

Draft Meeting Note - HCC / SADC - 13.6.16

Attendees

HCC – John Wood, Rob Smith, Roger Flowerday, Jacqueline Nixon

SADC – James Blake, Tracy Harvey, Chris Briggs

Context

Noted:

- The history and constraints affecting the timing and process for the St Albans Local Plan, including the two stage approach – Strategic Local Plan followed by Detailed Local Plan.
- Noted Strategic Local Plan likely to go to St Albans Planning Policy Committee on 12 July, Cabinet on 21 July and be submitted around the last week of July
- Noted importance of ensuring proper consideration of infrastructure requirements, backed up by sufficient evidence, as part of the Local Plan process

Addressing the issues

- Noted short term modelling work had now been commissioned from AECOM and should be complete in 2-3 weeks. Would allow more informed view on feasibility of proposals in the plan
- Noted HCC's expectation that SADC would have commissioned additional and separate modelling work to that provided by COMET; SADC's assumption had been that this could only be done following initial run of COMET model
- All agreed the programme of work needed to be mapped out and agreed between the two authorities for remainder of the SLP and DLP processes

Other issues

- ~~Noted the draft HCC Local Plans Protocol not yet formally signed off~~ SADC asked about the status of the protocol and RF agreed to clarify its status. JB noted that the current draft did not help authorities like SADC (taking a two stage approach to their Local Plan) to understand what evidence is needed when
- Education – noted latest position in relation to possible secondary school in Harpenden – likely to go to planning in Spring 2017. Noted that SADC expected to include within DLP process

Next steps

- SADC to respond formally to Rob Smith's letter, attaching programme of works once agreed.
- Both authorities confirmed their on-going commitment to discussions and working together

Agreed Outcomes

- SADC – to draft a concise meeting note to be agreed by HCC and SADC
- SADC – to draft an outline Further Transport Evidence Base Work Plan (who / what / when) covering roughly the next 6 weeks, 6 months and two years, for initial discussion with HCC on 16 June and then to be agreed by HCC and SADC

- SADC - to provide overall timelines for SLP / DLP / CIL work
- SADC – to work with HCC to develop an agreed position on transport/highways. This to be along lines that 'initial modelling work shows proposals are feasible, subject to further work being carried out in the future to inform to DLP'
- SADC – in relation to education provision, to provide HCC with details of relevant Planning Policy Committee (PPC) meetings and indicate when it may be most helpful for HCC to present to PPC
- SADC to respond to HCC's letter