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Subject: FW: Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Lesley,

I am writing regarding your email below and the requests for comments on Policy INP7 of the Neighbourhood Plan and developing a traffic study for the town.

Policy INP7 part (a) is proposing a traffic study to resolve current traffic issues identified by the community, including but not limited to the A38 junction(s), a relief road for Western Rd traffic and improved walking and cycling links. These are valid local views and objectives to consider in a plan. However parts (b) and (c) propose that any preferred transport solutions identified by a study should be designed and delivered by 2021 or before ½ of the 2011 DPD allocations have been constructed. And that new development will be required to contribute towards both the study and the design and design delivery of the resulting transport solution. In combination parts (b) & (c) would indicate that allocated development within the DPD should be required to fund both a study and also any transport improvements identified by the study.

Where necessary Traffic Assessments (or traffic studies) have and will be required for significant new developments. Requesting funding from developments to undertake a separate traffic study is really questioning the validity of these assessments. For improvements to be funded and delivered by new developments then these improvements should be reflected by the TA or in the DCC response to the TA.

If the policy objective is for a traffic study to consider what measures might be appropriate or beneficial for the town. Then while this is a valid local objective it may well be beyond the scope of being funded and delivered by new developments. A policy commitment to deliver by 2021 or 50% DPD is not looking realistic if it is intended to consider or address any of the three stated policy issues. Should significant new development around the town be identified in the emerging Local Plan then DCC may need to consider the traffic impact and benefits of these kinds of measures. But without significant new allocated development being considered then DCC would not be in a position help fund a new study.

Regards

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