

APPENDIX 1

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL SENIOR MANAGEMENT BOARD

19 FEBRUARY 2020

BASINGSTOKE TOWN CENTRE AND MASS RAPID TRANSIT PRIORITIES

A presentation was made to the Board, consisting of senior politicians outlining the proposed priorities and the following comments were made.

General Comments

- Will the declaration of a Climate Emergency by both authorities follow through into how transport schemes are delivered?
- Cycle facilities should be to a high standard and Borough Council members would support the provision of higher quality facilities by the County Council

Priorities

- Overall priorities were agreed, with a particular recognition of the importance of Eastrop Roundabout;
- Concern about congestion at Venture Roundabout, south of Hackwood Roundabout on the A339 and a request that this is also considered.

Eastrop Roundabout

- Concern about any solutions that would retain subways, as it is difficult to make them attractive for pedestrians, although noted that they can be a useful facility for cyclists;
- Need to ensure good quality vehicle access from Churchill Way to Festival Place as part of any scheme;
- Existing green space within Eastrop Roundabout is valued by local residents;
- Need to consider implications on any design if bus station is relocated; and
- A scheme design that maintains a clear visual impression that this is a key node would be preferable.

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

- Strong support for MRT and expectation for a very high quality product. For example, could a rail based transit system be considered?
- Queries about detail of A30 SW Corridor proposal serving Basingstoke College of Technology