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Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION ON THE SUBMISSION VERSION OF DRAFT LEIGH AND BRANSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (REGULATION 16)

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the submission draft version (Regulation 16) of the Leigh & Bransford Neighbourhood Plan which covers the plan period of 2022 to 2041.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as the 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 strategic road network whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. The section of our network most relevant in the current consultation includes the M5.

We understand that the Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant local policies which include South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). This is acknowledged within the Regulation 16 document submitted. We also note that the emerging South Worcestershire Local Plan Review (2041) has been considered.

Based on our review of the Neighbourhood Plan submitted, we note that the draft plan proposes a site allocation for around 52 new dwellings and sports use on land off the A4103 in Leigh Sinton and includes policies to ensure that any new residential development would be appropriately designed.

We will liaise with the SWDP Review team and with the local highway authority to assess the cumulative impact of the new dwelling site along with other allocated sites that will come forward as part of the emerging local plan.

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

Yours sincerely,

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