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Dear Sir/ Madam,

A46 - Regulation 16 consultation (submission) on Sileby Neighbourhood Plan

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Regulation 16 consultation of the Sileby Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Review which covers the plan period from 2022 to 2037.

National Highways 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 this consultation, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A46 in the area.

National Highways has previously reviewed and provided comments on the Submission version of the Silbey Neighbourhood Plan, which was subsequently Made by Charnwood Borough Council on 16th January 2020. Following the recent submission of Charnwood's draft Local Plan, and updated national policy and guidance, the Parish Council have taken the opportunity to review the Plan.

Chapter 1 (What Changes Have Been Made?) of the NP Review provides a summary of the key changes proposed to the NP, taking note of the additional allocations and updated settlement boundary.

A figure of 345 additional dwellings has been identified by Charnwood Borough Council as the hosing requirement for Sileby prior to the draft Local Plan being adopted. A 5% buffer has also been suggested by Charnwood Borough Council, making an overall hosing requirement of 363 dwellings over the Plan period, or an additional 18 dwellings. The NP identifies an allocated site (Site H1 – Land to the rear of 107 Cossington Road) which will make provision for 18 new dwellings in Sileby up to 2037 to meet its housing requirement of 18 over the Plan period, taking into account an allowance for Windfall of 60 new dwellings and 49 commitments and completion of sites of 9 dwellings or fewer. Two reserve sites at The Oaks, Ratcliffe Road and Barrow Road have also been identified to accommodate approximately 11 and 12 dwellings respectively.

The Sileby Roads and Traffic Issues Chapter identifies highway safety issues and concerns within the village, on local highway roads.

Due to the limited scale of development proposed within the village, it is considered that the policies set out in the NP are unlikely to cause a severe impact on the operation or capacity of the SRN.

We have no further comments to provide and trust that the above is useful in the progression of the Sileby NP.

Yours sincerely,

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