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Dear Sir/Madam,

Runnymede Issues and Options and Preferred Options Local Plan consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2016 Runnymede Issues, Options and Preferred Local Plan consultation. Surrey Heath Borough Council wishes to make the following comments.

Whilst SHBC does not object in principle to the DERA sites being released from the Green Belt it considers that in taking these sites forward through the Local Plan process there is a need to address both local and strategic transport impacts through further modelling work. To this end any Local Plan policy for the DERA North and South sites should include a requirement to address these transport issues. Improvements to the A320 should also be considered to deal with strategic growth within the area.

There should also be discussions with Highways England regarding the possible provision of a restricted access Junction (2a) of the M3 to allow separate entry and exit for local traffic to and from the West at the B386 Longcross Road over bridge.

Surrey Heath would welcome the opportunity, under Duty to Co-operate, to have further discussions with Runnymede in respect of seeking improvements to the strategic network as identified above. This will help facilitate sound and effective plan making.

Yours sincerely