

Hartlepool Local Plan

Examination Hearings

Matter 6: Transport and Infrastructure

Wednesday 4 October 2017 – 10am

Participants:

Hartlepool Borough Council
Highways England
Hartlepool Civic Society
High Tunstall Homes
Cecil M Yuill Ltd
Wynyard Park

Key documents/references:

HLP05/1 Local Infrastructure Plan
HLP11/6 Tees Valley Investment Plan
EX/HBC/64 Deliverability Risk Assessment

Agenda

Please note that matters of Plan viability will be considered under Matter 15 on 11 October PM. Matters of detail relating to proposals and infrastructure at HSG5/5a (Tunstall/Quarry Farm) and HSG6 (Wynyard) will be considered under Matters 8 and 9 respectively.

1. Preliminaries

- (a) Statement of Common Ground between Hartlepool Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and Highways England – EX/HBC/76
- (b) Update on any Statement of Common Ground between Hartlepool Borough Council and Wynyard Park including infrastructure delivery
- (c) Update on any Statement of Common Ground between Hartlepool Borough Council, Tunstall Homes Ltd and Highways England
- (d) Update from the Council's Finance and Policy Committee meeting of 24 July 2017 – is there anything from that meeting of relevance to the examination of this matter?

2. Transport Infrastructure

See Inspector's Matter 6 questions 1-6. Additionally the Inspector wishes to discuss:

- (a) Are the highways mitigations identified in the work of the TVCA and HE those proposed in Policy INF2 and site specific policies?
- (b) Can the A19 grade separated junction and Elwick bypass be delivered in phases linked to the A19/A179 junction signalisation? Is the route and junction location on the Policies Map indicative?
- (c) Status and availability of the Strategic Outline Business Case for the Elwick junction and bypass?
- (d) The third link has been described as essential in creating a 'step change' in capacity of the Hartlepool road network. Have other options been investigated or transport assessments undertaken to enhance capacity or promote modal shift? Has there been a traffic model to demonstrate (i) the existing road network cannot accommodate c.1500 west of Hartlepool; (ii) the effects of the fully signalised junction at A19/A179; and (iii) the road will secure the benefits identified to highway capacity without unacceptable effects on the connecting highway in Hartlepool (for example Hart Lane/Elwick Road)?
- (e) Is the LIP estimated timeframe of work starting on the Elwick junction/bypass in 2018 and completion in 2020 reasonable? Does it have consent? Are contracts in place? Is a junction design agreed with Highways England?

3. Education and Health

See Inspector's Matter 6 Questions 7-9.

4. Infrastructure Funding

See Inspector's Matter 6 questions 10-12. Additionally the Inspector wishes to discuss:

- (a) Broad costs for critical/essential infrastructure to the Plan's proposals. The extent of any funding gap. The range of potential of funding options.

Session ends.