To whom it may concern

Date: **27 January 2021**
My Ref: ██████████████
Your Ref: █████████
Contact: N/A
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Dear Sir or madam,

In response to objection to CPO Order for the North & East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road

In response to the redacted letter of objection received by Leicestershire County Council from the Department of Transport on 03/11/2020.

In your letter you raised a number of concerns which I have summarised below;

1. It will spoil the countryside and wildlife over the whole area.

2. Another main road is blot on green belt and will be spoiled forever.

3. People will still drive through the town of Melton and will not waste their time and petrol going all that way around.

Throughout the planning and design processes officers considered in depth the impacts on the countryside through a site surveys, assessments and engagement with landowners. The route seeks to minimise the environmental impact on people, flora and fauna, including landscape and visual impacts whilst enabling it to support both future development and growth.

An Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") has been undertaken and forms a key part of the planning consent. The EIA sets out the potential effects of the scheme on the environment and the mitigation measures required to minimise the impacts on the environment. The EIA addresses matters including, nature, conservation of habitats, public rights of way, highway implications, noise, vibration and air quality. It also considers traffic management during the construction phase in addition to landscape and visual impacts over time.

Please be assured that Leicestershire council has considered in depth the impacts on the countryside and wildlife throughout the route corridor and that the scheme is fully compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Melton Mowbray local plan.

The design is compliant with national standards and sector guidance and details of these planning obligations including the EIA can be found on the following website ██ ████████████████████████████████████

We are also committed to **Defra's Biodiversity net gain** principles and aims to ensure our approach on all land affected by this road scheme leaves where possible, the natural environment in a measurably better state than beforehand. To do this we have used Defra's biodiversity metric guidelines to identify then avoid, mitigate or compensate for any biodiversity losses. Basic guidance on Defra's biodiversity net gain principles can be found at ██ and how the Defra biodiversity metric 2.0 is used can be found on the Nation England website

Alternatively, you may wish to visit the planning portal where you can search under the planning reference █████████████████ for further information on the scheme.

In response to your concerns that people will continue to drive through the town of Melton Mowbray; A comprehensive Transport Assessment ("TA") was developed in accordance with national guidance and was independently checked. The TA identified the likely traffic related impacts of our scheme and considered future development and build out rates based on information provided by the local planning authority for Melton Mowbray. This included a list of 33 employment developments and 15 residential developments which will deliver approximately 4500 dwelling up to the year 2036.

That same Transport Assessment forecasts that the new road scheme design will accommodate the traffic flows which are likely to reassign onto the new road and will removed significant traffic volumes from Melton Mowbray town centre.

I hope that this letter addresses your concerns and provides you with the information for you to consider the formal withdrawal of your objection. Should this be the case, the Department of Transport would require a formal letter of withdrawal, to be sent to the following address; -

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Yours faithfully,

Penny Leslie

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