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Dear Sir/Madam,

Runnymede Draft Local Plan consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2018 Runnymede Draft Local Plan consultation. Surrey Heath Borough Council wishes to make the following comments.

Surrey Heath is satisfied that the Draft Local Plan takes the Council's earlier comments in respect of the need to address both local and strategic transport impacts through further modelling work and improvements to the A320 to deal with strategic growth within the area. In this respect, Surrey Heath welcomes the opportunity to continue to work collaboratively with Runnymede Borough Council, Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council to progress an A320 feasibility study to assess the strategic growth in these areas on the A320.

Surrey Heath Borough Council also recognises that Runnymede have, through the Longcross Infrastructure and Viability Assessment, considered the potential 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 and notes that such a scheme is unlikely to be feasible, taking account of preliminary cost estimates and Highway's England's current policy position in respect of such a scheme. Notwithstanding this, the Council would welcome the opportunity to engage further with Runnymede regarding the provision of a restricted access Junction, should circumstances change in the future.

In view of the above, Officers consider that the Runnymede Borough's Draft Local Plan is sound, subject to the continuation of collaborative working between Runnymede Borough Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council in respect of highways matters.

Yours faithfully

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