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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the Submission Version of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Submission Version of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period of 2018 to 2036. The document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

Highways England 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 relation to the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is in safeguarding the M1 and M69 which route 3 miles to the north-east and 5 miles to the south of the Plan area respectively.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for Newbold Verdon is required to be in conformity with the adopted Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan (2009-2026) and emerging Local Plan (2016-2036) and this is acknowledged within the document.

We previously reviewed the pre-submission version of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan in June 2018. Due to the small scale of growth having been proposed (a single housing allocation for 100 dwellings) and distance of the Neighbourhood from the SRN, we did not consider that there would be any impacts on the operation of the SRN.

We have now reviewed the final submission of the Neighbourhood Plan and as there are no changes that might affect the operation of the SRN, our previous position remains unchanged.

We acknowledge, however, that a review of the neighbourhood plan may be necessary if it is not sufficiently flexible to respond to a changing housing requirement established through the borough wide local plan. Should this be the case, Highways England would wish to be reconsulted.

We have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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