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Dear Mr Fisher,

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE, YORK**

Thank you for consulting North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) on Draft Neighbourhood Planning Document for Strensall with Towthorpe, York.

As a neighbouring authority NYCC's principal interest is in relation to strategic cross boundary issues. Officers from our service areas have reviewed the documentation and have the following comments to make.

### **Strategic Policy and Economic Growth**

The North Yorkshire [Council Plan](#) sets out our ambitions for the county up to 2022. This includes a commitment to sustainable growth that enables our citizens to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations. To help achieve this the County Council has developed a plan to deliver economic growth. One of the key enablers is:

- Delivering a modern integrated transport network.

There are a number of strategic transport routes in or adjacent to Strensall with Towthorpe Designated Neighbourhood Plan area, including the A64 and A1237.

North Yorkshire County Council has produced a Strategic Transport Prospectus for North Yorkshire which sets out the long term vision (to 2045) for how improved transport in North Yorkshire can contribute towards a thriving northern economy. The Strategic Transport Priorities set out within this document are:

- Improving east-west connectivity (including Trans Pennine links)
- Improving access to High speed and conventional rail
- Improving long distance connectivity to north and south

The Neighbourhood Plan should recognise in Policy CA1 that traffic impacts can extend into the administrative boundaries of Neighbouring Authorities, including North Yorkshire.

### **Highways Authority**

It seems that the MOD sites are not yet allocated but are likely to be included in the York Local Plan – on that basis we would expect an effect on traffic movements crossing into NY through Flaxton village to access the A64, which would need to be considered in the development of any future planning applications for the site if/when the sites are allocated.

Under CA1, the suggested Towthorpe Lane junction improvement ambitions which are included in the neighbourhood plan could act to positively encourage vehicles to access the A64 from the Towthorpe side. This could potentially ameliorate the risk of increased movements through Flaxton and be included as part of the aspiration for the land allocation in the wider York plan.

### **Closing Comments**

I trust you find these comments helpful in preparing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Should you wish to discuss any element of the response please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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