

# **Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site Allocations**

**Examination – July 2016**

Statement of Common Ground with

Hampshire County Council

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## Statement of Common Ground

### Between

### Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement has been prepared by Winchester City Council (WCC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC) in response to the proposed modifications to the Winchester Local Plan Part 2 relating to Botley Bypass on which both parties agree.
- 1.2 All issues raised by HCC in relation to the proposed modifications to the Winchester Local Plan Part 2 in respect of Botley Bypass have now been resolved and the County Council can therefore confirm that the Highway Authority objections to the plan are withdrawn.

#### 2. Proposed modifications/changes to the plan

- 2.1 The following modifications have been agreed:
  - 5.21 The Council has been advised by the Highway Authority that, in order to meet the planned level of housing growth in the Eastleigh Borough, in and around the Botley Area, strategic transport infrastructure improvements will be necessary to help mitigate the impact of traffic, including the provision of the Botley Bypass. These include the provision of Botley Bypass although a full justification for the Bypass, together with a fully funded programme of delivery has yet to be established. Whilst a fully funded programme of delivery has yet to be established, the Highway Authority is seeking funding for the road. The Council will therefore continue to safeguard the section of the potential route for the Botley Bypass within the Winchester District and will work positively with stakeholders to investigate and identify appropriate means of delivering the future construction of the Bypass, although at the present time it is not in any programme for delivery.
  - 5.22 The construction of the Bypass is a long term aspiration of both Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council, and the City Council will work closely with both parties to assist the delivery of this road, either within or beyond the Local Plan Period. As well as safeguarding the route of the road, the Policy also seeks to ensure that the road can be delivered in its entirety to ensure that the section of the Bypass in Winchester District connects to the remainder of the Bypass. This is necessary to avoid an intrusive road being built in the

countryside which does not connect to the complete Bypass, and to ensure that any harmful impacts on the adjoining environmentally sensitive areas are effectively mitigated or avoided. Due to ~~its~~ the proximity to ~~distance from~~ the internationally protected Special Protection Area along the Solent, which includes the Upper Hamble, an assessment will be required under the Habitat Regulations, and an Appropriate Assessment, before consent for the Bypass can be granted.

#### Policy SHUA5 – Botley Bypass Safeguarding

**Land is safeguarded, as shown on the Policies Map, for the construction of the part of Botley Bypass within Winchester District, between the District boundary at the river Hamble and the junction of the A334/A3051.**

**~~Construction of~~ The Botley Bypass within the Winchester District will be permitted, provided that:**

- (i) measures are included to protect the environmental sensitivity of the river Hamble, and adjoining area; and**
- (ii) ~~all the required there are funding commitments is in place to ensure that the road is delivered in its entirety;~~**
- (ii) a structural landscaping scheme is prepared and implemented, which effectively mitigates any adverse visual impacts on the surrounding area.**

**Before the construction of the Bypass in the Winchester District commences funding commitments should be in place to ensure that the road is delivered in its entirety.**

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