

Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029

Statement on Issues and Questions

Issue 3.6

Should the reference to 'HGV' in section 3e of policy LP5 be replaced with the term delivery?

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Introduction

- 1.1 Policy LP5 in Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (GBLP) sets out the Council's proposals for the Daedalus Regeneration Area. Point 3 of the policy sets out particular development issues that need to be considered when seeking planning permission and point 3e specifically requests that a framework travel plan and an HGV servicing plan is prepared to the satisfaction of the highway authority.

Need for HGV Servicing Plan

- 2.1 The objective of the HGV delivery / servicing plan is to ensure that suitable routes of access are available for lorries and to discourage larger vehicles from using inappropriate routes to the undue detriment of safety or amenity, having regard to the nature of the road network and environment.
- 2.2 Policy LP5 has been informed by the Daedalus SPD which is document (LP/F2/1) in the submission library. The SPD, following consultation, was adopted by the Council in September 2011. The SPD has considered development issues in a lot more detail than Policy LP5 with section 6 dealing with Transport and Accessibility. Paragraph 6.36 of the SPD explains that due to the nature of existing roads that an HGV signing strategy is required.
- 2.3 The Borough Council considers that it appropriate to restrict the servicing plan to HGVs. Guidance on Lorry Types and Weight was published by the Vehicle Standards Agency on 15th July 2013 (www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-lorry-types-and-weights) and an HGV is defined as a lorry with a maximum gross (loaded) permitted weight over 3.5 tonnes.
- 2.4 It is not considered that lighter, and usually smaller, vehicles are significant with regard to the objectives of the Delivery / Servicing Plan. The Council would not wish to restrict small delivery vans accessing the development site from the most appropriate access road. The Council is not convinced that there are practical or physical means available to reliably direct or restrict the movements of smaller vehicles upon the highway or within the site.

Conclusion

- 3.1 The Council does not consider it necessary to replace the reference to 'HGV' with the term 'delivery' in Policy LP5 3e.