



Surrey Future has made significant progress during 2018. Officers from the County Council and the districts and boroughs have been working together with the LEPs, the Gatwick Diamond Initiative and the Surrey Nature Partnership on a clear programme of work focused on some of the most important issues for joint working. I am circulating this update to highlight our achievements this year and to share our proposed work programme for 2019.

A Surrey Future workshop on planning for the future was held in June 2018 at the H G Wells Centre in Woking. It was well attended by over 40 delegates from the local authorities, LEPs and members of the Surrey Future Steering Board. Delegates heard presentations on the work we have been carrying out to identify our strategic infrastructure priorities. The workshop then provided an excellent opportunity to discuss the work and barriers stopping us from developing common aspirations for future development in Surrey. The work is being taken forward by our Surrey Place Ambition task group and further details are given below.

A key infrastructure project that will have significant impacts for Surrey is the expansion of Heathrow Airport. The box on the next page details issues affecting Surrey including Southern Rail Access to the airport and how we are working on these issues as part of the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group. The County, districts and boroughs were successful in four of the projects which they put forward to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF). Details of the HIF bids as well as information on our transport majors project and the Invest in Surrey website are also given on the next page.

Work has continued to establish a Sub National Transport Body (SNTB) called Transport for the South East (TfSE). TfSE is aiming to become a statutory body by the end of 2020 and will set a Transport Strategy for the South East. Finally, we have provided details of the London Plan and wider South East collaboration. Details on these can be found on page 3.

I would like to extend my thanks to all those who have been involved and Surrey Future Board members for your work this year and wish you a very merry Christmas!

Rob Moran, Chief Executive of Elmbridge Borough Council and Chair of Surrey Future

Surrey Place Ambition

The Surrey Place Ambition task group led by Damian Roberts, Chief Operating Officer, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council is developing a spatial expression of planned growth and infrastructure schemes. This will establish a clear, collectively agreed, view of future development which can be used to inform LEP Local Industrial Strategies and be used in discussions with Government.

The draft Surrey 2050 Place Ambition includes an agreed vision and shared principles and values which will guide the priorities developed. It also includes three strategic priorities based around enhancing the place offer of Surrey's towns, improving connectivity both within Surrey and with strategically important hubs and maximising the potential of our strategic economic assets.

The document will identify three sub-areas based on the functional links between place and it will also identify a number of Strategic Opportunity Areas.



The sub-area priorities and strategic opportunity areas will be developed through three workshops to be held in the Spring. We will be inviting senior planning and economic development officers to these workshops and encourage you to get involved to ensure your views are included in the development of the work. The three workshops are:

- North Surrey: Elmbridge, Runnymede, Spelthorne and Woking
- South West Surrey: Guildford, Surrey Heath and Waverley
- East Surrey: Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead and Tandridge



Airport Expansion

The final Airports National Policy Statement was designated by the Secretary of State for Transport in June 2018 and sets the policy framework for expansion at **Heathrow airport**.

Heathrow Airport Ltd (HAL) are currently preparing their Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which they expect to submit to the Planning Inspectorate in 2020. Between January and March they held a non statutory consultation on the broad options and principles for expansion. HAL ran a parallel consultation on the principles of new airspace design needed for the existing two runway and a three runway airport.

Issues for Surrey authorities include:

- The importance of HAL honouring its pledge to no more airport-related road traffic
- Improved compensation for residents of Stanwell and Stanwell Moor
- Noise impacts - Location of flight paths

A **Southern Rail Access** that improved access from Surrey should have been delivered to support T5 and it is important that a scheme is in place before a third runway comes into operation. The Department for Transport launched a market sounding process in May.

As well as bilateral meetings, the majority of engagement with HAL takes place through the **Heathrow Strategic Planning Group** (HSPG). The group has 12 full members including the county council and boroughs of Spelthorne, Runnymede and Elmbridge.

Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) is consulting until 10 January 2019 on a draft of its revised non-statutory airport master plan. This sets out how Gatwick expects to develop over the next 5 years and potential growth scenarios to 2032, including regular use of the existing emergency runway and an additional new runway.

