

Council 26 July 2017: Questions submitted from Members of the Public

Question No.	Question from	Question:	Question to:	Responsible Officer:
10.	Mr Jemmett	“As MUX1a has been removed from the Local Plan, SBC/PS/121 is irrelevant apart from the access points at Borden and Wises Lanes. If the data used is applied it will be inaccurate. The traffic will increase significantly, particularly at Wises Lane/A2 junction. The current access point was not designed for this volume of traffic and air quality will deteriorate further to unacceptable levels. Traffic lights will exacerbate levels even further, both air quality and noise pollution, by the stop/start traffic. What plans have been made for both air quality and noise pollution surveys?”	Cllr Gerry Lewin	James Freeman
<p>Response: MUX1a was never part of the Council’s draft Local Plan. The document SBC/PS/121 related to the Statement of Common Ground between Swale Borough Council, Highways England and Kent County Council Highways dated 12 January 2017 which was part of the Local Plan Examination Library. This dealt with the highway implications arising from the whole Local Plan, with emphasis upon the A249/A2 corridors. In order to address the possibility that the Inspector could have recommended allocation of the MUX1a site, part of the Statement of Common Ground dealt with the issues arising. However, the substantive part of the statement relates to the Local Plan as submitted by the Council and reference to it (e.g. para. 97) is clearly made by Local Plan Inspector in her final June report, clearly indicating that it had been taken into account by her in reaching her conclusions.</p> <p>Therefore as this document is part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, the material submitted to the Examination and part of the context for the Inspector’s conclusions, it would be wholly inappropriate to remove SBC/PS/121 from the Council’s website.</p> <p>As the Local Plan Inspector has taken all relevant matters into account to enable her to determine the allocation MUX1 as sound, upon adoption of the Local Plan, the further matters referred to by Mr Jemmett must be matters for further detailed consideration as part of future planning applications.</p>				