

**Planning Policy**

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**Attachments:** Romsey Future Walking, Cycling and Public Transport Workstream Group Issues and Options response.docx

Dear Sir or Madam

Please find attached our response to the above Local Plan Consultation on issues and options, which has been put together by the Romsey Future Walking, Cycling and Public Transport Workstream Group.

We look forward to these points being incorporated in all future planning policies

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir or Madam,

#### Re Issues and Options Consultation

The Romsey Future Walking, Cycling and public/Community Transport group met to discuss the Issues and Options Consultation Document. In general it is considered that cycling walking, and public transport should be considered more robustly in the document. In particular the group would like to make the following comments on the document:

- New development must ensure routes within them comply with adoptable standards.(ie are of a standard that could be adopted by Hampshire County Council)
- New development must make provision for public transport routes, infrastructure and marketing throughout the site.
- Public transport must be available from the initial occupation of new developments to ensure a culture of public transport usage is created from as early as possible
- New development must be on or near sustainable transport routes and hubs.
- New developments on the periphery of the town must have planned cycle and pedestrian routes to the centre, fully linking with any existing strategic and local routes.
- EV charging points and future new technology should be taken into account in the policies for new development.
- Travel Plans should be provided with new developments and actively monitored and implemented to encourage more sustainable travel for the first 5 years of development occupation.
- Should seek to progress more traffic free areas within urban centres either on permanent, semi-permanent or daily temporal basis.
- Should introduce more measures in design of roads to ensure 20mph speeds within new residential or urban centres.
- Strategic infrastructure for cyclists and walkers, with appropriate clear signage, must be provided enabling good access north to south through Romsey, and on local routes within the town to access all services and facilities. New routes should be implemented and others upgraded to provide this. Well structured paths will

encourage more use of them and if linked well between developments will provide a more environmentally friendly way to go.

- The role of walking and cycling in improving health and wellbeing should be recognised within the document in the health and wellbeing section (5.50).
- Planning of new developments should consider the changing trends in car ownership and usage, especially with the younger generation. This will affect the parking standards agreed, and the provision of leasing and car-pooling within developments
- Wherever possible opportunities to provide car parking under new developments should be considered to make the most efficient use of existing space, traffic management policies and general landscaping
- New developments should include a good mix of housing including affordable housing and those designed specifically for older people to ensure a variety of modal transport uses
- New developments must include mixed use housing/leisure/business and commercial buildings to ensure some encouragement for self containment of living, jobs and leisure to reduce the need to travel and provide vibrant centres throughout the day and into evenings and weekends.

Yours faithfully

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