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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the Submission Version of the Scalford Neighbourhood Plan

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Submission Version of the Scalford Neighbourhood Plan which has been produced for public consultation and covers the Plan period 2019-2036. The document provides a vision for the future of the area 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 Scalford Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the A46, A52 and A1 Trunk Roads which route about 8 miles west, 10 miles north and 12 miles east of the Plan area respectively.

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 the Parish of Scalford has been prepared in conformity with the adopted Melton Local Plan (2011-2036) and this is acknowledged within the document.

We note that the Neighbourhood Plan covers the villages of Scalford, Chadwell and Wycomb. We understand that except for Scalford which is classified as Service Village and has an allocated housing target of 36 dwellings, the adopted Melton Local Plan contains no specific housing provision for the reminder of the Plan area.

It is noted that the Scalford Parish has already met this residual requirement with 19 dwellings already being built or receiving planning approval by June 2018 and with an additional site with the capacity to accommodate 23 dwellings having been allocated in





the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan acknowledges that there is currently no outstanding residual requirement for Scalford in the period to 2036.

However, to ensure the delivery of the housing requirements for the Parish, Policy H1 also allocates two sites of 6 and 2 dwellings, which have been recently granted planning permission.

We also note that, in line with Policy H2, development will be focused within the existing settlement boundary of Scalford, whilst development outside the Limits to Development will be carefully controlled.

We note that no changes have been proposed on the planned level of growth since we were consulted on the draft version of the Neighborhood Plan in June 2019. Therefore, we maintain our position that, due to the small scale of development being proposed, it is not considered that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN.

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

Yours sincerely

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