

Annex A – EBC ExQ4

M25 Junction 10/A3 Wisley Interchange Improvement Project

Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) Response to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) Fourth Written Questions (ExQ4)

3.	Air quality and human health		Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) Response
4.3.2	Applicant, Natural England (NE), Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC), Guildford Borough Council (GBC) and RHS	<p>You are all requested to provide your organisations' corporate views on the effect of the Government's evolving policy to reduce vehicle emissions might have for the consideration of the air quality impacts of the Proposed Development. In replying to this question, you should provide an indication of:</p> <p>1) the individual emissions types that might change and the magnitude of change for those particular emissions; and</p> <p>2) how any changes to emissions may arise over time, using 2015 as the base year, and plotting any changes on a graph of a form that you consider most appropriate to depict the information being provided.</p>	<p>Elmbridge Borough Council will defer to the Applicant to provide the specifics outlining the particulate emissions and the charting of the changes over time.</p> <p>The Council notes that currently, 46% of Surrey's emissions come from the transport sector. Surrey's emerging Climate Change Strategy (SCCS) sets out objectives on how to help reduce those emissions (Link to SCCS), which supports the government's policy to reduce vehicle emissions.</p> <p>The strategy includes the following strategic objectives for improving air quality, which the Council agrees should be considered in assessing the scheme where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing emissions from the transport sector whilst providing an integrated, accessible, affordable and reliable public and active transport systems across the country

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reducing journeys and thereby improving local air quality for improved health and wellbeing- Prioritise investments in place-based development to reduce the number and length of car journeys- Invest in initiatives that increase the uptake of active traveling and the use of public transport, reducing the reliance on the car- Invest and support development of infrastructure to support the move to zero emission vehicles for journey that cannot be made on foot, bicycle or public transport- Facilitation of planting trees in Surrey to meet the Council's pledge of 1.2m new trees county-wide- Develop guidance for land managers to use hedgerows to achieve wider air quality benefits. <p>While the objectives above regarding public transport are not directly connected with the project, the facilitation of planting trees and hedgerows, included within the scheme, help</p>
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			<p>mitigate negative impacts on biodiversity and the climate. The Council has declared a climate emergency, supporting government policy to reduce emissions, and any emerging policy should be a material consideration when assessing the scheme.</p> <p>During the construction phase any increase in traffic and associated air pollution and carbon emissions impacting on Elmbridge should as a minimum expectation be fully mitigated as stated in previous submissions.</p>
15.	Content of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)		Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) Response
4.15.1	EBC, GBC, SCC, Environment Agency (EA)	Please provide any comments you may wish to make on the aims and/or wording of the new Article 48 in the dDCO [REP8-013].	Elmbridge Borough Council has no comments.