

Examination of the Dover Local Plan

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Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, CT16 3PJ

Morning Session – 09:30 – 13:00

Matter 7 – Infrastructure and Transport

Strategic Highways Issues

1. Paragraph 9 of the Council's Technical Note (see Appendix 2 of Dover District Council's Matter 3 Hearing Statement), states that the Whitfield roundabout improvements will be funded entirely by the Whitfield Urban Expansion. What is the justification for this change in position (compared to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan V3, dated July 2023) and is it sufficiently clear to users of the Plan?
2. The Council's Suggested Changes to the Plan (Core Submission Document SD06) propose modifying Policy SP12 by including reference to how the Whitfield and Duke of York roundabout improvements will be funded (AM20). Further potential changes are suggested through the Council's Hearing Statements in response to Matter 3 (Whitfield Urban Expansion) and Matter 7 (Infrastructure and Transport). Why is the submitted Plan unsound insofar as strategic highways matters are concerned, and what (if any) changes to Policies SP12 and/or SAP1 are necessary to rectify this?
3. Paragraph 48 of the Council's Matter 7 Hearing Statement clarifies that National Highways has agreed a trigger point of 1,250 dwellings from the Whitfield Urban Expansion before the Whitfield roundabout needs to be upgraded. To be effective, should the relevant trigger points be set out in the Plan?
4. Is it necessary, for soundness reasons, to modify the Plan and set out how Policies SP12 and SAP1 will relate to those areas of the Whitfield Urban Expansion which already benefit from planning permission and are under construction?

Local Highways Issues

5. The Council's Matter 7 Hearing Statement suggests that the submitted Plan is unsound by requiring improvements to the A256/A258 junction in Policy SP12. What are the reasons for this, and should the requirement be deleted from the Plan?
6. How has the Council considered the effects of Local Plan growth on east/west traffic movements, in particular between the A2 and the A256?

7. What is the justification for the Council's Suggested Changes to the Plan which require development proposals to contribute towards the frequency and reliability of Dover Fastrack? Why is the submitted Plan unsound in this regard?

Lorry Parking Facilities

8. What is the justification for Policy TI4(b) which states that overnight lorry parking facilities must not be located in the AONB? What are the reasons for the Council's Suggested Changes to the Plan which propose additional supporting text in response to this issue, rather than changes to the policy wording?

Car Parking

9. Is the approach to parking provision in Policy TI3 consistent with national planning policy, having particular regard to paragraphs 107 and 108 of the National Planning Policy Framework?

Infrastructure Provision

10. What is the justification for the suggested changes to Policy SP11 (contained within Core Submission Document SD06 and the Council's Hearing Statement for Matter 7)? Why are they necessary for soundness?

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