

Matter 4: Infrastructure delivery (the JCS generally and policy 20 & Appendices 7 & 8 in particular)

Question A: *Is the JCS effective in what it conveys about the infrastructure necessary for its successful implementation and when and by which agencies this will be delivered? Does the Implementation Framework at Appendix 7 adequately identify the fundamentally essential infrastructure items without which its major component elements (eg the major growth locations) cannot progress? Are all 80 items in Appendix 7 equally 'critical', or would some be more appropriately styled 'desirable' or 'aspirational'? If so, which?*

1. In the GNDP's response to the Inspector's requirements arising from the JCS Exploratory Meeting (Issue 1: Infrastructure) they have identified what are considered to be the 'key dependencies' for each growth location. TFT's response to the NDR is outlined in responses to Matters 3a and 3b. The approach that the GNDP have taken in prioritising critical infrastructure at 3 levels of importance is supported. In terms of the other infrastructural requirements that the Growth Triangle is considered to be dependent on, the GNDP consider these to be water supply, sewerage capacity and electricity supply. In the revised Appendix 7 of the JCS, the GNDP state that the information is indicative and is likely to vary in the light of future economic, market and policy changes and that these will be subject to periodic review. It is expected that any review be undertaken in consultation with key stakeholders in the development of further DPDs to be prepared by the 3 authorities, which will set out further master planning principles and criteria for development to follow.

Question B: *Do any infrastructure items represent 'showstoppers' which, if not completed by a certain date, would prevent implementation of particular key aspects of the JCS? Does the JCS appropriately identify them, and the consequences of their non-delivery?*

2. As stated above, the GNDP identify the NDR, water supply, sewerage capacity and electricity supply as showstoppers. TFT's response to the NDR is outlined in responses to Matters 3a and 3b. The TFT consider that the GNDP have given sufficient clarity to the other infrastructural requirements that are required for growth and recognise that these maybe subject to changes in light of future economic, market and policy changes and that these will be subject to periodic review. As stated above, any review be undertaken in consultation with key stakeholders. In addition, in their response to Matter 3b, the GNDP recognise that whilst green infrastructure and a new high school are also considered as critical infrastructure requirements, they recognise that green infrastructure can be phased in its provision and that a high school needs a critical mass to support it in the long term. The TFT support the GNDP in this approach as further information will come forward as more detailed work is carried out in relation to individual sites.