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Dear Sirs,

South Lenches Neighbourhood Plan Consultation (Regulation 16)

Thank you for consulting National Highways and providing a copy of your Regulation 15 submission copy of the Neighbourhood Plan dated May 2026.

National Highways ("we") have 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). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

National Highways considers planning consultations under the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and DfT Circular 01/2022: The Strategic Road Network and The Delivery of Sustainable Development ("the Circular"). The latter document sets out our policy on sustainable development and our approach to proposals which may have an impact on our network.

The A46 forms the closest SRN route located approximately 3.5km to the east of the Neighbourhood Plan extents.

Whilst National Highways has no comments to make in regard to the modest level of development proposed within the plan, we do support the aims of increased access to active and sustainable travel modes. These support integration, inclusivity and sustainability, promoting active and sustainable transport as the primary mode of transport, thereby encouraging modal shift. This aligns with the objectives of both the NPPF and the Circular in reducing the need to travel by private vehicle.

National Highways looks forward to providing continued consultation, support, and advice in respect of local development planning and its interfaces with the SRN..

Yours sincerely,



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