

Suffolk County Council Matter 8 Update provided 22/09/2021

The County Council (sharing costs with the Borough and District Councils) has commissioned WSP to:

- 1) Undertake a review and update the ISPA Transport Mitigation Strategy (August 2019) – the TMS - in respect of changes to National Policy and or Strategies relating delivering, funding and guiding the delivery of transport infrastructure and supporting active, sustainable journeys, and modal shift within the ISPA. Particularly, in respect of enabling new development to support economic growth, green recovery and being mindful of the contribution of the strategy towards the climate change agenda and improvements to air quality. The review should also ensure that the mitigation work- streams as outlined within the ISPA are aligned to any update/shift in policy direction and guidance issued from Department for Transport (DfT) or any other Government department.
- 2) Set out recommendations on a 5-year delivery programme, which links with existing workstreams, and allows for reasonable flexibility to respond to any update/shift in policy direction. The 5-year programme include the six work streams within the TMS to allow a flexible and agile approach to mitigation and include costs for each named project where schemes are developed. The 5-year programme will consider the projects' relationship to the mitigation strategy and what has been delivered to date, and what projects are already funded/committed.
- 3) Options for funding the 5-year delivery programme will also be set out, indicating any funding gaps and potential funding opportunities. This will include, for consideration, options for apportioning costs between and within the authorities various Councils making up the ISPA; and potentially other funding streams .

Additionally, discussions have taken place between the local planning authorities in ISPA, regarding information sharing based on their current authority monitoring and 5 year land supply publications, which can the be aggregated in a consistent format.

These actions give greater confidence to the County Council that the Transport Mitigation Strategy can be delivered.