Dear Paul,

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT BROUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft Broughton Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2016-2031. We note that the document provides a vision for the future of the village and 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 Broughton Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A14 which routes parallel to the north eastern border of the Plan area.

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 Broughton is required to be in conformity with the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and emerging Kettering Local Plan Part 2 and this is acknowledged within the document.

We note that a total of 87 dwellings have been identified to be delivered over the Plan period of which 60 dwellings are allocated to the major development known as Cransley Green leaving a residual requirement of 27 dwellings. We do not consider that this level of growth will have any impact on the operation of the A14.

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

Adrian Chadha
Spatial Planning & Economic Development Team
Email: [redacted]