

Matt Melville
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Civic Offices
London Road
Basingstoke
RG21 4AH

06/11/2015

Dear Matt,

BDBC Local Plan Examination-in-Public: Manydown

Further to recently published documents on the examination website, this letter sets out further comments on behalf of the Manydown Landowners (HCC and BDBC) in relation to document PS/05/MF21 (Note on Manydown and by-pass proposal).

The landowner is agreeable to the amendment to Criterion (i).

The landowner is agreeable to the deletion of Criterion (n).

The landowner has concerns with the explanatory text relating to a “western bypass”, see below (our **emphasis**):

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

A bypass has no status within the HCC Local Transport Plan to 2036 and is not required to 2029 as tested by Parsons Brinkerhoff in the Local Plan Transport Assessment (TR01). A safeguarding approach is absolutely right, but whether a bypass is appropriate or justified has not been properly tested and to explicitly reference such an outcome in this note is premature. Consequently, the landowner considers that a more appropriate wording would be:

“consideration should be given to preserving the potential for a connection between the A339 and junction 7 of the M3”.

Such an approach would also be consistent with PS/05/MF19 (Note on Manydown and rail crossing) which states that the railway crossing land is for a future link road and does not reference a bypass.

Yours sincerely,



David Carlisle
Principal Planner, AECOM