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Dear Mayor of London

Surrey Heath Borough Council's Response to the Transport Strategy for London

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Transport Strategy for London. This letter is the Council's formal response.

Surrey Heath Borough Council raises the following objections to the Transport Strategy.

The Mayor of London has not yet demonstrated that London's housing need cannot be met within the London Borough's or through a review of the Green Belt around the Boroughs within the Greater London Authority area. The proposals in the Transport Strategy make a presumption that the need cannot be met and as such could prejudice the approach that should be taken in the London Plan for London; that is to meet its own need within the London Boroughs. The approach set out in the Transport Strategy makes an assumption that any unmet need will be met in the wider South East. It is the London Plan which should seek to allocate the housing requirements and to determine whether a Green Belt review around the boundaries of the boroughs within the Greater London Authority area is required, rather than through the Transport Strategy.

Surrey Heath, and a number of other Local Authorities in the Surrey, have environmental constraints, such as Special Protection Areas, Green Belt and land availability constraints which will impact on these authorities ability to meet their own identified housing need and this will need to be recognised in the London Plan and in the Transport Strategy.

An objection is raised in respect of the impact of the proposed South Western/Surrey Growth Corridor on existing infrastructure. The approach is primarily based on the development of Cross Rail 2; however this will not be delivered for a number of years. Identification of a Growth Corridor will put pressure on Local Authorities along that corridor to take growth without the necessary strategic and local infrastructure being in

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place. The Mayor, through the London Plan will need to set out how infrastructure will be delivered, and paid for.

Yours Sincerely

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