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Hi

Please see attached Highways England's formal response to the above.

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**For the attention of Planning Policy Team**

Dear Sir / Madam

## **NORTHAMPTON LOCAL PLAN PART 2 OPTIONS CONSULTATION PAPER**

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Northampton Borough Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) Options Consultation Paper which will cover the period 2011-2029. It is noted that the Local Plan is being updated in order to effectively guide and respond to future development proposals across the Borough and reflect more recent Government policy. Highways England notes that this consultation provides an opportunity for comments to be provided on key issues to be addressed in the Local Plan (Part 2). An accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been submitted alongside the document. Highways England has previously provided comments in relation to the LPP2 Issues Paper in June 2016 and it is noted that this current document constitutes the next stage in the consultation process.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as 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 the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to the Northampton Borough LPP2 area, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A45 which routes through the plan area and the M1 which borders the Borough to the west.

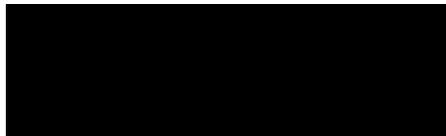
It is noted that Northampton Borough is required to deliver 18,870 dwellings by 2029, in conformity with the housing requirement as identified in the Local Plan Part 1 West Northants Joint Core Strategy (WNJCS). Highways England considers that this level of growth could lead to some impacts on the operation of the M1 junctions in the Northampton area, dependent upon the scale of the sites, and will expect potential impacts to be considered as part of the development management process through Transport Statements or Transport Assessments.

In terms of potential impacts on the A45 junctions across Northampton Borough, Highways England, in consultation with local partners has previously identified the Northampton Growth Management Strategy (NGMS) and an associated developer contribution strategy to deliver improvements to A45 junctions across Northampton Borough in order to mitigate trip impacts from allocated development sites. Highways England will wish to engage with the authority to understand any further pressures that may arise on the SRN as a result of any additional development sites coming forward in the Borough.

Highways England notes that the Council intends to take forward the objectives as set out in the WNJCS into the LPP2. Highways England particularly welcomes 'Objective 1 – Connections', which sets out to reduce the need to travel, shorten travel distances and make sustainable travel a priority across Northampton by maximising the use of alternative travel modes. It also welcomes 'Objective 2 – Infrastructure and Development' which seeks to ensure that infrastructure (including physical infrastructure) is adequately provided to meet the needs of people and business in response to new development.

Highways England has no further comments to provide at this stage (including in relation to the accompanying SA) and trusts that the above is useful. Highways England would welcome future engagement with Northampton Borough as the LPP2 progresses.

Yours faithfully



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