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Dear Sir or Madam,

Submission Draft Langham Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for consulting National Highways (formally Highways England) on the Langham draft Neighbourhood Plan.

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 responding to Local Plan consultations, we have regard to DfT Circular 02/2013: The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development ('the Circular'). This sets out how interactions with the Strategic Road Network should be considered in the making of local plans. In addition to the Circular, the response set out below is also in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant policies.

The plan shall be in conformity with the Rutland Local Plan and this is recognised within the document.

National Highways principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the A1 and the A46 which route approximately 8 miles to the east and 15 miles to the west of the Plan Area respectively.

It is understood that the plan period is to 2041 during which time an allocation of 51 dwellings shall be provided. However, 15 dwellings have been identified as windfall/infill

with a further 18 dwellings having already received planning permission, leaving a surplus of 18 dwellings to be delivered within the plan period.

Because of the low level of development identified to come forward within the plan period and considering the distances to the Strategic Road Network from Langham, the plan will have no material impact on the SRN. As such National Highways has no further comments to make.

In the meantime, if I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,

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