

## **Updated Statement of Common Ground between Calderdale Council and Highways England concerning the Draft Calderdale Local Plan**

### Introduction

Following the Stage 2 Calderdale Local Plan Examination Hearings, the Inspector requested an updated Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) between the Council and Highways England. The Statement below responds to this request and covers cumulative traffic growth on the Strategic Road Network; the need for mitigations/upgrades; and the need for an additional policy within the Infrastructure and Masterplanning chapter of the Local Plan to safeguard the Strategic Road Network. The Statement should be read in conjunction with [CC123 IDP Transport Infrastructure Schemes](#).

### Points of common ground:

- 1) The Calderdale Local Plan evidence base includes a technical assessment of the impact of the proposed growth on the M62 mainline and junctions undertaken at a strategic level. This is considered to be a 'proportionate' approach to Plan preparation and fulfils the requirements of the NPPF. However, the parties agree that more detailed modelling would need to be carried out at the appropriate stage in the planning process in order to understand site specific impacts.
- 2) Based on the information before Highways England and the Council, there is no evidence that the impacts of Calderdale growth would result in a severe residual impact on the SRN after mitigation.
- 3) Calderdale has identified a number of potential mitigations at motorway junctions and included these within our Infrastructure Delivery Plan, along with indicative costs. Further micro-simulation or junction modelling would be required at the application to inform the necessity for and design of these interventions. Development within Calderdale would be expected to make a proportionate contribution to funding such mitigation.
- 4) The Council would accept a main modification to the Local Plan to include a policy within the Infrastructure and Masterplanning chapter reading along the lines of the following:

*'Developments that have the potential for a significant impact on the Strategic Road Network (and its related junctions) will be required to make provision for measures that will reduce and mitigate that impact. A transport assessment will need to*

*demonstrate that any committed schemes are sufficient to deal with the additional demand generated by the site. Where committed schemes will not provide sufficient capacity or where Highways England does not have committed investment, development may need to contribute to additional schemes identified by Highways England and included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) or other appropriate schemes. If development is dependent upon construction of a committed scheme, then development will need to be phased to take place following scheme opening'*

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Signatures



(7 May 2021)

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