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Dear Patrick

Thank you for responding to the Council's main and additional modifications consultation. Please consider this email as formal acknowledgement of your representation on behalf of Highways England being received.

Kind regards,

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Our Reference: 13509

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Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan Schedule of Main Modifications

Thank you for inviting Highways England to respond to the above consultation.

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). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We have reviewed the Schedule of Main Modifications document, May 2021. Our interests relate to the proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the M3 and M27 Motorways and their junctions. With reference to main modifications (MM), we have listed these in relation to their relevance to the SRN:-

- **MM2:-** We note the deletion of the previous housing figures based upon the update housing trajectory and the methodology for deriving those figures.
- **MM3:-** We note the decrease from the previous 144,050 sq.m. (net) floorspace net of new employment floor space, now 103,500 sq.m. (net) between 2016-2036.
- **MM6:-** We welcome the inclusion in Policy S1 that encourages Applicant's to undertake pre-application consultation with the relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees.
- **MM11:-** In relation to the modifications to Policy S3, we note the housing figures accounting for updated housing figures and the revised shortfall figures of 2,572 houses following the deletion of the Strategic Growth Option presented in previous versions of the Plan. MM11 states the Council will commence an update of this Local Plan within 1 year of its adoption and we hope to meet with you to discuss the future updates of the plans as initial modelling using the SRTM identified a number of severe traffic congestion impacts that resulted from this emerging SGO scenario.
- **MM13:-** We note this now reflects the deletion of the SGO policies, supporting text and all associated cross references from the Plan as recommended by Inspector's post hearings letter dated 1 April 2020. This includes the deletion of the previously proposed new link road which connected the existing community at Fair Oak and the new communities north of Bishopstoke and Fair Oak with junction 12 of the M3.
- **MM32:-** Again, we note the deletion of the new link road connecting the north of Bishopstoke, Fair Oak strategic growth option with M3 Junction 12.
- **MM32 cont.:-** For Policy S12 we note and welcome the inclusion of improvements to junctions 5, 7 and 8 of the M27 motorway and to other junctions identified as being in need of improvement in the Highways England Roads Investment Strategy, Hampshire County Council Local Transport Plan, the Solent Transport Delivery Plan, the Hampshire County Council/Eastleigh Borough Transport Statement, the transport assessment of the Pre-submission Local Plan and other strategy documents, including improvements to the Windhover roundabout and A27 in Bursledon and the creation of smart motorways.
- **MM32 cont:-** However, we note the deletion *The Borough Council will work with developers, the highway authority, Solent Transport, the Solent LEP, the Solent Local Transport Body and Highways England to secure funding to implement these schemes.* We are keen to work with EBC in the future to understand the potential transport impacts at these locations to ensure that they do not have any adverse impacts on the SRN.
- **MM97:-** We note the inclusion of *where there is a reasonable prospect of a full link road being viable and deliverable, development proposals should make a contribution towards the full link road proportionate to the traffic impact of that proposal and of any contributions / funding the applicant had already made to the road. Parts of this road should be constructed as part of the new site access arrangements.* We note that the infrastructure identified as 'essential' within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan retains the Chickenhall Lane Link Road (CLLR) and our interest remains in this associated resultant impact on the SRN should it be delivered and the implications if this is not delivered.

Highways England supports EBC's commitment to work with partners to address infrastructure constraints to ensure proposed development can be safely accommodated on the SRN. I hope this is helpful and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

Kind Regards

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