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### **Wing Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting National Highways on the submission draft version (Reg 16) on the Wing Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period to 2023 - 2038. The plan is to be in conformity with the Rutland Local Plan and this is acknowledged within the document.

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 01/2022: 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 is also in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant policies.

National Highways responded to the regulation 14 draft consultation in January 2023. Our principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the SRN namely the A1 Trunk Road which routes approx. 8 miles to the east of the Plan area. The withdrawal of the Rutland Local Plan in September 2021 has enforced the need for a neighbourhood plan for Wing.

Wing is classed as a 'smaller service centre' in the Local Plan, deemed to be able to accommodate minor levels of windfall development. Due to the scale and anticipated distribution of the additional development growth being proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan, it is unlikely that there will be any significant impacts on the safe operation of the SRN in the area.

As such we have no further comments to make at this time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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