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Via email: planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reg 16 Consultation – The Hough on the Hill Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for providing National Highways with the opportunity to consult on the draft Neighbourhood Plan for The Hough on the Hill.

National Highways (formerly 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 responding to development 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 plans and development management considerations. 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.

In relation to the The Hough on the Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the SRN, the nearest route which is the A1 which is approximately 4km away. The scope and scale of proposed development identified in the The Hough on the Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan, is modest and shall not have any significant impact on the operation of the SRN.

Considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood Development Plan area, we do not expect that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN.

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

Yours sincerely,

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