

KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK LOCAL PLAN REVIEW EXAMINATION
Specification for Technical Note on Transport Evidence to be prepared
by the Borough Council of KL&WN

Background and Context

The Council submitted with the Plan a number of supporting studies comprising transport evidence. These included:

- King's Lynn Transport Study and Strategy [D24/30]
- Local Transport Plan 4 Strategy 2021-2036 (November 2021) and Draft Implementation Plan (2022) [D23]
- Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2020 [D18]
- BKL&WN Infrastructure Delivery Plan, September 2022 [F24]

In our MIQs - Part 1, we asked questions about the transport evidence and strategy supporting the proposed spatial distribution of development within the Plan, and the proposed West Winch Growth Area (WWGA). These included:

- 21. Does the submitted evidence base demonstrate whether or not the Borough's transport network would have the capacity to support the proposed spatial distribution of development in the Plan?*
- 25. Is the spatial strategy defined in Policy LP01 consistent with national policy in maximising opportunities for sustainable transport solutions? Is the strategy too reliant on road transport solutions? Should it do more to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality?*
- 79. Does the King's Lynn Transport Study and Strategy (2019) provide a robust model of traffic generation from the proposed housing and employment growth in King's Lynn and the surrounding area, as identified in Policy LP38, over the whole of the Plan period? Does it demonstrate that the impacts on highway safety, air quality and the operation of the road network can be acceptably mitigated and that the proposed mitigation measures are deliverable? Overall, is the strategy consistent with national policy in limiting the need to travel and maximising sustainable transport solutions?*
- 126. Have the potential impacts of the proposed increase in development at the WWGA under Policy E2.1 on the highway network, air quality, ecology, heritage assets, landscape character, green infrastructure, flood risk and local amenity been adequately assessed? Is the wording of Policy E2.1 sufficiently clear and robust to ensure that any adverse impacts would be effectively mitigated?*
- 133. Is Policy E2.1 justified and effective in not setting a threshold for the number of new dwellings that can be built before the proposed new road linking the A10 and A47 is completed?*

- In written responses to our MIQs and in oral evidence at the Hearing, it became apparent that further transport modelling and strategy work has been undertaken since the submission of the Plan, including on the WWGA and an updated Local Transport Plan.

Work Required

Accordingly, we have requested that a technical note be prepared to pull together the full suite of transport studies and strategies, which have been prepared to date by the Borough Council as LPA and/or Norfolk County Council as the Highway Authority (HA) for the Borough of KL&WN, and which inform and/or support the spatial strategy and development proposals in the Plan.

Ideally, the note should cover the following:

1. A summary of the results and findings of traffic and transport modelling undertaken to assess the impacts of the development proposed in the Plan and at WWGA over the Plan period and beyond on the strategic and local transport network in the Borough;
2. An outline of the recommended transport infrastructure schemes and other interventions proposed to address the impacts of development, their effects in mitigating any unacceptable impacts on highway safety and the operation of the road network, and their technical feasibility and financial viability;
3. A summary of transport strategies, programmes and measures relevant to the Plan and WWGA, and the extent to which they would help to make the proposed locations for development in the Plan more sustainable, offer a genuine choice of travel modes and support modal shift away from dependence on car travel.
4. Any other transport evidence which the LPA and HA consider to be relevant to justifying the sustainability and deliverability of the Plan's spatial and development strategy.