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Dear Sirs

Highways England notes that the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is now at the examination stage. At the earlier Local Plan consultation stage, Highways England expressed the view that the traffic impacts on the A46 associated with the scale of development proposed in the Local Plan were not fully understood. In making this response, Highways England had not considered the Lincolnshire Local Planning Tool (LLPT) referred to within the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and, in particular, evidence comprising an Upper Tier Report and Lower Tier Report. These reports contain an assessment of the cumulative impact of planned growth on the highway network across Central Lincolnshire. Highways England has now reviewed these reports.

Highways England notes that the Lower Tier Report indicates that the Lincoln Southern Bypass (coupled with the Lincoln Eastern Bypass committed scheme) and the proposed East-West Link will mitigate the impact of proposed development in Central Lincolnshire on the A46. Highways England notes that, although the funding for this package of schemes has yet to be fully identified, the delivery of the schemes is a high priority for the Central Lincolnshire authorities and that these schemes represent an effective strategy to address potential cumulative impacts on the A46.

Highways England is aware that the A46 will be directly impacted by the Western Growth Corridor SUE and the proposed new A46 junction associated with the development, which has already been agreed in principle by Highways England. This development and other individual developments in the corridor will have direct impacts on the A46 and on local roads on the approaches to A46 junctions. However, where this occurs, Highways England considers that appropriate mitigation will be able to be delivered through the development management system.

Highways England anticipates that, in the medium and longer term, the A46 in the Lincoln area will come under pressure from background traffic growth and that this could affect its future operation. Highways England will review this through its Route Strategy refresh process and, where a strong case for an

improvement scheme is identified, this will be considered as part of future Road Investment Strategies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



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