

Examination of the King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Review 2016 – 2036

Hearing Statement from West Winch Parish Council (WWPC)

Matters Issues and questions

Matter 4 Transport

Issue 4 Policy LP11

72. Are criteria 2 and 3 clear and unambiguous?

There is still no definition of a Transport Assessment nor when one is required. Requiring “transport assessment” of individual developments within an area is insufficient, where many developments are taking place at once on a geographically constrained road network.

The Borough Council still has not made available a robust transport evidence base to support the local plan as per government guidance “Transport evidence bases in plan making and decision taking”.

The Borough Council continues to look at major development proposals in isolation from each other. They show a lack of comprehension about the joined-up nature of the road network. They have posited that they require developers in the West Winch growth area to provide a “comprehensive strategic transportation assessment” for their development.

However, this requirement is misleading as it only addresses individual developments and does not address the wider issue.

They have also posited that The King's Lynn Transport Study could fulfil this requirement however it is mainly for Kings Lynn town.

In 2016 the Planning Inspector noted

“It is also a policy requirement that a comprehensive strategic transportation plan for the area be prepared (to include consideration of the interchange) and that an Infrastructure Delivery Plan is submitted.”

West Winch Parish Council has been asking for sight of this comprehensive strategic transportation plan. We are satisfied 6 years later that it does not exist.