

South Gloucestershire Core Strategy Examination Action List

Proposed Changes – Matter 22 – Communities of the North Fringe

1. At the EiP Session Matter 22 the Highways Agency queried the modified policy CS26, appended to the Council's Matter 22 response (PSM22/1, Appendix B). The proposed modifications to the policy had been made to address the Inspectors question as to whether Policy CS26 should be revised to reduce complexity, and if so how (Matter 22, Q5).

2. Specifically, the Highways Agency's concern was that the proposed modifications removed reference originally made to "... *significant improvements to... the impact on Junction 17 of the M5*".

3. The Council stated at the hearing that it would liaise with the Highways Agency to resolve this issue and report back to the Inspector.

4. Consequently the following change is suggested as an additional bullet point (new fourth bullet point) within the main text of Policy CS26 as set out in Appendix B of PSM22/1:

"An integrated and comprehensive approach to access and transport, including significant improvement to pedestrian, cycle and public transport networks, improvements to road networks across and beyond the area including the Strategic Road Network, and the safeguarding of land for a new railway station(s)."

5. This change will require consequential modifications to other parts of the policy to avoid repetition, namely to the 1st and 14th bullet points as follows:

- "social and physical regeneration through the substantial improvement of community infrastructure, public open space, ~~pedestrian and cycle connections~~ access and movement, and the provision of a high quality built environment and public realm that is comprehensive and integrated (areas 1-5 on Figure 6)", and;
- "The Cribbs/ Patchway New Neighbourhood Transport Package (see Policy CS7) ~~including safeguarded land for a new rail passenger station(s)~~"

6. In addition the following change is suggested as an additional bullet point within the supporting text of Policy CS7 at paragraph 7.6:

"Appropriate highway mitigation measures on surrounding routes, including the Strategic Road Network which is likely to include M5 Junctions 16 and 17 subject to the assessment of the cumulative impacts of development and the delivery of other transport measures set out in the Core Strategy over the plan period. "

7. The Highways Agency have confirmed their agreement to the proposed modifications.

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