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**Via email:** [Localplan@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:Localplan@rutland.gov.uk)

Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Market Overton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting National Highways (formally Highways England) on the Draft Market Overton Neighbourhood Plan.

National Highways 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 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 Neighbourhood Plan is to be in conformity with the Rutland County Council Local plan and this is acknowledged within the document. The preferred housing allocation in Market Overton to the end of the plan period (2036) is 30 dwellings (or fewer). This level of development will have no adverse impact on the safe operation of the SRN, the nearest of which is the A1 which routes approximately 3 miles to the east of the plan area.

We have considered the contents of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and as the plan does not introduce any significant new development sites or transport related policies that are likely to impact upon our network, we consider that the contents of the plan are for local determination, and we have no further comments to make.

If I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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