

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examination: Matter SC6A Hearing Statement (SS/5 Waterbeach New Town)

Respondent Ref: RLW Estates / DIO (18277)

Statement of Common Ground between Highways England and RLW Estates

RLW Estates has engaged with Highways England over many years with regards to the capacity improvements that may be necessary at Junction 33, the A10/A14 junction south of Milton in Cambridgeshire to support the development of a New Settlement at Waterbeach.

Highways England is currently implementing its A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme which includes widening of the A14 west of junction 33 and improvements to the A10 / A14 junction that have been designed to accommodate the necessary growth in traffic associated with the levels of development anticipated in the local area until at least 2035. Specifically in respect of Waterbeach New Settlement, 1,400 homes were assumed for 2031, the final year for the Cambridge Sub-Regional Model (CSRM) run. This was extrapolated to 1800 homes for the 2035 year run of the CHARM3a traffic model run.

RLW Estates' highways consultants have prepared a design for capacity improvements at the junction (WSP Drawing No 0773-SK-003-B appended to this SOCG) which could provide a further improvement to the operation of the junction if further improvements are determined to be necessary through the statutory planning application processes.

Highways England and RLW Estates agree that the development of Waterbeach New Settlement should take the available opportunities to minimise car borne journeys through physical improvements in walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure as well as through "softer measures" such as travel planning, supporting and promoting use of cycling and public transport services and encouraging car sharing where there is no alternative to the car for particular journeys. In particular they agree that early delivery of the relocation of the railway station, and of direct commuter cycle links to Cambridge Northern Fringe East and the Science Park would be beneficial to the overall transport sustainability of the New Settlement.

Signed

On behalf of Highways England

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A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

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