

### Inspectors Question Q115

I am generally satisfied by the Council's response to my Q104 but I note that in three places the Council's response relies upon the IDP. As noted in my Q111, the IDP, like the Buckinghamshire Local Transport Plan on which policies T1 and T3 rely, does not form part of the Development Plan and so, unless its provisions are translated into VALP, I am not convinced that they can be relied upon to show that VALP is comprehensively compliant with the NPPF and therefore sound. I would appreciate it if the Council would give further consideration to these points which can be discussed further in hearing session 43 (matter 13).

### Response

The Council has addressed the Policies T1 and T3 in the answer to Q30, and does not repeat that response here.

The Council notes the Inspector's concern that its response to Q104 relied on the IDP in three places, and makes the following comments in response:

First, the IDP is an integral part of the evidence base to support delivery of the VALP. The purposes of the IDP is explained in the Infrastructure chapter of the Proposed VALP (at paragraph 3.36 onwards) and in Policy S5. The IDP identifies the infrastructure which is needed to deliver the development plan in a certain way within a certain timeframe. Policy S5 does not place any requirement on individual development to secure infrastructure identified in the IDP. Infrastructure provision is met through the allocations policies and through the development management processes.

Second, the IDP is referenced in relation to St Mary's CE School, Haddenham. . The IDP states that developments around Haddenham are expected to contribute toward the expansion of St Mary's CE School, Haddenham. Whilst an overall cost is identified, the IDP places no obligation specifically on HAD007 to make that contribution. However, through the development management process this site will be expected to make those contributions through a s106 agreement.

Below is a the scheme entry in the IDP for the expansion of the school at St Mary's CE, Haddenham which has been identified to acknowledge 'required works' and does not place a requirement or obligation on one particular site so therefore cannot be construed as a requirement placed solely on an individual development:

Infrastructure Type	Required Works	Delivery Partner	Indicative Cost	Delivery Mechanism/Funding	Anticipated Date/timescales	Additional Comments/Delivery Notes	Status
Primary School	Haddenham Expansion of St Mary's CE Haddenham	BCC	£2m	Developer contributions S106	2018	To accommodate housing approvals in Haddenham	Critical

Lastly, the IDP states that Anglian Water has identified a need for further investment at Buckingham Water Recycling Centre (previously known as Wastewater Treatment Works) through their Asset Management Plan. Anglian Water is currently working to identify the extent to which improvements are required to serve additional growth and ensure the water environment is protected. The IDP also states that Anglian Water would not generally expect there would be a need for provision within planning obligations sought by the Council or Community Infrastructure Levy in accordance with planning legislation. In general, water recycling centres (WRC) (previously referred to as sewage or wastewater treatment works) upgrades, where required to provide for additional growth, are wholly funded by the utility providers through the Asset Management Plan.

There are no obligations imposed on individual developers either within the IDP or within the proposed VALP.