Runnymede 2030 Local Plan Examination

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As chair of BENRA and Brox Lane Residents Associations I represent the members and supporters who number in excess of 200 local residents and households.

**Matter 10**

**10.1**

NO. We believe this is fundamentally what this plan does not provide. The road network in Runnymede is already overcrowded. Whether that be minor roads (from aging school facilities or inappropriately sited large transport businesses or builders merchants etc); major roads such as the A320; or motorways and their junctions with feeder roads. The transport consultants (Arcadis) were prevented from proposing a comprehensive and EFFECTIVE improvement to existing transport infrastructure and to provide for the scale of building new homes. They were told not to consider bypasses to relieve our communities and they were told not to allow traffic to arrive at M25 junctions quicker than it does now. In effect they were told to cater for vehicle containment on our roads through our communities. Arcadis were also told to improve community severance. Their final study includes the destruction of the community of Ottershaw by slicing it into two parts. Frankly, a seriously flawed report based on an ill-conceived scoping document. As this report underpins the entire Local Plan, the inevitable conclusion is that the Local Plan is not sound and requires significant further work. The solution is to start again with a new, comprehensive, infrastructure scoping document.

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NO - More comment will follow at appropriate time.

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NO. We believe there is plenty of evidence that existing infrastructures are creaking or broken. Within a Plan that seeks to significantly increase the population in an area there should be a comprehensive plan to design and build **all** the new infrastructures (roads, schools, GP surgeries, etc) **before** new homes are granted any form of planning permission.

For example, expanding existing schools (nursery, primary and secondary) is NOT an answer – but it is present throughout the Plan. And ‘Provision of space’ within an allocation is not the same as funding, building and staffing.