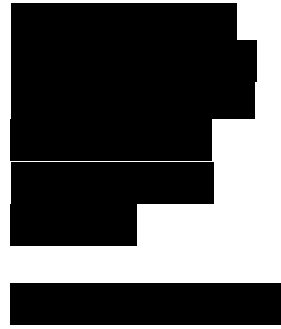


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Dear Sir or Madam

Regulation 16 - Consultation on the Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for providing National Highways with the opportunity to consult on the draft pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Barrowby Parish Council.

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.

The SRN closest to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) area comprises the A1 and A52 trunk roads. The A1 runs north/south to the east of the plan area, while the A52 runs west/east intersecting the plan area.

Having reviewed the Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents, we note that the Plan focuses on sustainable, local growth to meet the needs of residents while protecting the village's rural character, heritage and environment. It sets out clear policies for housing, design, community facilities, green infrastructure, transport, employment and climate resilience, in accordance with the adopted South Kesteven District Council Local Plan (2011-2036) and the NPPF (December 2024).

The Plan is shaped by community engagement, highlighting aspiration for improved public transport, walking and cycling facilities. National Highways welcomes this approach as it helps reduce the need to single-person trips for short journeys on the SRN.

Once adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Where relevant, National Highways will remain a statutory consultee on future planning applications within the area and will assess each proposal's potential impact on the SRN accordingly.

As the plan does not introduce any new development sites or transport-related policies likely to impact our network, we consider that its contents are for local determination. On this basis, we have no further comments to make and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours faithfully

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