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Dear Ian,

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

I refer to your email of 12 January concerning discussions you have had with Highways England (formerly the Highways Agency) about the potential highways and transportation impacts of your emerging Local Plan growth proposals.

The County Highway Authority (CHA) has, over a number of years, been involved closely with the various transportation studies and assessments that have been undertaken to examine the impacts of growth in North West Leicestershire; this is both at a high level, such as evidence for the earlier Core Strategy, and on a site specific basis. As a result I can confirm that the CHA is aware of all the major development that is currently proposed in North West Leicestershire and is satisfied that it can be accommodated, subject to mitigation, without significant adverse impact upon the highway network.

In terms of mitigation, the studies and assessments have tended to paint a strategically consistent picture as to the key points on the highway network where growth is likely to impact most significantly. In turn, this has enabled, for example, your authority to put in place an approach to securing developer contributions towards highway mitigation measures and has also helped to successfully secure Growth Deal One monies to deliver the improvements at M1 Junction 22 and A42 Junction 13. Both improvements are designed to accommodate the growth proposals contained in your emerging Plan.

Going forward, the latest joint study work now being undertaken by our two authorities should yet further strengthen our position when bidding into future Growth Deal rounds (or any other sources of funding that might become available). Thus, the CHA is content that it is plausible to suppose that the necessary transportation mitigation measures should be fundable within the emerging Plan period.

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I hope that this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the initials 'A.Y.' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

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