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Dear Gary,

**The Leicestershire County Council (A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020 ("CPO")**

**The Leicestershire County Council (A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road) Side Roads Order 2020 ("SRO")**

**These are referred to either separately as the CPO and the SRO or collectively as the Orders**

I write further to our meeting on 8 July 2021 in respect of your objection to the above Orders.

It is clear from your representations, both written and oral, that having understood the Council's position in respect of your objection, you are seeking a degree of assurance in respect of the Council's approach relating to the provision of the North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (the "Scheme") to bypass Melton Mowbray.

This letter is intended to provide assurances given in relation to the Orders such that you are able to withdraw your objection to the Orders without delay.

As discussed in our meeting of 8 July and as set out in previous correspondence from Leicestershire County Council, the Scheme will prevent vehicles using Lag Lane between the A607 Thorpe Road and the B676 Saxby Road as a rat run, but will help to improve walking, riding and cycling in the area.

The option of a turning head was considered as part of the design process and discussed at consultation during the planning stage. The resulting responses gave rise to a number of residents' concerns, stating that there was no need for a formal turning head, citing the majority of households on Lag Lane had adequate parking or turning which visitors were able to use. The detail of the concerns raised included additional land that would need to be acquired, the area becoming a hotspot for fly tipping, trespass, and other undesirable activities. Additionally, the area could become a location

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for parking, potentially obstructing legitimate users of the bridleway and private means of access.

In January 2021, the Council undertook a vehicle behaviour study at two separate driveway locations on Lag Lane to assess turning or access movements. The survey identified that turning is an existing issue, but one that is not substantial. Furthermore, there is no policy or recognised guidance that is directly applicable to the scenario at Lag Lane that would support the need for a turning head.

Without supporting evidence of the need for a turning head and concerns raised by residents at consultation during the planning process, the Council decided not to pursue the provision of a turning head.

Nevertheless, the Council acknowledges the issues raised in your objection and understands your concerns about the impact of the Scheme.

It is proposed therefore to provide a package of mitigation to provide sufficient comfort to you, such that you are able to withdraw your objection to the Orders. The mitigation package will comprise of temporary signage, permanent signage, proactive engagement with GPS mapping services, and accommodation works.

Prior to stopping up Lag Lane, the Council will provide temporary signage on the approach to, and at the junction of Lag Lane with the A607 Thorpe Road and the B676 Saxby Road. This signage will comprise of typical black-on-yellow traffic management signage advising motorists that Lag Lane is closed from a given date and that there is no through route. The intention is that high contrast temporary signage prior to the junction will inform drivers of the changed road layout, with sufficient notice to enable them to take an alternative route. The advanced signage will be reinforced with further temporary signage at the junction.

During the construction of the Scheme, permanent signage will be installed at the junction of Lag Lane with the A607 Thorpe Road. Permanent signage will be designed in accordance with national guidance and will include "No Through Road" and "Unsuitable for HGVs" signage. This will further deter unsuitable vehicles from using Lag Lane, initially by reinforcing the temporary signage and in the long term providing continued messaging that Lag Lane will no longer be available as a cut through and is not suitable for large vehicles. The existing 7.5t weight limit restriction signage will be reviewed and as minimum cleaned to increase its visibility. Note that weight limit restrictions are being reviewed as part of the Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy and that future changes may be made.

The Council has a process whereby GPS mapping services are advised of changes to the road network, often arising as a result of changes to speed limits, weight restrictions, and the like. Through this process, the Council will proactively inform GPS mapping services of the change in status of Lag Lane. Whilst the Council cannot control updates to mapping services, it is anticipated that changes may be swiftly reflected in online GPS maps. The intention is that drivers are advised by such GPS mapping systems to

continue driving on the appropriate route and not to use Lag Lane as a cut through, as may currently be the case.

It is expected that, subject to landowner agreement, survey and detailed design, the Council will provide accommodation works to your private property. This work will comprise of the design, supply, and installation of a sign proximate to the junction of your private driveway with Lag Lane. Subject to agreement, the sign may advise drivers that the land is a private driveway with access for residents and their visitors only, or the like.

Finally, the Council will continue to monitor the traffic situation in the area during and after the scheme has been implemented.

I trust this letter provides you with the necessary assurances to enable you to formally withdraw your objection. If you would wish to do so, please write to the Department for Transport at the following address:

[REDACTED]

Alternatively, if you prefer you could send an email to them at [REDACTED] and I would ask you to please copy me in at [REDACTED]

In the meantime, if you have any questions with regard to the above please do not hesitate to contact me quoting [REDACTED] in any correspondence, whether by letter or email.

Yours sincerely,

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