

Statement of Common Ground

Constituent parties to this Statement of Common Ground

-Runnymede Borough Council

-Surrey County Council

Geographical area covered by this Statement of Common Ground

This is an annex Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) which should be read in conjunction with the primary Runnymede-Spelthorne SoCG. The Runnymede-Spelthorne SoCG provides detailed information on the Runnymede-Spelthorne Housing Market Area (HMA) and its linkages with other boroughs. Both Runnymede and Spelthorne are located in Surrey. There is a two tier system of local government in Surrey, the county council and the 11 district and borough councils. As such, both Runnymede and Spelthorne Borough Councils have significant engagement in relation to a range of matters with Surrey County Council during the preparation of their Local Plans. Generally, the county council is responsible for the provision of services such as education, highways and social care whereas the districts and boroughs provide more local services.

Key strategic cross boundary matters between the constituent parties to this agreement

Surrey County Council has responsibility for the following strategic functions which are particularly relevant to the development of the Runnymede Local Plan:

- In its role as the local highway authority, providing advice and ensuring the delivery of highway improvements to support development sites;
- Ensuring that there are sufficient school and early years places to support growth in Runnymede;
- The disposal of household waste and provision of suitable local infrastructure to support recycling such as community recycling facilities; and
- In its role as the minerals & waste planning authority, providing advice regarding the safeguarding of important minerals resources and the provision and safeguarding of strategic waste infrastructure - this particularly with regard to the location of new housing development.

Surrey County Council and Runnymede Borough Council through the production of the Runnymede Local Plan have worked, and continue to work in partnership in relation to the following matters:

- Flooding - in particular on matters relating to Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and the delivery of the River Thames Scheme by the Environment Agency; and
- Heathrow Airport expansion - through the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group to assist essential Duty to Cooperate processes for plan making authorities, to engage in early discussions regarding the Development Consent Order prepared by Heathrow Airport Limited, and to provide a collective point of communication with Government on issues of common concern around the processes, resources, wider infrastructure and other implications of growth at Heathrow Airport upon the sub-region.

Surrey County Council has worked, and continues to work in an advisory capacity to Runnymede Borough Council during the development of the Runnymede Local Plan on matters related to:

- Public health and wellbeing
- Heritage

Evidence base and Local Plan development

Surrey County Council is satisfied that Runnymede Borough Council has engaged with them proactively and on an ongoing basis during the preparation of the Runnymede Local Plan with the objective of both parties being to achieve positive outcomes in relation to strategic cross boundary issues identified and to support sustainable growth.

Surrey County Council acknowledges the findings of the following evidence base studies and assessments:

- Transport Assessment (June 2016)
- Strategic Highway Assessment Report (October 2017)
- A320 Corridor Study (April 2018)
- Scoping Water Cycle Study (January 2018)
- Outline Water Cycle Study (March 2018)
- Longcross Garden Village-Infrastructure and Viability Study (December 2017)
- Infrastructure Needs Assessment (August 2017)
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (December 2017)
- Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (January 2018)
- Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (January 2018)

Surrey County Council did not raise any objections to the content of the draft Runnymede 2030 Local Plan which was published for consultation in January 2018.

Highway infrastructure to support growth in the Borough of Runnymede

In relation to highway infrastructure specifically, Runnymede Borough Council and Surrey County Council are committed to working together in partnership with the aim of ensuring the necessary highways improvements to support sustainable growth are delivered in a timely manner over the period of the Runnymede Local Plan, particularly the first phase of highway improvement works required, including along the A320 corridor in the vicinity of St Peter's Hospital.

Runnymede Borough Council and Surrey County Council recognise that securing sufficient funding to deliver highway improvement schemes is an important priority. The two parties are committed to working together to secure the necessary funding.

The types of schemes anticipated to be the focus of this first phase are included in appendix A to this statement.

These schemes will either be provided in their entirety by developers or funded by contributions from developers which are secured through the planning application process, the Community Infrastructure Levy (once adopted) and accessible grant funding that Runnymede Borough Council and/or Surrey County Council are eligible to bid for. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Funding through the Housing infrastructure Fund (HIF)
- Funding through the Enterprise M3 LEP Local Growth Fund.

Runnymede Borough Council and Surrey County Council are committed to continued partnership working on the submission of joint bids to unlock funding to support sustainable growth in the Borough over the period of the Runnymede Local Plan.

Surrey County Council will work with Runnymede Borough Council to produce a Local Transport Strategy and Forward Programme of transport infrastructure to support the growth set out in the Local Plan, subject to funding. It will form part of the Local Transport Plan and provide an evidence base for funding bids.

Runnymede Borough Council agrees to keep Surrey County Council informed of any changes to the phasing and/or amount of growth to be delivered in Runnymede over the period of its Local Plan to enable Surrey County Council to properly plan for and prioritise supporting highways infrastructure.

