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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Regulation 16 consultation of the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan which covers the plan period from 2019 to 2031.

National Highways 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 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 Emberton Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the M1 motorway (approximately 7.90km west) and the A421 trunk road (approximately 12.8km southeast) of the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan area respectively.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for Emberton is required to be in conformity with Milton Keynes Local Plan 2016-2031, the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Development Planning Regulations 2012.

We understand the future plan for the area is the potential to build 10 new homes over the plan period. National Highways would expect to be consulted as and when this application comes forward in the usual way to confirm each application will be assessed by standard procedure in relation to their expected distribution and impact on the SRN.

Having reviewed the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan, we note that the scale of growth remains low. The plan reinforces this by stating that the overall size of the village boundary will remain the same by 2031. Any potential impacts will be assessed accordingly.

National Highways therefore consider the limited level of growth proposed across the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan area, will not have a significant impact on the operation of the SRN.

We have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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