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Subject: Highways England (our ref #4157) response re Strood Waterfront Development Brief 2017, Consultation

Dear Sirs

Thank you for consulting Highways England regarding the above, seeking a response no later than 29 January 2018.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), in this case the A2(west) and M2 in the vicinity of the Medway Towns.

Having considered the main and supporting documents, we note that while the site will seek to maximise sustainable transport modes and infrastructure, by virtue of its location it is advertised as having excellent connections to the M2 and the wider SRN. The brief suggests that future development may comprise a mix of 1610 dwellings, 0.2Ha of employment and a mix of retail/restaurant/hotel accommodation plus the retained ambulance station. Development of such a scale is bound to have an impact on the SRN; therefore we will require it to be fully and robustly assessed, and as required mitigated either individually or in tandem with other developments.

We also note the reference to the on-going work to produce a Medway Local Plan Strategic Transport Assessment that will look at the impacts of/ requirements for mitigation in connection with the overall quantum/locations of proposed development and those of individual sites such as Strood Waterfront.

We are content to continue to work with the Council on the production of its local plan transport evidence base, that will include the necessary assessments and mitigation proposals for this site. Depending on the outcome of the strategic assessment, more detailed assessments of individual junctions may also be required.

On this basis we have no objection to the document or its intended SPD status.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact us.

Regards

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