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Dear Planning Policy & Land Charges Team,

Update to Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Plan

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to comment on the submission draft of the Lockington Hemington Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period from 2018 to 2029. We note that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

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.

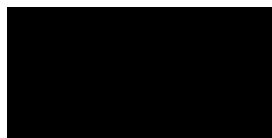
In relation to the Lockington Hemington Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the A50 and M1 corridors which route through the heart of the plan area respectively. We understand that a Neighbourhood Development Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and local planning policies. Accordingly, the Lockington Hemington Neighbourhood Plan is required to conform to the North West Leicestershire District Council Local Plan, which is acknowledged within the document. The need to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework is similarly referenced.

We note that neither housing or employment provision levels have been specified within the plan for the Neighbourhood plan, and that small scale development of proportionate, as yet unidentified windfall sites have been proposed.

Considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood Development Plan area, we do not expect that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN.

We therefore have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Lockington Hemington Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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