

Highways Agency 00085

A list of modifications to Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy has been proposed by Winchester City Council. With reference to Policy SH3 the following amendment (in red text) has been recommended for bullet point 6:

“provide measures to ensure that smarter transport choices are made to achieve a modal shift which minimises car usage, manages the impact of private cars on the highway network, and implements measures necessary to accommodate additional traffic, to include improvements to junction 9 of the M27 to be agreed with the relevant highway authorities. These should improve Whiteley’s level of self containment and make a significant contribution towards reducing commuting levels”;

The reason for this modification is as follows: *“To refer specifically to the need to improve Junction 9 of the M27 in response to the Highways Agency”.*

The Highways Agency is concerned that the modifications do not fully reflect the Mr Anthony Powell’s comments at the hearing proceedings on 7 November 2012. At the hearing Mr Powell requested that Policy SH3 is amended in line with the Highways Agency written statement, dated 12 October 2012. The Highways Agency therefore requests that the following wording is added to Policy SH3:

A North Whiteley transport mitigation strategy will include:

- A full package of mitigation measures to demonstrate how the impact of the development on the strategic road network will be managed and mitigated*
- The delivery mechanisms of the mitigation works including cost, funding, the delivery vehicle, and timing (including phasing)*
- How the development will achieve proposed levels of self containment by providing a range of employment, education, community, recreation & sport, and retail uses as an integral part of the new development;*
- How the development will achieve a justifiable reduction in vehicular trips, and reduce reliance on the car, with the emphasis on smarter choices, in particular walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing, and home working;*

- *How the development will encourage walking and cycling and the use of public transport through the creation of suitable neighbourhoods, and an internal movement network focussed upon sustainable modes, viable and attractive district and local centres, safe and direct routes for walking;*
- *The car parking strategy which provides restraint in areas of high accessibility, and encourages trips by non car means;*
- *How the actual travel impacts of the development will be monitored.*
- *A public transport strategy and Framework Travel Plan*

The reason for this modification is to provide assurance that further work will to mitigate the development impacts on the Strategic Road Network. The HA considers the above measures to represent a pragmatic way forward.

Kind Regards

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