Other infrastructure to support growth in the Runnymede Local Plan

Surrey County Council understands the amount of growth and phasing of growth (particularly housing growth) which is anticipated to come forward in Runnymede Borough up to 2030 as set out in the Runnymede 2030 draft Local Plan (January 2018). In line with its statutory duty, Surrey County Council will ensure that sufficient school spaces are provided to support growth. Surrey County Council will also factor the level of growth in Runnymede into any future plans relating to the provision of library services across the County.


Runnymede Borough Council agrees to keep Surrey County Council informed of any changes to the phasing and/or amount of growth to be delivered in Runnymede over the period of its Local Plan to enable Surrey County Council to properly plan for and prioritise the provision of supporting infrastructure.

Governance arrangements

It is agreed that informal discussions will occur between the two authorities on an ongoing basis in relation to the cross boundary issues referred to in this SoCG. A formal officer level meeting will occur at least once every 6 months with escalation of matters to member level where necessary. At these meetings, the primary focus will be related to the funding and delivery of infrastructure to support sustainable growth in Runnymede Borough.

It is agreed that this Statement of Common Ground will be reviewed by the two authorities at a joint Duty to Co-operate meeting which will be held on an annual basis. Until otherwise agreed Runnymede Borough Council will act as the Chair and Secretariat for this meeting.

Signatories

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Councillor Nick Prescott
Leader of Runnymede Borough Council

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Dominic Forbes
Planning Group Manager, Surrey County Council

15th May 2018.

Appendix A

Schedule of Infrastructure Projects – Phase 1

Highway enhancement schemes in phase 1	Estimated scheme cost (£)	Development schemes supported (and site phasing)	Funding Mechanism	
A317 St Peter's Way Dedicated M25 Lane Feasibility Study	50 thousand	Brox Road Nursery, Ottershaw (2019-2021) Hanworth Lane, Chertsey (2018-2021) Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030) St Peters Hospital, Chertsey (2019-2022) Ottershaw East, Ottershaw (2019-2022) Chertsey Bittams, Parcels A & D (2019-2022)	Housing Infrastructure Fund	
A320 Guildford Road / Holloway Hill and Guildford Road / Green Lane roundabouts - delivery of highway improvement scheme (Source: A320 corridor study -referred to as junction 6a and 6b).	5.2 million		Local Growth Fund	
A320 Guildford Road (Holloway Hill to Bittams Lane). Carriageway widening to provide additional lane and wider shared use footway/cycleway (Source: A320 corridor study-referred to as link 2).	1.7 million		Developer Contributions	
A320 Guildford Road- delivery of highway improvement scheme at the St Peter's Hospital/Bittams Lane/A320 roundabout (Source: A320 corridor study-referred to as junction 8).	1.7 million			
Widening of High Street and Station Road and adjustment to Church Road and Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	1.5 million		Addlestone East, Station Road, Addlestone (2020-2023)	Local Growth Fund Developer Contributions
Junction improvements at Station Road/High St/Church Rd, Addlestone (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	3.5 million			Local Growth Fund Developer Contributions
Junction of Chobham	5.5 million	Longcross Garden Village	Developer	

Lane with Longcross Station (improvement of Burma Road) (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).		(2019-2030)	Contributions
B386 Longcross Road. Link hotspot which requires mitigation (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan)	1.5 million	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030)	
Junction improvements at the Staple Hill/Longcross Road junction to improve current and mitigate future congestion (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	TBC	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030)	
New multi user route along northern boundary of the former DERA site (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	Up to 50,000	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030)	
POSSIBLE: Trumps Green Road, Wellington Avenue, Virginia Water: signalisation of existing priority w junction (Source: infrastructure Delivery Plan).	N/A	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030)	
POSSIBLE: Chobham Lane/Burma Road, Longcross-carriageway widening at round about to increase capacity (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	N/A	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030)	
Silverlands Close, Chertsey. Link hotspot which requires mitigation (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	1.5 million	St Peters Hospital, Chertsey (2019-2022)	Developer Contributions
Wellington Avenue, Virginia Water. Link hotspot identified for mitigation (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	1.5 million	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030) Virginia Water North (2019-2030) Virginia Water South (2019-2022)	Developer Contributions

Bridge Road/Weir Road capacity and pedestrian improvements (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	130,000	Benefits active travel in Chertsey	Funding Secured
Borough wide cycle network improvements including Chertsey-cyclist right hand turn lane. Missing links to be filled in, improvements made to the existing network and provision of links to neighbouring authorities (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	Up to 6 million	Benefits borough wide	Local Growth Fund M25 Access & Integration Study Developer Contributions
Creation of a multi user route from A320 through Homewood Park to Stonehill Road, Chertsey (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	Up to 55,000	Longcross Garden Village (2016-2030) St Peters Hospital, Chertsey (2019-2022)	Developer Contributions
Removal of two existing pedestrian bridges and installation of 3 new pedestrian and cyclist crossing on the A30 London Road, Englefield Green (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	N/A	To support the delivery of the Royal Holloway Master plan	Secured through S106
Station travel plans (Borough wide) (Source: Infrastructure Delivery Plan).	TBC	Benefits borough wide	Developer Contributions

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of schemes/projects.