

**Statement on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council services to
the Examination of the St Albans Draft Local Plan to 2041**



Matter 10: Transport

1. Background

- 1.1.1. Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is the upper tier authority covering the area of St Albans City and District Council (SACDC) and Dacorum Borough Council (DBC). HCC has statutory responsibility for multiple local government services, including transport, school place planning, adult and children's social care, and advising on surface water drainage.
- 1.1.2. HCC has made representations to the most recent Regulation 18 and 19 consultations to the SACDC local plan. HCC also has two agreed Statements of Common Ground with SACDC [SADC/ED3, and another SOCG that is not yet referenced].

1.2. Issue 2: Major Transport Schemes – Policies TRA2 and TRA3

1.3. *Q1 Is it sufficiently clear what the 'package of measures' are for the M1 Junction 8 improvements and how they will be delivered under Policy TRA2? Is the policy effective?*

- 1.3.1. HCC understands that the 'package of measures' refers to all three phases of the upgrade to M1 Junction 8. In summary, phase 1 refers to the replacement to the Phoenix Gateway roundabout, phase 2 refers to the delivery of an active travel bridge over the A414 and associated connections and phase 3 refers to a new vehicular bridge over the M1 and enabling works to the M1 Junction 8 itself.
- 1.3.2. These measures are referred to in the HGC IDP at rows 285, 300, 301, 504, 507 [SACDC hearing statement Matter 6 - Issue 4.1 - Appendix 1B - Emerging Draft HGC IDP to 2050 Draft Schedule].
- 1.3.3. As per HCC's responses to questions in Matter 6, infrastructure that sites need to deliver directly should be listed in policy pursuant to the completion of the HGC IDP, and therefore it would be appropriate for the policy to be clarified by referring to all three phases of the scheme.
- 1.3.4. ***Q2 What are the transport schemes 'identified in the IDP' for the purposes of Policy TRA2? If a major transport scheme is necessary to support the growth proposed in the Plan, should it be listed in the policy?***
- 1.3.5. As per HCC's responses to questions in Matter 6, infrastructure that sites need to deliver directly should be listed in policy. Given the SACDC IDP [INF 01.02] and the local plan were developed in parallel, HCC can be reasonably confident that the schemes listed in the IDP are listed in policy and can be delivered.