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Solent Local Growth Deal Consultation: Stubbington Bypass

Summary of Responses

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Introduction

The Solent LEP administered a consultation on the Stubbington Bypass Business Case for eight weeks from 5th May 2016 until 30th June 2016.

One response was received during this consultation period from a local non-profit organisation.

The consultation asked the following three questions:

1. Do the projects respond to the following key priority areas outlined in the Solent Strategic Economic Plan:
 - Enabling flagship sites for housing and employment;
 - Enhancing transport connectivity across the area; and
 - Growing the skills base and supporting business growth.
2. Do you think the projects provide sufficient geographic / sector coverage?
3. Are there any additional comments you would like to make?

Response Summary

The response commented not only the Stubbington Bypass, but also the recently published [Solent Strategic Transport Investment Plan](#) (TIP). In addition to the delivered and planned transport investments and published transport strategy of the LEP, the response also considers the approach of the Local Highway Authority, Hampshire County Council, to transport in the Borough of Gosport.

A range of responses were received in relation to the questions from the one respondent. For the purposes of this summary, these responses have been categorised as follows:

Positive comments in relation to the Business Case

- **Reference to positive connectivity** - The broad approach of the TIP is supported, and in particular the requirement to improve connectivity between Portsmouth and Southampton.
- **Solent Economic Growth** - including positive impact on opportunities at Daedalus/Solent Enterprise Zone.
- **Stubbington Bypass** - The proposed Stubbington Bypass is welcomed and its proposed route is endorsed. This is seen as improving transport in the Western Sector of the Gosport Peninsula

Issues in relation to the Business Case

- **Business Impact** - including potential for impact on businesses, especially marine businesses, in the Eastern Sector of the Gosport Peninsula.

- **Infrastructure** - including potential for increased congestion of the northern and southern segments of the A32 access to the Bypass.
- **Geography** - including welcoming the proposed route of the Stubbington Bypass for the Western Sector of the Gosport Peninsula, but concerns over potential impact on businesses and opportunities in the Eastern Sector of the Gosport Peninsula.

Other General Comments

- The respondent suggested the need for improving connectivity to the eastern part of Gosport and drew attention to existing traffic constraints on the A32.
- A range of development sites in the eastern part of Gosport were highlighted as requiring improved connectivity.
- The respondent suggested the need for improving train and bus services in the Solent region to ease commuter congestion on the roads.
- Attention is drawn to the importance of the visitor economy to Gosport and the need for transport connectivity to support growth.
- A number of additional transport initiatives for increasing connectivity to Gosport were suggested.