

South Bucks District Council - Supplementary Statement

Core Policies 7 (Accessibility and Transport) and Core Policy 16 (South of Iver Opportunity Area)

1. This brief statement is in response to the final Submission from Wendy Matthews (Richings Park Residents Association) dated 22nd November.
2. The Council does not support the amended wording for Core Policies 7 and 16 proposed by Richings Park Residents Association. This is because the amended wording seeks to remove an important element of the proposed approach towards reducing the impact of HGV movements in and around Iver Village and Richings Park. Paragraph 3.2.55 (CD1/36) clearly sets out a two stage approach, with the Council and its partners firstly seeking to address the issue of HGV movements through land use change (i.e. new uses that generate no / fewer HGV movements). Should this strategy prove unsuccessful (to be assessed in the Council's AMR), or other opportunities arise, consideration will be given to the scope for provision of a relief road or alternative means of access to the employment sites in the South of Iver Opportunity Area.
3. The reference to 'other opportunities' could include, for example, in association with any development on the land safeguarded in the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. There may also be opportunities, in the future, to pursue funding for a relief road from the Community Infrastructure Levy.
4. Whilst the Council maintains that the Core Strategy should be read as a whole, it acknowledges that there would be benefit in providing clearer cross referencing between Core Policies 7 and 16 (and the related supporting text). The Core Strategy would also benefit from more consistent wording in paragraphs 3.6.24 and 3.2.55. The Council proposes:
 - Deleting the final sentence of paragraph 3.6.24 - and incorporating the wording in an amended paragraph 3.6.34 (see below).
 - Amending paragraph 3.6.34 to read:

"...measures outlined in Core Policy 16 below. Should these measures prove unsuccessful, or other opportunities arise¹, consideration will be given to the scope for provision of relief road or alternative means of access to the employment sites in the South of Iver Opportunity Area (see also Core Policy 7 and paragraph 3.2.55)."

¹ For example, in relation to proposals for significant new transport infrastructure in the area, or in the future, through the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy or Development Management DPD.