

A New Approach to Calculating Transport Contributions in Hampshire

In recent years highway authorities have sought contributions from new developments toward highway improvements which would mitigate the transport impact of new development. These are over and above the immediate highway infrastructure which is necessary for the development itself.

Hampshire County Council as highway authority had previously adopted this approach, but other than for very large schemes, it has left negotiations to the district council concerned via the staff employed under a development control agency. Whilst this has been generally effective it has led to some inconsistencies of approach across the County.

In order to provide a more transparent and consistent approach the County Council has adopted a new policy for transport contributions which is set out in "A New Approach to Calculating Transport Contributions in Hampshire". The new approach is based upon a standard formula for calculating contributions from development of all sizes.

Following a report to Winchester City Council Cabinet on 25th March 2008, it was concluded that Winchester City Council would adopt the Policy for all planning applications submitted on and after 1st April 2008.

The policy can be viewed in full by following this link.....

Any queries or further clarification on the Policy should be directed to Laura McCulloch at Hampshire County Council, who can be contacted on 01962 857818.