Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination

Hearing Day 4

Matter 3 – Area Specific Strategies

Strategy for Felixstowe

1. This note responds to an action arising in the hearing session on Matter 3 – Area Specific Strategies and the discussion about Policy SCLP12.2 Strategy for Felixstowe and it not including reference to opportunities for sustainable transport or support for mitigation measures that may be required over the plan period in respect of transport modelling.

2. During the hearing session on Day 4, the Inspector asked that the Council to consider this request and suggested amendments to Policy SCLP12.2 and the supporting text of the policy are detailed below. Sustainable transport, traffic management and cycle route improvements are identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Framework in Appendix B of the Final Draft Local Plan (page 444) as being required in Felixstowe over the Plan period.

3. Additional text to be inserted to the plan, after paragraph 12.23 to read “Felixstowe is served primarily by the A14 and a limited number of local roads which provide connections to the rest of the District and beyond. In partnership with Suffolk County Council and Highways England, the Council will support opportunities over the plan period to promote sustainable forms of transport and mitigate transport related issues that may arise as a result of the cumulative impact of new developments within Felixstowe and the surrounding area.”

4. To reflect the additional text outlined above, the Council consider it necessary to include an additional criterion in Policy SCLP12.2 to read “Opportunities for sustainable forms of transport will be enhanced, and the cumulative impact of new developments will not create severe impacts on the existing transport network”

5. Reference to sustainable forms of transport and the cumulative impact of new developments provides consistency with the approach outlined in Chapter 7 of the Final Draft Local Plan.

6. The Council will include this revised wording in the schedule of modifications that is being collated as part of the Examination.