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Many thanks for the consultation regarding the Neighbourhood Plan consultation for Copmanthorpe.

Having reviewed the documentation (and being mindful of the extensive Local Plan work we already undertaken over the years with the team at York City Council), there is little formal comment to make at this point on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, and their primary interests.

It remains that any planned development already identified in the wider LP consultations for York have already been accounted for between National Highways and themselves, and that the council has our extant comments for the current LP and those sites which are identified for housing within Copmanthorpe. This will obviously extend forward to the next plan period and the work we will be undertaking together moving forwards after the most recently adopted new Local Plan. This will subsume all the local parish council's own aspirations (to be outlined by the neighbourhood plan documents I receive from them). The recently revised NPPF may or may not bring about a future review of housing numbers identified and the locations for such sites, and it would be for York Council to address this if they so wish.

I note that the published documents outline the aspirations for the area, with a focus on maintaining the feel and character of the local area when considering future development. The Neighbourhood Plan does not however specifically identify any new housing sites or employment related sites above those already identified in the wider York Local Plan – nor are scale and nature of future aspirations above these identified. As such any impact from new employment and/or housing sites proposed here would be subsumed into the Council's existing calculations and evidence base (submitted at the last Examination in Public). Should new developments be forthcoming which sit outside of the existing LP settlement plans i.e. new housing, employment, or retail sites, we would look to review these with York City Council in the usual manner with any supporting mitigation they may require on the Strategic Road Network.

The current consultation shows the wider aspirations of the neighbourhood plan in a positive light, and this is welcomed. The proximity of the SRN under my own jurisdiction is to the North of the settlement, namely the A64, which is accessed via the local road network. As with all development within the district boundary, it is expected that the aggregated impact of all neighbourhood plans will link to the growing congestion and impacts on the SRN, for which the Council will need to continue to address in their wider IDP proposals to ensure a sound local plan infrastructure offering. At this time therefore, I will continue my work with the Council to identify any specific sites which may have a significant impact to the continued safe operation of the network, and furthermore ensure the Council then continues to ensure financial contributions are collected from developers to provide any necessary mitigation on the SRN.

Kindest regards

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