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Hi Richard,

TOLLERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUBMISSION VERSION

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Tollerton Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version which covers the period 2016 to 2030. We note that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications. We understand that the Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with the Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Plan and this is acknowledged 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 relation to the Tollerton Neighbourhood Plan, National Highways' principal interest is safeguarding the A52 which routes adjacent to the western boundary of the Plan area.

National Highways responded to a consultation on the Draft Version of the Neighbourhood Plan in June 2022 where we noted that the proposed Gamston SUE allocation for the provision of 4,000 dwellings is located entirely within the Plan area. The Neighbourhood Plan states that the Parish shall adapt to the new Gamston SUE allocation, and outside of this shall seek to conserve its rural setting. The Plan shall look to maintain separation between the existing village of Tollerton and the Gamston allocation through use of a green space buffer, whilst providing good connectivity between the two areas.

No further housing allocations are included within the Parish however, the Plan shall support proposals for residential sites where these are in keeping with the rural setting.

Regarding employment sites, the Neighbourhood Plan shall support the redevelopment of brownfield sites which provide for local needs and align with the aim to protect the local character and identity of the Parish.

We support the plan policies and advise that any development with the potential to impact on the SRN be subject to Transport Assessments in order for their impacts to be appropriately assessed.

For Note: A52 / A606 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

With regard to transport and connectivity, we note that the Neighbourhood Plan acknowledges the need for the developer of the Gamston SUE to upgrade highway junctions to accommodate the allocation's traffic. The Parish Council will be aware that there is an improvement scheme being implemented along the A52 corridor, under the *A52/A606 Improvement Package Developer Contributions Strategy Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), May 2019*. This MoU was developed in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

There have been no fundamental changes to the plan submission version when compared to the draft version and as such we have no further comments to provide at this stage and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Tollerton Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Midlands Operations Directorate