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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) Section 89 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Application by Highways England for an Order granting Development Consent for the M25 Junction 28 Improvement Project

Consultation on the relevance of the London Plan 2021

We are writing to request additional information on the London Plan 2021.

In our Rule 6 letter of 12 November 2020 [PD-006], the Examining Authority (ExA) requested that a Statement of Common be signed with the Greater London Authority (GLA) on a variety of matters including planning policy. In paragraph 10.1.2 of its Local Impact Report submitted at Deadline 1 [REP1-031], the London Borough of Havering stated "*whilst the Development Plan for Havering also comprises the London Plan, LB Havering has not considered the schemes compliance against the London Plan. LB Havering would anticipate the Greater London Authority would carry out such an assessment as part of any LIR that they produce.*"

In its response to the Rule 6 letter [PDA-001], the Applicant stated "*Highways England made several attempts to engage with the GLA prior to submission of the application and again in response to the Rule 6 letter. However, the GLA has not engaged with the application in any substantive way. Accordingly, in Highways England's opinion, a SoCG with the GLA would be of no assistance. Were the GLA to participate in the examination, then a SoCG might be of assistance and we suggest that the matter is reviewed should that be the case.*"

The GLA has not participated in the Examination to date and the reasons for not doing so will ultimately be their own. However, the ExA notes that no appraisal has been undertaken by any Interested Party (IP) of the London Plan 2021 and whether any of its policies would be a material consideration on the Proposed Development. As the end of the Examination approaches, the ExA wishes to provide IPs with what would be a final opportunity before the close of the Examination to comment on this matter.

Request for Responses

The ExA requests the views of the Applicant, the GLA, the London Borough of Havering and Transport for London as to whether the London Plan 2021 has any bearing on the Proposed Development. The ExA requests that the views of all relevant IPs are made in writing by

Deadline 8, Wednesday 09 June 2021. Comments on those responses can be made by
Deadline 9, Wednesday 30 June 2021.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of the letter, please contact the case team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Allen

Lead member of the Examining Authority