

Examination of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (2011 to 2029)

MF21 – Clarification of the Bypass Proposal for Manydown

1. This note primarily considers proposals for a western bypass in light of discussions at the Manydown hearing session on 20 October. However, it also responds to comments made at this hearing session in relation to the impact of traffic on Wootton St Lawrence.
2. Criterion (n) of policy SS3.10: Manydown, currently refers to the need to give consideration to the provision of a western by-pass to Basingstoke, as set out below:

'In undertaking the master-planning process, regard shall be had to the potential requirement for a western by-pass that would link the A339 to Junction 7 of the M3 motorway. Such a western by-pass would be to the outside of the land currently allocated for housing but the master-planning process should have regard to the optimum point for such a western by-pass to cross the railway line(s) without prejudicing the delivery of the current proposed housing or the construction of the road connecting that housing'

3. In light of discussions held at the examination hearing session further consideration has been given to references to a western by-pass in the Local Plan.
4. Accordingly, it is proposed that criterion (n) of policy SS3.10 should be **removed**, and that additional text should be included within the explanatory text that supports the Manydown policy. It is proposed that this is amended as follows (new text shown as underlined):

'Manydown will deliver a high quality, sustainable new development of approximately 3,400 new homes in this plan period. The proposals will be designed sensitively to respond to the site's opportunities and constraints, in particular its landscape context, heritage assets, and relationship with existing communities. The details will be worked up through extensive engagement with the local community and deliver a range of amenities to new and existing residents alike. The wider Manydown site offers longer term potential for further development and as a component of this, consideration should be given to the future provision of a western by-pass connecting the A339 and junction 7 of the M3. In undertaking master-planning of the wider Manydown, regard should be given to safeguarded land for the railway line, as identified on the Inset Map, and the need to avoid prejudicing the delivery of the current proposed housing'

5. It is considered that the above approach reflects the view that delivery of a western bypass is a longer-term ambition, and also the position that future

master-planning should be take account of the safeguarded location for such a road to cross the railway.

6. In response to concerns expressed during the Manydown hearing session in relation to the impact of traffic on Wootton St Lawrence to the North West of Manydown, arising from that development, it is proposed to amend criterion (l) as follows:

'Include measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network including improvements to the A339, Roman Road (and associated road junctions), the B3400, Pack Lane and the road through Wootton St Lawrence, with appropriate measures to maintain accessibility for existing residents and ensure safe and convenient access for all road-users.'