

Hearing Statement of Fareham Society on Inspector's MIQs 48 and 51 on HA56 Land West of Downend Road

Week 3 Matter 6.8

MIQ48

In the Society's initial observations concerns were raised that:

- the proposed junction onto the A27 between the Delme roundabout and the M27 Junction 11 would be detrimental to the free flow of traffic on that road and potentially dangerous; and
- increased use of the Downend road bridge over the main railway line would cause unacceptable further delays on Downend Road.

The subsequent Statement of Common Ground (SCG) (FBC035) between Fareham Borough Council and Miller Homes in relation HA56, and the recently published updated Strategic Transport Assessment (SRTM) documents on the modelling do not satisfactorily address these concerns. Indeed, nothing that we have read addresses them.

With regard to wider highway considerations reference has been made in paragraph 6.5 of the SCG on the wider benefits of a link road through the site connecting Downend Road with the A27 in reducing traffic flows on three key junctions (Downend Road/A27 Portchester Road/Shearwater Avenue, M27 Junction 11 and Delme roundabout). Reference has been made to modelling undertaken on this. However, the recently published updated SRTM documents on the modelling carried out include no references to the link road.

Thus, there is no readily accessible information to address the highway concerns we raised and no evidence to support any possible view that such harm would be outweighed by other highway benefits.

In answer to the first sentence of the MIQ there is, therefore, no satisfactory evidence on the impact of the development on the local highway network.

Turning to the second sentence of the MIQ paragraph 3.4.4 of the 'Do Something' report states that "The *Transport Assessment Addendum will explain the preferred approach to mitigation.*" However, the Transport Assessment Addendum has not yet been published. So, this matter as well has not been addressed.

The Society has broader concerns on the appropriateness of the way in which the proposed link road through the site is being addressed in the emerging Plan. This is covered in our statement in support of our observations on Policy TIN2 and paragraphs 10.1 -10.19.

MIQ51

The Council's response to this question is that the infrastructure requirements identified for the allocation have been identified through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (TOI007) process and engagement between the Council, the site promoter and infrastructure providers. However, there is no reference to the site in Infrastructure Delivery Plan (TOI007). Nor is there any evidence to show that the site would be viable if the link road had to be provided without highway authority funding or, indeed, that any public funding would be available.

