From: Kevin Bown <Kevin.Bown@nationalhighways.co.uk> Subject: National Highways response (our ref #22608) RE: Dover Local Plan Examination - Policy SAP1 Whitfield Urban Extension Inspectors' consultation Date: 16 February 2024 at 16:11:58 GMT To: Louise St John Howe <louise@poservices.co.uk> Cc: Planning SE <planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk>, Spatial Planning <SpatialPlanning@nationalhighways.co.uk>, "transportplanning@dft.gov.uk" <transportplanning@dft.gov.uk>, "southEast_HESPA@systra.com" <SouthEast_HESPA@systra.com>, "sally.benge@kent.gov.uk" <sally.benge@kent.gov.uk>, "Matthew.Bembridge@kent.gov.uk"

Dear Ms St John Howe

Thank you for your email of 1 February 2024 consulting National Highways with regards the Dover Local Plan updated housing trajectory, seeking responses no later than 5pm 19 February 2024.

The trajectory sets out the timeline covering expected housing delivery contributing to impacts on the A2 Whitfield Roundabout and the expected Whitfield Roundabout Mitigation Delivery.

We are content that the trajectory consulted on aligns with our discussions with Dover DC in that the trajectory anticipates 1,195 dwellings delivered by Q1 2029, while our agreed position with Dover is for the Whitfield Roundabout improvement to be open to traffic by 1,250 dwellings, assumed to be during 2029.

While we simply need to be content with the overall mitigation and its overall governance, rather than the individual contributors to it, we note that this trajectory acknowledges the recent Pentland and Danescroft applications with contributions based on their dwellings applied for. We leave it to Dover to continue its discussions with these and any other potential contributors; for example, Halsbury Homes who withdrew their S73 appeal (DOV 22/1713) on 5 February 2024.

We have no other comments on the trajectory.

On this basis we have no objection to ED44 Whitfield Urban Expansion and Whitfield Roundabout Mitigation Expected Delivery Trajectory.

If any party has any queries regarding our response, please contact us via <u>planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk</u>.

Regards

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