



North Kesteven
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Relevant Representation of North Kesteven District Council

Registration identification no: 20049646
NK Application Reference: 24/0833/NSIP
Proposal: A46 Newark Bypass

North Kesteven District Council is a neighbouring local authority and not a host authority.

The A17 and A46 are key entry points into North Kesteven and are therefore regarded as important economic assets for this Council individually and as part of Central Lincolnshire; the Council is part of Central Lincolnshire which is a statutory local plan-making authority comprised of the North Kesteven, City of Lincoln and West Lindsey Councils, along with support from Lincolnshire County Council.

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (adopted April 2023 and available [here](#)) sets out an ambition for housing and economic growth across Central Lincolnshire. Much of this growth is focused on the Lincoln Strategy Area including strategic employment sites at Teal Park in Lincoln and St Modwen Park at Witham St Hughs, both with direct access to the A46. There are also 4 sustainable urban extensions around Lincoln to help meet the housing growth of Central Lincolnshire (c.9,300 homes in the plan period to 2040 with c.3,300 post 2040) and that will also help sustain economic growth. The North Hykeham Relief Road (now with planning permission) will provide increased accessibility and deliver more reliable journey times for Lincoln. To the south, the A17 facilitates east-west access to and from Sleaford where there is again significant growth coming forward through 2 sustainable urban

extensions (c.2900 homes) and a strategic employment site – Sleaford Moor Enterprise Park.

The Council observe that whilst the proposed A46 Newark bypass scheme sits outside the boundary of the District, it nonetheless offers potential benefits for the economy of North Kesteven and Central Lincolnshire through improved and more reliable accessibility to Sleaford and to Lincoln and beyond to the A15 corridor towards the Humber. As such, the proposed development is capable as being seen as supporting housing and economic growth and in realising the vision for the District in line with the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and the corporate NK Plan. The Council therefore supports the proposals insofar as they support housing and economic growth. This being said, the Council notes there are a host of other material planning considerations relevant to the development that must be weighed in the planning balance.

However, it is worth being clear that the Council, nor our Central Lincolnshire partners, have independently studied or examined the economic benefits to be secured from the project (the Council has engaged with the Midlands Connect Trade Corridor work and so has built up an understanding of the importance and value of the A46 corridor), rather the support is in the context of the general benefits to accessibility and more reliable journey times that are to be delivered by the project. The Council therefore do not intend to submit any further representations nor prepare a Local Impact Report for the Examining Authority.

Finally, for accuracy it is noted that in the 'Case for the scheme' (document TR010065/APP/7.1), the village of Witham St Hughs is wrongly called William St Hughs in Table 3-5 'Major development sites within Newark-upon-Trent' (notwithstanding the title, technically Witham St Hughs and the North Hykeham Relief Road both being within NKDC rather than NSDC). It is hoped the naming error can be corrected but the Council is content that no material prejudice is caused by the incorrect name since the context of the developments for housing and for St Modwen Business Park are accurately referenced.

I trust the support of the Council will be noted to the Examining Authority.

Yours sincerely



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