

## Briefing Note 3 – Guildford Local Committee 24 September 2014

### Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme

#### **Background and Purpose**

Surrey County Council are responsible for producing Local Transport Strategies to take account of and provide a plan for addressing both existing and future transport related problems in a geographical area. Local Transport Strategy & Forward Programme is being produced for each district and borough in the county and will become part of SCC's Surrey Transport Plan (3), which is a statutory requirement.

It should be noted that Guildford Borough are responsible for identifying 'essential' infrastructure in the document called Infrastructure Delivery Schedule to support the Local Plan. The infrastructure schedule will be included in the (LTS&FP) when the Local Plan is adopted.

The Transportation Task Group and Local Committee were asked to review the content of a first draft of the Guildford Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme (LTS&FP) on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 respectively.

#### **Timescales**

The timetable provided in the first draft was challenged by the Transportation Task Group (TTG) and the Local Committee. Concerns were raised on the timing of the (LTS&FP) consultation period in relation to current borough led consultation events for both the Local Plan and Town Centre Vision (due to end on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014) and to any other subsequent consultations. *Hence, the overall timetable has been re-scheduled to ensure that it can capture the outcomes of the Local Plan and the Town Centre Vision consultation process and provided adequate time for further member involvement and approval.*

#### **New Timescale**

It is proposed to defer the (LTS&FP) consultation until the Local Plan is adopted as the current draft version of the Forward Programme does not contain any 'essential' infrastructure required to support and deliver the planned development contained in the Local Plan. Furthermore, it is understood that the current Local Plan timetable states a further six week consultation period on the Submission Version of the Local Plan in January 2015, with an expected submission date of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to the Secretary of State (SoS). This is followed by the 'Purdah period' from the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 before the elections in May 2015.

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It is further proposed to separate the (LTS&FP) programme into two parts, in order to accommodate the Local Plan process.

**Part A** – An ‘interim’ plan, to enable business as usual to progress. This part will not include any reference to the Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (IDS), but will include:

- Existing draft as interim version
- Member comments
- Provide commentary on existing and known issues
- Reference to the Guildford Local Committee Speed Framework
- No further consultation until Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Schedule agreed
- The need to be used as an evidence base for preparing any future funding bids.

**Part B** - to be developed following the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule as part of GBC's Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Local Plan submission document, which will set out the future impacts and the ‘essential’ infrastructure required to deliver planned development to be approved at Examination in Public (EiP). The Forward Programme to include the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule prior to consultation.

### **Revised Timetable**

Process	Date	
Transportation Task Group (SCC)	4 Sept 2014	Agree revised schedule
Draft Local Plan consultation ends (GBC)	22 Sept 2014	
Member feedback (SCC)	30 Sept 2014	Approve Interim Part A
Transportation Task Group (SCC)	21 Oct 2014	Receive member feedback
Informal Local Committee meeting (SCC)	13 Nov 2014	Approve Interim Part A
Local Plan Submission Vers. Consultation (GBC)	Jan-Feb 2015	
Local Plan submitted to SoS (GBC)	15 Mar 2015	
<i>Purdah period and local elections 23 March – 7 May 2015</i>		
Transportation Task Group (SCC)	May 2015	Approve Interim Part B
LTS&FP Consultation* (SCC)	June–Jul 2015	6 weeks
Transportation Task Group (SCC)	Sept 2015	Consultation feedback
Informal Local Committee meeting (SCC)	Nov 2015	Consultation feedback
Formal Local Committee (SCC)	Dec 2015	Approve full LTS
SCC Cabinet (SCC)	Dec 2015	Approve full LTS

\*Subject to confirmation following elections

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