Notes of Meeting with Highway and Public Transport Representatives at Essex County Council (ECC) 22nd February 2012

Attendees:

Roy Lewis (ECC)
Mark Lawrence (ECC)
Katherine Wilkinson (ECC)
Richard Gravatt (ECC)
Samuel Hollingworth (RDC)
Natalie Hayward (RDC)

Residential Site Allocations

North of London Road

ECC advised that for a development of 550 homes two access points would be needed to serve it.

The potential for a bus route between Rawreth Lane and London Road and options to discourage car usage was discussed. It was discussed whether an existing route could be diverted.

It was noted that carriageway widths would not need to be stated within concept statements.

ECC advised that there are no issues with the A1245/London Road roundabout. ECC noted that the Hullbridge Road/Rawreth Lane roundabout could be improved using additional land. ECC highlighted potential issues around the railway station.

ECC advised that additional crossing facilities and well planned walking and cycling routes would be needed to discourage short car journeys.

West Hockley

Potential access onto Folly Lane and Church Road was discussed. The issues of frontage onto Church Road and visibility would need to be considered.

Potential access onto Chevening Gardens was discussed.

ECC noted that there are pros and cons to both.

South Hawkwell

Thorpe Road, in terms of proposals within the planning application, was discussed e.g. minimal upgrades. Junction improvements were also discussed.

South East Ashingdon

The local highway network was discussed. ECC highlighted the importance of travel plans, and the need to encourage walking and cycling.

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South West Hullbridge

ECC advised that traffic should not be encouraged along Watery Lane.

Junction alterations were briefly discussed.

It was suggested that a new junction could be created along Lower Road, and access could be provided along Malyons Lane. Other routes would be pedestrian. There shouldn't be any roads westwards of the allocated site.

West Great Wakering

ECC highlighted that access to secondary schools would need to be considered. It was noted that bus access along the High Street is preferable.

No highway issues were identified.

There may be potential to link to the brickworks site with a site to the south of the High Street.

South Canewdon

No highway issues were identified.

Employment Site Allocations

Rayleigh

Potential access issues for Michelin Farm were identified – at the Fairglen interchange and the railway bridge to the north.

There is potential for a bigger employment site to the south of London Road.

Great Wakering

No highway issues were identified.

Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations

East of A1245

No technical argument against the site, even with additional pitches. It was noted that there is a signalised junction to the north and access is onto a dual carriageway.

South of London Road

The pylons were noted as an issue.