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Dear Sir/Madam,

Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Examination Consultation – Regulation 16

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the submission version of the Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which covers the period 2020 to 2036. The document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies that 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 Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the M1 Motorway and the A46 Trunk Road, which route approximately 4km to the west and 5km to the southeast 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 Woodhouse Parish is required to be in conformity with the adopted Charnwood Core Strategy (2011-2028) and the emerging Draft Charnwood Local Plan (2019-2036), and this is acknowledged within the document.

Highways England previously reviewed the pre-submission version of the Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan and provided comments in a response letter in December 2020.

Due to the scale of the proposed housing allocation of 16 dwellings (Policy H1), comprising the two proposed reserve sites totalling to 8 additional dwellings (Policy H2) and no specific allocation of employment land, we considered that the Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan was not expected to have any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN in the area.

Having reviewed the submission version of the Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan, we note that the scale of planned growth remains unchanged. We therefore maintain our previous position that, considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood Plan area, we do not expect that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN in the area.

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

Yours sincerely,



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