

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORE STRATEGY DPD
STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HBC)

AND

HIGHWAYS AGENCY (HA)

VERSION 1
2ND MARCH 2012

INTRODUCTION

HBC has been in correspondence with HA (representor number: 1568) in respect of concerns raised in HA's representations with regard to the sections of HBC's Core Strategy DPD relating to the road network in the Borough.

HBC considers that the approach to the delivering road infrastructure through the Core Strategy is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. However, in order to address HA's concerns HBC has resolved to make a number of minor changes to the Core Strategy. These are:

- Reference to Policy CS23 in Policies CS8 and CS22 for clarity on the policies intention;
- Additional wording to supporting text to be clear and consistent within the document;
- Amendment to Policy CS19 on the use of the policy for both the local and strategic road network; and
- Additional reference in policy and supporting text to the preparation of travel plans.

HBC and HA have agreed these changes (as set out in detail below) through this statement of common ground. HA has confirmed that they no longer have any objections in relation to HBC's Core Strategy DPD on the provision that these changes are made.

RESOLUTIONS

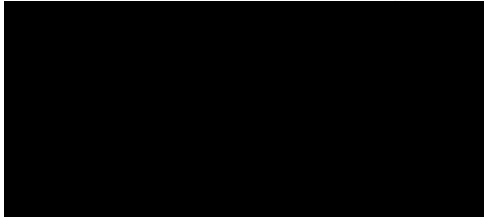
Minor changes to Core Strategy:

N.B.: Deletions are struck through; insertions are underlined.

- **Policy CS8** – Any development should form of a comprehensive, integrated package of measures to improve their respective adjoining Employment Areas and associated access, with consideration of Polices CS21, CS23 and CS25.
- **Paragraph 4.24** – ... (including ancillary office accommodation) will be limited to locations in the Elstree Way Employment Area, including development on the adjacent proposed safeguarded land if required.
- **Policy CS22** – ... and should be in compliance with other policies in the Core Strategy, with particular reference to the requirements of policies CS21, CS23 and CS25.”
- **Policy CS19** – “iii) public transport accessibility, and local and strategic road network capacity; and”
- **Policy CS23** – ii) it is accompanied by a suitable Travel Plan (for developments over 2,500sqm or 80 residential units), prepared in accordance with guidance set out in the Parking Supplementary Planning Document and DfT guidance on preparing travel plans.
- **Paragraph 7.6** – An effective Travel Plan will include measures to increase travel choice and reduce dependency on the car such as, for example, implementing a car scheme o offering discounted public transport for employees. Reference should also be made to advice set out in DfT Circular 02/2007, the Highways Agency’s Protocol for Dealing with Planning Applications, and local highway authority documentation, in terms of producing transport assessment in support of development proposals.

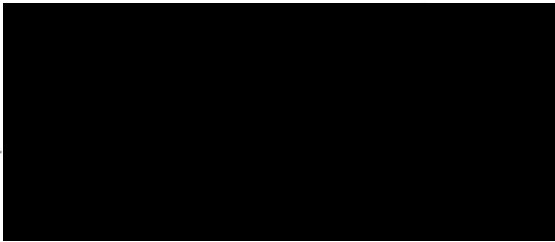
• AGREEMENT

Signed by:



On behalf of Hertsmere Borough Council

Dated 07/03/2012



On behalf of Highways Agency

Dated 13 March 2012