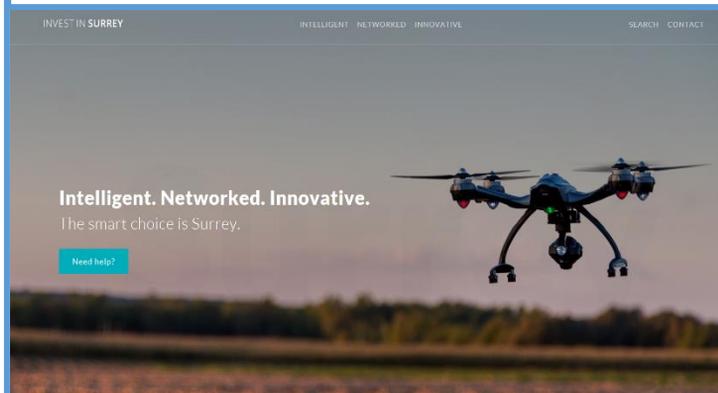


Transport Majors Project

A project has been taking place to establish a new prioritised programme of major transport project to put the County, districts and boroughs in the best position to target and secure external funding opportunities. Two workshops were held in the summer to discuss a long list of projects with partners from the boroughs and districts and the LEPs. The list is now being refined and worked up to create an agreed list of schemes to take forward.

Invest in Surrey

The new Invest in Surrey website goes live in December 2018. Take a look at www.investinsurrey.co.uk.



Housing Infrastructure Fund Bids

The aim of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) is to support additional new homes in areas of greatest demand and funds need to be spent by March 2021.

Five schemes were included in the forward funding bids of which four are being worked up as part of the final co-development stage of the competitive process:

- A320 Woking Town Centre - improvements to A320 south of Victoria Arch in Woking Town centre to realign the carriageway from Victoria Arch bridge to Turnoak Roundabout.
- A320 North of Woking - to support major corridor enhancements.
- Unlocking Strategic Development Sites - A22 enhancement and some improvements to local road networks.
- Slyfield Area Regeneration Project – land remediation, off site junction improvements, Clay Lane Link Road Phase 2, waste facilities and GBC Depot.

Transport for the South East

Transport for the South East (TfSE) has been operating in shadow form since June 2017. It brings together 16 local transport authorities and five LEPs across the south east. It is aiming to become a statutory body by the end of 2020 and will set a Transport Strategy for the South East. TfSE speaks with a single voice on the area's transport needs and priorities and will directly influence the decisions of national and regional infrastructure providers and operators (for example Network Rail, Highways England, ports, airports). Local authorities will retain responsibility for decisions relating to local transport projects.

In the last 12 months, TfSE has made considerable progress on developing the Transport Strategy. In July 2018 the Economic Connectivity Review was published, identifying the role of strategic transport in supporting the South East and UK economy, making the case for transport investment to increase productivity and identifying the severe impacts of not investing. Work on the main Transport Strategy commenced in November 2018 and the draft strategy will be published for consultation in September 2019.

To achieve statutory status, TfSE will be required to develop a Proposal to Government demonstrating the strategic case for the creation of a sub-national transport body. The Proposal will also identify the types of powers and responsibilities that TfSE will be seeking and the proposed governance structures. It is intended that the draft Proposal will be issued for consultation in May 2019, with a final version submitted to Government by November 2019.



THE LONDON PLAN

THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR GREATER LONDON
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London Plan and Wider South East Collaboration

The Mayor consulted on a draft new London Plan earlier this year and in August, following a review of responses, published a version of the draft Plan that includes his minor suggested changes to help inform the forthcoming Examination in Public (EiP) expected to run from 15 January 2019 until mid-May. There are no major changes to policies affecting the South East, including waste policies, although wording changes now make it clear that the Mayor will aim to meet the vast majority rather than all of London's housing needs within the capital.

An issue for the EiP is how the 1,065 shortfall in homes between annual forecast housing need and identified capacity for the period 2019 – 2029 will be met. Will local planning authorities outside London be expected to deal with this on an ad hoc basis? If so, is such an approach reasonable and how would it work? A change in the transport policies means that a Southern Rail Access to Heathrow is now identified as a high priority if expansion proceeds.

Surrey authorities will contribute to the EiP through their involvement in South East England Councils, the Gatwick Diamond Group of Local Authorities, Heathrow Strategic Planning Group and the South East Waste Planning Advisory Group who will be participating in some of the hearing sessions. Following the hearings, the Panel will produce a written report of its findings and set out any recommendations for the Mayor to consider.

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Merry Christmas!