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Welborne Plan

Statement of Common Ground

Fareham Borough Council
and
Hampshire County Council
Highways Agency

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Welborne Plan Statement of Common Ground Transport

Fareham Borough Council (the local planning authority), Hampshire County Council (the Highway Authority) and the Highways Agency (the Department for Transport Agency responsible for the M27 Motorway) have prepared a Statement of Common Ground ahead of the Welborne Plan Examination Hearings.

The enclosed statement is agreed on 7 October 2014 by:

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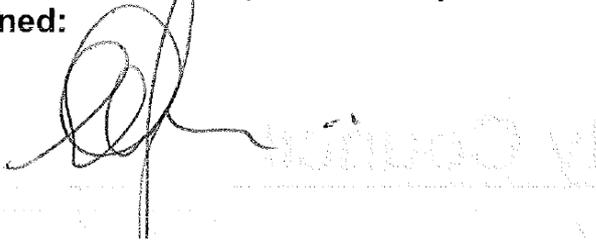


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Introduction

1. The purpose of this statement is to set out the agreed position of the Borough Council, the Highway Authority and the Highways Agency on the transport implications of the Welborne project and the relevant policies in the Welborne Plan.
2. This statement builds on a substantial dialogue and correspondence that has been undertaken with the Highway Authority and the Highways Agency throughout the preparation of the Welborne Plan, including representations by both parties on the Regulation 19 Publication Plan.

Strategic Road Access

3. Following a significant amount of testing and analysis using the Sub-Regional Transport Model (SRTM), all parties agree that in principle providing an “all-moves” solution at Junction 10 of the M27 represents a key component of an appropriate strategic highway solution for Welborne.
4. The Parties agree that policy WEL24 of the Welborne Plan provides an appropriate framework for delivering an “all moves” upgrade to Junction 10 of the M27.
5. The position of all Parties regarding the appropriate design of the improvements to Junction 10 of the M27 is set out in the Preferred Option note dated 7 April 2014 (EV47). Since that time further work has been undertaken on a detailed design based upon the preferred option set out in the note.
6. The delivery of homes in Welborne will be linked to the provision of the upgrade to Junction 10 of the M27. The Highway Authority has delivered a work programme which shows how the improvements can be commenced on the A32 north and south of the M27 in 2016/17 by the developers as part of their initial phase access strategy, with the major works to the underpass and slip roads for the new all moves Junction 10, to be delivered by the Highways Agency, commencing later in 2018/19. The full upgrade will be delivered through a phased and managed programme of works following the delivery of essential enabling works on the local highway network and in parallel with improvements to manage increased traffic flows on the local network. The Parties consider that this timescale is deliverable. £14.9m has already been committed by the Solent LEP solely towards the delivery of the junction 10 improvement and agreements are being discussed regarding the level of developer funding which is anticipated will fund the remainder of the Junction 10 scheme cost. Whilst the design work for the Junction 10 works is being funded and led by the Highways Authority, it is anticipated that the delivery of the Junction 10 works will be led by the Highways Agency, with the developers involved in delivering the parts of the scheme linked to their site access off the A32.

Other matters

7. Minor interventions at Junction 11 may also be required. Appropriate works are being considered at Junction 9 to mitigate the impacts of the proposed development at North Whiteley. Any additional measures required to mitigate the impacts of the Welborne development will be identified through the full Transport Assessment to accompany planning applications for the site
8. The traffic impacts and necessary mitigation measures, including travel planning and improvement of public transport links, will be determined through the Transport Assessment which is required to accompany planning applications for the site.
9. Mitigation measures on the local highway network will be identified through the Transport Assessment. At present, both the Borough Council and the Highway Authority are content that the list of identified junctions in paragraph 7.27 of the plan represents a reasonable indication of the likely locations of mitigation measures, therefore managing the expected wider impacts of the Welborne Plan. The timing of any mitigation will be set out in the Transport Assessment, but initial discussions with the site promoters regarding the scope and contents of the Transport Assessment have not indicated any significant issues regarding the implementation of necessary measures.
10. All parties agree that an extension of the Gosport-Fareham Bus Rapid Transit system is a key element of the Transport Strategy for Welborne. The proposals in the Transport Strategy for extending BRT have been informed by discussions with the BRT operators. The extension will be delivered with the following components:
 - On-site bus priority measures, including sections of dedicated highway;
 - Off-site priority measures and complementary improvements to transport interchanges in Fareham Town Centre; and
 - Operational subsidy to implement the new route and support its operation in the initial years of development.