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Hi Anne Marie,

Scopwick and Kirkby Green Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for consulting National Highways (formally Highways England) on the draft Scopwick and Kirkby Green Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is to be in conformity with the policies within the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CCLP) and this is recognised within the document.

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 02/2013: The Strategic Road Network (SRN) 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 set out below is also in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant policies.

National Highways principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the trunk road network and it is noted that the nearest link to the SRN is over 10 miles distant, namely the A46 which routes through Newark and Lincoln.

Because of the relatively small scale of new housing/employment development opportunities identified within the Neighbourhood Plan area, it is anticipated that when

combined with the distance from the nearest link to the SRN, it is unlikely that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN.

We have no further comments to make at this stage but if I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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