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Dear Sir or Madam,

Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation (Review)

Thank you for consulting National Highways on the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2022 to 2041. The plan is to be in conformity with the Rutland County Council 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 principal interest is in safeguarding the safe operation of the SRN in the area, namely the A1 which routes approximately 11 miles to the east of the Plan area. We responded to the Reg 14 consultation of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan in February this year and commented that 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 operation of the SRN in the area.

The Reg 16 consultation identifies sites suitable for development and these are allocated within the Rutland CC Local Plan. Other sites which are not allocated (windfall/infill) may come forward for development and will be assessed through the planning process (transport assessment). However, when considering the scale of these developments and the distance from the Strategic Road Network (SRN), as mentioned previously, it is

unlikely that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN in the area. As such we have no further comments to make.

As such National Highways has no further comments to make on the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan 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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