



## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

### **INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING**

**TOPIC –Winchester District Local Plan Review Inquiry; Response Note in respect of the rebuttal of evidence submitted by Havant Borough Council; Reference the integration of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area with the town centre (see attached papers).**

### **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the City Secretary and Solicitor, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Performance Improvement Committee.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

### **Contact Officers:**

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### **SUMMARY**

- Havant Borough Council has made objections to Policy NC2 in the Winchester District Local Plan Review. In particular objections have been lodged against the wording of paragraphs RD 12.13 and 12.38 in respect of the integration of the MDA with Waterlooville town centre.
- While both Councils wish to see the MDA fully integrated with the town centre, it is the way in which Havant propose that this should be achieved that is the difference between the councils and a cause of fundamental concern. Essentially Havant is proposing that Maurepas Way is closed to traffic, and that the traffic currently using this road is diverted through the MDA.
- This would result in severance within the MDA and unacceptable environmental problems for the new community.
- The City Council believes that there are more acceptable alternatives which are less disruptive to the MDA, and therefore in the attached Response Note seeks to rebut Havant's evidence on the basis that their proposal is disproportionate and unreasonable.
- As this issue has not previously been considered in detail by the City Council, and in order for the evidence to be given due weight and to confirm the City Council's position, the Portfolio Holder is requested to agree the attached Response note

**DECISION**

That Response Note 12.02 (G) (i) be agreed as representing the City Council's position in respect of the closure of Maurepas Way and the diversion of the displaced traffic through the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area.

**REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

The session of the Local Plan Inquiry scheduled to hear Havant Borough Council's objection starts on the 30 November 2004, as it is essential to be able to present the Council's formal position, and there being no other forum to consider this matter, the Portfolio Holder's endorsement of the Response Note is therefore sought.

**FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

None

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED**

None

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

None

**Approved by: (signature)**

**Date of Decision**

**Councillor Beveridge**

**Portfolio Holder for Planning**