

**Response to Main Issues for Examination from West Parley Parish Council**

This paper contains a written response to Matter 6, Question 4 to support West Parley Parish Council's (WPPC) previous representations on the issues.

Inspectors Questions

- 4 Are the strategic transport improvements required to support the vision and allocation (identified in KS10) funded and deliverable?

**Summary**

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<b>Test of Soundness</b>	Not justified and not effective.
<b>Suggested Modification</b>	Further work needs to be conducted to assess the costs of the road improvements and justify their delivery.

## Matter 6: Bournemouth Airport

### Question 4: Are the strategic transport improvements required to support the vision and allocation (identified in KS10) funded and deliverable?

- 1.1 West Parley Parish Council (WPPC) is concerned that the full costs of the strategic transport requirements are not funded and hence are not deliverable. The Parish Council are particularly concerned that the B3073, Parley Cross junction improvements will not be delivered to support the expansion of airport activities and associated new employment sites.
- 1.2 ED45 identifies that a significant development constraint for the airport is the fact that the B3073 through Parley Cross is at or reaching capacity (paragraph 7.3, page 61). A number of improvements are required to the B3073 including improving the junction at Parley Cross but also the upgrading of the airport exit from the B3073. The estimated total cost of all the improvements to the B3073 (including Parley Cross) in the 1990s was £7.5 million and the ED45 estimates that in 2008 the cost would be nearer £11 million (paragraph 7.15, page 64).
- 1.3 Dorset County Council is clear that any road improvements to the Parley Cross section of the B3073 will be funded by developer contributions raised from the site allocations at West Parley and additionally some CIL contributions (see attached email from Katherine Tunks, Dorset County Council Transport Planning).
- 1.4 WPPC previously raised concerns about the funding of improvements to the B3073 under Matter 1 of the Core Strategy examination. The Parish Council noted that the amount of money set aside to contribute to the road improvements was £4million in ED66, a £1.5million shortfall on the projected cost in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SD11 & SD20). ED45 identifies even higher costs to complete all the road improvements required to allow the airport to expand. Given that the viability evidence (ED66) does not allow for the more modest cost of £5.5million for the roads it seems unlikely that developer contributions from the housing allocations will fund the higher costs associated with the full range of improvements to the B3073 required to support the expansion of Bournemouth Airport.
- 1.5 WPPC considers that policy KS10 is unsound due to the fact that the improvements to the B3073 are not deliverable due to a lack of funding in place. The gap in funding will mean that the already congested (nearing capacity crossroads) will be put under pressure from significant additional traffic that will be associated with the airport expansion. This is a serious concern and one that needs addressing prior to the further expansion of the airport. Failure to consider the true cost and the true delivery of the works necessary to accommodate the traffic is a major flaw and given the high levels of air pollution at Parley cross is unacceptable. Consequently WPPC considers that this policy is inadequate and as a whole not **effective**.

#### Suggested Modification

- 1.6 WPPC suggests that further evidence is provided to assess the costs of all the road improvements necessary to support the expansion of Bournemouth Airport. Any such document should outline the delivery agents and funding streams for the road improvements and demonstrate that the Councils have a strategy for funding the necessary infrastructure.

## **APPENDIX 1**

**EMAIL FROM KATHERINE TUNKS, DORSET COUNTY  
COUNCIL TRANSPORT PLANNING**

**From:** Tunks, Katherine  
**Sent:** 06 August 2013 16:12  
**To:** Smith, Ian M.  
**Cc:** Gobbett, Don M.; Willis, Paul D.; Sayers, Wayne  
**Subject:** RE: Question re road planning

Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your email to my Group Manager Paul Willis who is away on leave currently. I have tried ringing you and left a message to say I would email, so I hope the following is helpful.

#### General junction improvements

The "Improvement to key junctions" entry in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan refers to a selection of junctions that need improvement in the near future in the East Dorset area. The improvements might be for safety, to improve facilities for cyclists and pedestrians or vehicle capacity. This list of 3 junctions is not exhaustive and we have left it fairly flexible so that if other junctions need improvement further on into the plan period then money can also be spent on those. At this early stage the costs provided are also indicative as we will only know the actual costs once designs have been drawn up. Parley Cross is listed here as improvements are needed now even without the proposed development in close proximity. If the proposed development goes ahead then a different scheme will be delivered here (please see the third paragraph below).

In terms of the split of funding between DCC and developers this is also flexible at this early stage of the process. If development is deemed to have a significant impact on a junction then our group will work with that developer to determine what is necessary for the development to proceed. DCC is allocated government funding through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) process on an annual basis and prioritises which schemes it spends money on by assessing how improvements contribute towards a set criteria. As well as paying outright for transport schemes this money can also be combined with developer contributions to deliver a scheme. The balance of funds is worked out on the basis of development impact and this will be calculated through the Transport Assessment process which accompanies a planning application.

#### Development related Parley Cross improvements

The "B3073 Parley Cross junction improvements" is also listed three pages further back in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. **This scheme relates to the development proposed in the Core Strategy and includes the 2 development related link roads and is estimated to cost approx. £5.5M. The roads will serve the development sites as well as helping to remove traffic from the Parley Cross junction. The developers of the eastern site will be expected to provide the eastern link road and a contribution towards the Parley Cross junction improvement. The developers of the site to the west of Parley Cross will provide the western link road and a contribution towards the Parley Cross junction improvement. The roads will be provided at the same time as the development and will have to be in place before the Parley Cross junction improvements.** Funds collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) could also be used to pay towards the Parley Cross junction improvements. The developers are already aware of our expectations and the detail will be worked out through the planning application process.

I hope this answers your questions.

Regards

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**From:** Smith, Ian M.  
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Paul,

I understand that you are involved in the forward planning of roads & highways. I am hoping you may be able to answer a question relating to the East Dorset Core Strategy pre-submission document (<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/404577>) relating to West Parley. In the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan on page 26 there is reference to 'Improvement of Key Junctions including Parley Cross, Longham mini roundabouts and Penny's Hill'. It says that there is a cost of £8.8M for these improvements. It indicates that the delivery agency is DCC/developer contributions. The question I want to answer for West Parley residents is with regard to the two new link roads proposed for the area. Are they included in these costs and if so what is the split between DCC & the developer? If the costs are not included in the £8.8M would DCC be involved in part funding and if so at what cost and when or would the developer fully bear the costs? Also when would such a decision be made as to who is bearing the costs for the link roads? These new link roads are seen as crucial to the overall development proposed so it is a subject of local interest.

Regards, Cllr Ian Smith.

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