

Hearing Statement of the Fareham Society in Inspector's MIQ 1 on Matter 11 Transport and Infrastructure

Hearing day 9.

Transport

In the Society's initial observations we said that the transport evidence was out of date and that this raised significant concerns in relation to allocation HA56. We have dealt with our specific concerns on this in our further statement on that allocation.

However, we have a broader concern on the appropriateness of the way in which the proposed link road through the site is being addressed in the emerging Plan. The Statement of Common Ground says that the link road has been included in allocation HA56 with the aim of good design and bringing benefits to the wider area. However, the link road would be a change to the highway network of such significance that it should be dealt with as a Policy in its own right, and we are disturbed by the reference in the Updated Strategic Transport Assessment (STA), which has not yet been published, that it does not necessitate a Policy requirement. As things stand, unless residents were closely following the progression of the emerging Plan they could well be unaware of the significance of this change. Downend Road residents, for example, are likely to suffer a far greater impact in relation to passing traffic than would have been the case had the link road not been provided.