

Session 3A –Technical Seminar.

Summary of Additional Transport Evidence

3A.1 The Inspector has asked the Borough Council to cooperate with Kent County Council and Highways England to prepare explanatory material in advance of Session 3A (Transport Modelling Seminar) to be held on 6 October 2016. The purpose of this note is to summarise the further transport evidence which has been produced since the publication of the Transport Topic Paper (SUB 006). This identified certain gaps in the transport evidence base which were intended to be filled by September 2016, in advance of the Local Plan Examination. Further technical studies have now been produced by third parties, namely:

- **Strategic transport modelling** – the revised *Maidstone VISUM Transport Model Forecasting Report* (TRA 035) and *Maidstone VISUM Transport Model 2022 Forecast Summary Technical Note* (TRA 036) were produced by Amey in August 2016.
- **Localised transport modelling** – the *M20 Junction Assessments Summary Technical Note* (TRA 037) was produced by Mott MacDonald in September 2016.

3A.2 These technical studies should be read in conjunction with the Transport Topic Paper (SUB 006), the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) which was adopted by MBC on 13 September 2016, as well as other Local Plan transport evidence available at <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/planning/local-plan/evidence>.

3A.3 The Borough Council has agreed a Statement of Common Ground with Kent County Council (SUB 019) and is continuing to work towards an agreed Statement of Common Ground with Highways England in advance of the Transport Modelling Seminar.