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Hi Matthew,

### **Southwell Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting National Highways on the amended Southwell Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period from 2024 to 2033, and is in conformity with the Newark and Sherwood District Council Local 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 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 maintaining the safe operation of the SRN in the area, namely the A1 and A46 trunk roads which route approximately 7 miles to the east of the Plan area.

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 traffic related impacts on the operation of the SRN in the area.

As such we have no further comments to make at this time but will continue to respond to planning applications and Local Plan consultations throughout the district, in our role as a statutory consultee.

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

Yours sincerely,

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