

Matter 15 Written Statement – Highways England (362)

Matter 15 – Viability. Q167: Should Travel Planning be listed as critical rather than important in relation to the priority attributed to it? How would this impact on the viability of its delivery?

Whilst it is noted the above question is raised in respect of viability, Highways England agrees that the priority of Travel Planning for development coming forward at Cranbrook should be considered as critical.

Objectives 16 – 18 (Transport) of the draft Cranbrook Plan seek to implement and encourage the use of an integrated and coordinated sustainable transport system. As set out in our response of 24 April, these objectives which seek to minimise the use of the private car for journeys to and from Cranbrook are supported by Highways England, in order to achieve the previously agreed modal shift targets required to ensure that the transport impact of development at Cranbrook is not severe. We would therefore expect the plan to set out the strategies required to deliver this, which would include the need for comprehensive travel planning for all development at Cranbrook.

Travel Planning is and will remain to be a key consideration to the successful delivery of the development at Cranbrook and we note that the recent applications at Bluehayes and Treasbeare commit to undertaking in full the requirements set out in the approved Cranbrook-wide Travel Plan. We therefore consider that Travel Planning should be listed as a critical priority within the Plan in respect of the delivery of development.

Kind regards,

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