Date: 20th September 2019

Dear Trevor

RE: RUNNYMEDE LOCAL PLAN 2030 - IMPACTS UPON THE STRATEGIC ROAD NETWORK

M25 Traffic Impact Assessment Note (May 2019)
M25 Junction 11 and 13 Step 2 Traffic Concept Design (Sept 2019)
Junction 11 Feasibility Study (Sept 2019)

I am writing to confirm, on behalf of the Ashford and St Peter’s Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and for the purposes of consideration in the Runnymede Local Plan 2035 Examination in Public, that the Trust and its advisors have reviewed the above mentioned reports and that:

1. The hospital agrees with the assessment methodology, findings and design outcomes which indicate that, when implemented, should materially improve the operation of Junction 11 of the M25.

2. Whilst the hospital has concern about the potential for traffic to be held on St Peter’s Way during the occasion of Smart Motorway operation, as indicated in the reports as potentially being required, the hospital recognises that Highways England will be expected to undertake appropriate consultation with the hospital in respect of the Smart Motorway design and programme. This is reflected in the conclusions of the Step 2 Traffic Concept Design report where Arcadis recommend that further work is needed on this element and that the holding of traffic on St Peter’s Way would be inappropriate other than in situations of non-forseeable incidents. On this basis, the hospital has no objection to the findings and recommendations of these reports which are understood to have been agreed with Highways England.

3. The hospital commits to continuing to work closely with Highways England, Surrey County Council and the Borough Council on these matters to ensure that its critical ‘blue light’ emergency access and staffing accessibility is optimised.

Yours sincerely

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