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Dear Samuel

Eastleigh Local Plan – Transport Position

I am writing to you to clarify the County Council's position as Highway Authority, in respect of the emerging Eastleigh Local Plan, in response to requests for a position statement, which we have received from individuals and groups concerned with the Eastleigh Local Plan. It would be our intention to share this letter with those requesting this clarification.

We understand that at a meeting on 11th December 2017, the Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) Cabinet will consider a draft version of the emerging EBC Local Plan 2011-2036 and that a decision may be made on the preferred allocation of the Strategic Growth Option (SGO) for development.

Whilst I acknowledge and welcome the fact that EBC officers have engaged with County Council officers to date, I do not believe that we are yet in a position in terms of the technical work and evidence base, to reach any final conclusions on the transport impacts and therefore final spatial distribution of development, from a transport perspective.

The work between our teams to date has covered the specifications and some early work related to the Transport Assessment being undertaken by the Borough Council to provide evidence to support the emerging Local Plan. We have provided advice as requested but would expect more discussion as the Borough's transport evidence is further developed.

In the context of the transport technical work and evidence seen to date it is our view that there is insufficient evidence to conclude a proper transport assessment, and therefore to finalise spatial development option decisions in transport terms, at this stage.

Kind regards

Stuart Jarvis Director of Economy, Transport and Environment