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Dear Ms Dell

Cambridge City Council Local Plan

The County Council has worked with our partners at the City and South Cambridgeshire through the Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Member Group to produce a Draft Transport Strategy to support the Local Plans. This sets out the draft transport policy framework and programme of key transport interventions and measures necessary to support planned growth.

We have modeled the Local Plans development scenarios alongside the proposed mitigation measures in the Transport Strategy. This work has demonstrated that the proposed Local Plans and Transport Strategy work together and that the transport strategy should have a beneficial effect overall in terms of supporting growth and managing travel demand. Through this work we have identified the key requirements which will help to mitigate the impacts of growth, reduce congestion, enhance travel by sustainable alternatives and help make the City and South Cambridgeshire more accessible overall, for existing and planned communities.

Detailed Transport Assessments will be required for each of the sites as they come forward to demonstrate their acceptability and the detailed mitigating measures that will be required. At this stage, whilst we cannot guarantee that any applications would be acceptable, we are confident that on the basis of current information, there are no show stoppers and the sites in the Plan have the potential to be made acceptable.

The Draft Transport Strategy was consulted on at the same time as the Local Plans in the summer and we were pleased to have had a good level of response. In terms of headline results, this is demonstrating a good level of support for the Strategy where some 76% of respondents agree or strongly agree with the strategy approach.

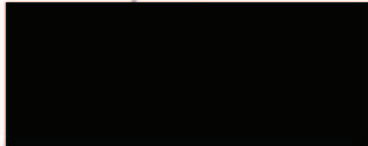
The final analysis has now been completed, and this will feed into updating the Strategy. On the basis of this, no significant changes are expected to the Transport Strategy. Work is being undertaken to update information and ensure key policy areas



are clarified and that there is a clear programme linking key infrastructure requirements with growth proposals and funding requirements.

A Consultation Report will be published in the New Year. After which time it is proposed to present the Transport Strategy back to Members of the Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group in February to seek their views on this ahead of finalising this for recommending to our Cabinet for adoption as part of the Local Transport Plan.

Yours sincerely

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