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Dear Bob,

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT PRE-SUBMISSION SOUTH KILWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft pre-submission version of the South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2017 to 2031. We note that the document is designed to guide and shape development in South Kilworth over the lifetime of the emerging Harborough Local Plan. Specifically, it sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

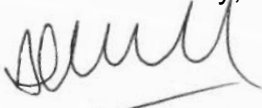
Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to the South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the M1 which routes 3 mile to the west of the Plan area and the A14 which routes 2 miles to the south.

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 South Kilworth is required to be in conformity with the emerging Harborough Local Plan and this is acknowledged within the document.

We note that the South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan has identified a housing allocation of 20 dwellings, including windfall developments but excluding recently approved developments totalling 27 dwellings. Given the limited amount of development proposed to come forward in this area, we consider that there will be no adverse impacts on the operation of the M1 and A14.

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

Yours sincerely,



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