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Dear Ian,

Re: Runnymede Local Plan and the Strategic Highway Assessment Report (SHAR)

Thank you for your emails and accompanying documents you sent to us yesterday. Surrey County Council's view, as the Highway Authority, remains unchanged from that stated in October 2017. Ensuring the model period and plan period are the same would be best, but as long as the model forecast year is slightly later than the plan period then this would not be of significance. In our professional opinion, changing the model period from 2036 to 2030, providing everything else remains the same, would not change the overall conclusion of the Strategic Highway Assessment Report.

It is worth noting that the modelling work undertaken to inform the strategic highway assessment reports for both Waverley and Guildford also had a slightly later years than their respective plan periods. This was of no consequence at Waverley's EIP last year, and this hasn't been raised by either Guildford's legal team or the Inspector for Guildford's forthcoming EIP.

Furthermore, the current NPPF supplementary guidance, Transport Evidence Bases in Plan Making and Decision Making, states: 'The assessment should ideally cover the period of the Local Plan, taking into account all the changes and improvements in, for example, technology and behaviour that is likely to happen in that time. Circular 02/2013 sets out provisions for the Strategic Road Network and assessment years at paragraphs 25 to 27.' (Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 54-011-20141010, Revision date: 10 10 2014.) In turn, Circular 02/2013 states in paragraph 25: 'The overall forecast demand should be compared to the ability of the existing network to accommodate traffic over a period up to ten years after the date of registration of a planning application or the end of the relevant Local Plan whichever is the greater. This is known as the review period.' (SCC's underlining).

The modelling work done to inform the SHAR for Runnymede was based on a plan period to 2035, as stated in the specification brief submitted to Minnerva and copied to us. However, should shortening the plan period to 2030 result in either a different spatial strategy and/or different quantum of proposed development, then this may be of consequence. Providing the proposed strategy remains the same in these two aspects then we do not consider the overall conclusions would change.

Yours Sincerely,

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