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Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION ON THE SUBMISSION VERSION OF THE DESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Submission version of the Desford Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2018 to 2036 and has been produced for public consultation. We note that 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 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 relation to the Desford Neighbourhood Plan, our principal concern is safeguarding the operation of the M1 Motorway and A46 Trunk Road which route less than 2 miles east of the Plan area, and the M69 Motorway which routes 4 miles south of the area.

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 Desford is required to be in conformity with the current Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Local Plan (2016-2036) and this is acknowledged within the document.

It is understood that a total allocation of 163 new dwellings has been assigned to Desford Parish Council for the period up to 2036. It is noted that 70 of these have been already completed, 17 have been granted permission and that a development of around 80 dwellings is allocated in Policy H2, providing slightly more than the minimum requirement.

We note that Policies H1, H2 and H5 support housing proposals in the Settlement Boundary and windfall sites, whilst Policy E2 supports the provision of additional space for employment sites.



As mentioned when reviewing the Pre-Submission Version of the Desford Neighbourhood Plan in December 2018, it is considered that the level of growth proposed through these policies would not detrimentally impact on the operation of the SRN and therefore raises no concerns from our perspective.

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

Yours Sincerely,



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