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Dear Andrew

Portsmouth Harbour Authorities Transport Evidence Base

In response to your e-mail dated 17th August 2010, requesting written comment from Hampshire County Council on Peter Brett Associates report relating to Stage 1 mitigation measures, I am able to provide the following information.

Hampshire County Council provided support to the Portsmouth Harbour Authorities in commissioning and client managing a study, which endeavoured to provide an important element of the transport evidence base for their respective Local Development Frameworks (LDF's). This was particularly to address the Highways Agencies concerns regarding the evaluation of the transport impacts of the joint authority LDF proposals on the strategic road network.

Hampshire County Council provided use of the only available strategic model available at the time, the Solent Strategic Transport Model, an AM peak SATURN Model. A sum of £12,000 was also paid to update this model.

The work commissioned by the Portsmouth Harbour Authorities and undertaken by Peter Brett Associates had specific objectives to:

- Assess the impacts of traffic arising from developments proposed in the administrative areas of the Harbour Authorities on the Designated Road Network and its junctions against a 2006 base case.
- Be consistent with other studies including the South Hampshire Transport Strategy
- study being undertaken on behalf of the Transport Authorities.



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- Take account of the priority schemes identified in the "South East Hampshire-Regional Funding Allocation - Refresh 2008" study.

Although it must be appreciated that the study was based on numerous assumptions (including impact of Bus Rapid Transport (BRT), increase in bus service provision, trip rates etc.), the Highway Authority is happy with this initial piece of work.

The final objective to "identify and assess specific mitigation measures" however was not covered by the study. The aim was for the individual authorities to pick up this objective through their own detailed work in the Development Plan Document's (DPD's), with the support of the Local Highway Authority (LHA). This work will focus on how the impact of the proposed development's traffic on their strategic road network could be mitigated at source, by smarter choices and by highway interventions on their network.

Hampshire Council is committed to working with the local planning authorities to support their development proposals and to this end a multi-modal transport model for the South Hampshire sub-region is currently under development. However, as you are aware this will not be available in time to meet with Havant Borough Council's Core Strategy timetable. The new multi-modal model will assist in identifying the likely traffic impact of the various strategic developments, individually and accumulatively, on the local and strategic road networks. The model will also then be of value in option testing to deliver the most appropriate highway mitigation measures required in delivering the strategic sites in the most sustainable transport manner.

I am pleased that your local authority will be preparing a Development Delivery (Allocations) DPD. This will allow the above work to be carried out, utilising the multi-modal transport model, in partnership with the Highway Authority, the Highways Agency and the surrounding Local Planning Authorities.

The Highway Authority would be happy to be a co-signatory to a "Statement of Common Understanding" to be placed before the Inspector based on the 5 points identified by the Highways Agency as detailed in your e-mail to Mary-Ann Toop on 1st September 2010, with the following additions;

1. Point 4 – the words "Local Road Network and" should be added after "impact on the ..."
2. Point 5 – the words "Local Road Network and" should be added after "LDF development on the...."
3. Point 5 – the words "Local Highway Authority and" should be added after "agreed with the...."

I trust the above deals with your concerns and sets out the Highway Authority's backing for the way forward with your Core Strategy in transport terms as suggested by the Highways Agency.

Yours sincerely

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