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Dear Mike,

## **CONSULTATION - SUBMISSION VERSION OF THE DOVERIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the submission version of the Doveridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which covers the period 2017-2033. We note that the document provides a vision for the future of the Parish 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 Doveridge Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A50 which routes through the Plan area.

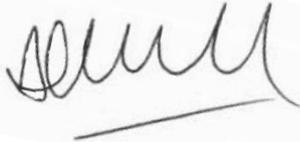
Highways England understands that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for Doveridge is required to be in conformity with the emerging Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and this is acknowledged within the document.

We have had previous engagement with the Council in the progression of the Doveridge Neighbourhood Plan, most recently in November 2016 when we responded to a previous version of the Plan document. It was stated that 150 dwellings would come forward; an amount which we considered would not significantly impact on the operation of the A50. We note that in the current consultation document, a total of 219 dwellings have been identified to be delivered over the Plan period of which 70 have been granted planning permission at Land East of Bakers Lane. Whilst this represents a small increase in the

number of dwellings being proposed to come forward, we maintain the view that this level of growth would have no significant impacts on the operation of the A50.

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

Yours sincerely,



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