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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation Submission on the Burton and Dalby Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Burton and Dalby Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2011 – 2036.

It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out several key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

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 Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the A46 located approximately 10km to the west and the A1 which lies approximately 17km east of the Burton and Dalby Parish boundary, respectively.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. The Neighbourhood Plan for the Burton and Dalby Parish is required to be in conformity with the strategic policies of Melton Local Plan and is acknowledged within the document.

We have been previously consulted in October 2021 on a pre-submission consultation. Upon review of the updates to the Neighbourhood Plan it is noted that some refinements have been made, although our position remains unchanged. However, our comments are reiterated below to reflect the changes in the final submission of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The overall housing need within the extents of the Neighbourhood Plan is 37 dwellings as established through the adopted Melton Local Plan. Policy SS3 of the Local Plan allows for windfall housing, which allows planning permission to be granted for new residential development within or on the edge of Great Dalby subject to criteria outlined within the Policy.

Paragraph 8.27 of the Local Plan states that limited housing may be supported at Burton Lazars in accordance with Local Plan Policy SS3 and supported by Neighbourhood Plan Policy B&D17: Windfall Housing in Burton Lazars will be supported where it meets a proven local need. The submission of the Neighbourhood Plan identified a maximum of six dwellings, therefore the impact on the SRN is anticipated to be minimal.

In terms of employment land allocations, Policy B&D24: Former Melton Airfield identifies the small industrial estate located at the former Melton Airfield. The industrial estate seeks to retain B2 and B8 employment uses with non-B class use development allowed in the criteria set out in Policy B&D24: Former Melton Airfield and is met.

As such, due to the level of growth currently being proposed across the Neighbourhood Plan area, we do not expect that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN. We would however, require to be consulted when the housing sites or employment sites come forward through the planning process.

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

Kind Regards,

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