Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION ON THE PRE-SUBMISSION VERSION OF PART 2 LOCAL PLAN FOR CORBY

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the pre-submission version of the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) for Corby which covers the plan period between 2011 to 2031.

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 strategic road network whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to this consultation, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A14 which routes 7 miles to the south of the Plan area.

We note that the LPP2 contains locally specific policies and non-strategic site allocations to complement the strategic context set out in the Local Plan Part 1 North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and Neighbourhood Development Plans.

As you would be aware, we have previously responded to the LPP2 prepared for Corby during the Scoping consultation and Emerging Draft Options consultation phase. Details regarding the housing and employment requirement to be delivered across the Corby Borough Council during the period 2011 to 2031 was noted and discussed. In the current document, we note that the ‘strategic opportunity’ for housing has decreased from the previously quoted 14,546 dwellings to 14,237 dwellings.

As already stated in the previous correspondence, we would expect the proposed new sites where impacts on the operation of the A14 are anticipated to be subject to
consultation with Highways England, and appropriately assessed in order to determine the extent of their potential impacts on the smooth functioning of the A14.

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

Yours Sincerely

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