirty-four dwellings over the period, in addition to the allocation of around twelve dwellings (the land at St Georges Hill in Policy H1). We understand that it is likely to have limited growth within the settlement boundary in the future.

The Traffic Chapter identifies highway safety issues and concerns within the area on the rural highway network.

Considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood Plan area, we do not anticipate any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN in the area.

In line with the above, we have no further comments to provide and trust that the above is useful in the progression of the Swannington Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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