

Highways & Transport Comments

MM8 – HCC welcomes the amendment of point ix as a greater commitment to promotion of sustainable transport. This aligns with the objectives of our Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) which also commits to increasing the numbers of people using sustainable transport.

MM8 - ‘Air Quality will be improved’ – HCC would suggest more clarification needs to be provided on this point.

MM14 – HCC would suggest that sustainable transport availability and opportunity for provision should be considered more readily as part of the site allocation process.

MM16 – HCC would suggest encouragement of healthy and active lifestyles can also be driven by promotion of active and sustainable travel for journeys for work, recreation and other purposes.

MM17 – Point iv and xiii – HCC fully supports these objectives to commit to delivering sustainable transport opportunities for new developments.

MM18 and MM19 – HCC fully supports the clarification provided by EFDC. We agree with EFDC that it will be necessary to provide for sustainable transport from first occupation to enable the ambitious objectives of Harlow and Gilston Garden Town to be achieved.

MM19 – Point xiii – HCC welcomes EFDC’s amendment to this objective to commit to reducing single occupancy car use. This aligns with our objectives and policies set in LTP4.

MM21 – HCC welcomes EFDC’s commitment to provide for and safeguard land for Sustainable Transport Corridors. HCC has taken this approach as part of our LTP4.

MM40 – HCC welcomes EFDC’s acknowledgement that road based emissions are significant and need addressing as part of new development proposals. We also welcome the addition of requirement for Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans as part of planning applications – HCC feel this is increasingly necessary to deliver sustainably focussed developments, and to that end is reflected in Policy 3 and 5 of LTP4.

MM40 – Paragraph 3.90 – HCC welcomes EFDC’s commitment to provide for electric vehicle charging points as part of new developments. This aligns with Policy 19 of our LTP4.

MM41 – HCC supports the ambition of EFDC to deliver developments which are low-car or car-free developments. HCC also supports the commitment to delivering electric vehicle charging as part of new developments, aligning with Policy 19 of HCC’s LTP4.

MM42 and MM43 – HCC supports EFDC’s acknowledgement and commitment to safeguard and provide for Sustainable Transport Corridors as part of Harlow Gilston Garden Town. HCC believes these are fundamental to enable the sustainable modal share targets to be achieved.

MM46 – New Paragraphs following Paragraph 4.23 – HCC fully supports EFDC in committing to reducing air pollution through the adoption of the Air Pollution Mitigation Strategy (APMS). This aligns with measures being taken by HCC and the DfT’s latest Transport Decarbonisation Plan. We would caution however that under point ‘Footnote 1 to read’ that a proactive approach needs to be taken – although we acknowledge electric vehicles will contribute heavily to decarbonisation, a reactive approach is unlikely to drive significant change, and measures to create modal shift to sustainable transport are likely to have a more significant shorter-term impact.

MM47 – HCC welcomes EFDC’s proactive approach to air quality impacts resulting from new development.

MM77 – HCC welcomes the addition of the additional paragraph after 5.23. HCC believes such consideration is fundamental to ensuring developments are sustainable.

MM78, MM82, MM84, MM85, MM86, MM87, MM89, MM90, MM92, MM94, MM96, MM98, MM102 – HCC welcomes the addition of Sustainable Transport Choices and amendments to further underline the commitment from new development to sustainable transport. We would caution however some further clarity needs to be provided on objectives for highways and junction infrastructure, to ensure this does not create car dependency or is not provided unnecessarily.

MM107 – Amend Paragraph 6.23 – HCC fully supports the inclusion of this statement as this aligns with our Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy and programmes to deliver safer routes to schools.

MM112 – HCC welcomes EFDC committing to monitoring progress of the Local Plan, with particular regard to effectiveness of sustainable transport measures.

MM144 and MM149 – HCC welcomes EFDC’s inclusion of additional measures to promote sustainable transport at this site.