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## **Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft**

### **Qualifying Body's Response to the Examiner's Note 3 of 29 December 2020**

We are pleased to read the Examiner's comments upon the material we have submitted with a view to overcoming his two outstanding "main concerns" and have noted the arrangements for other parties to comment upon this material.

Turning to the more detailed points raised in Note 3 and using its paragraph numbering

#### **8. Section D, Vision and Objectives, pages 19-26.**

We accept the suggestion that the Objectives be moved to a new Appendix and words added to the end of para 66, such as "and are set out in Appendix XX".

#### **9. Policies AG1, AG2, Major Development and New development.**

We agree to delete "Major" in AG1 and to change "New development" in AG2 to "Development".

#### **10. Policy AG8 (and also TRA1).**

We can see that reference to modal share is not needed in para.144 or para143-but we were trying to pick up the part of the Strategy which argues that it is futile to build more road capacity to

accommodate future growth by itself and so could result in unnecessary adverse impact on the community. We would like to suggest that para 143 is replaced by the following wording and para 144 deleted:

*“143. The HGGT Transport Strategy<sup>46</sup> argues that it is futile to build more road capacity to accommodate future growth and that a change in travel behaviour is the only option to facilitate sustainable growth, based on reducing the needs to travel and focusing travel on active travel modes. Consistent with that Strategy, new roads should be built only to serve the sustainable needs of the existing and new communities without attracting additional traffic from outside the area creating unacceptable impacts on the residents of the area or its environment.”*

11. **paragraph 2 of Policy TRA1**- we agree.

12. **Policy C1**. “in one village“ is much better.

Frank O’Shea for the QB.