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Transport Statements, Assessments and Travel Plans for New Development

11.20 This policy details development proposals that require to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan or Transport Statement setting out measures to mitigate their trip generation impact on the local transport network. For PfE allocations, Policy JP-C8 Criteria 16 of the Greater Manchester Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan addresses this.

Policy T4 - Transport Statements, Assessments and Travel Plans for New Development

Planning applications will be accompanied by a Transport Assessment (TA) / Transport Statement (TS) and Travel Plan where appropriate, to assess their impacts and determine the most appropriate mitigation on the borough's transport network.

Transport Assessments, where required should set out what the proposal is and seeks to achieve and determine the optimum design and mitigation measures to address any material increases in traffic movements whether adjacent or remote from the site. Consultation should be undertaken at the pre-application stage.

Developments that require a TA will be accompanied by a Travel Plan (TP). This should prioritise and exploit existing opportunities for Active and Sustainable Travel improvements integral to the site development and connect to the wider existing transport network. Thresholds for the requirement of a TA, TS and TP are detailed in Appendix 3.

Places for Everyone Links:

JP-C8 – Transport Requirements of New Development

Reasoned Justification

- 11.21 A Transport Assessment (TA) / Transport Statement (TS) should include information on existing and proposed commercial and / or residential vehicle and pedestrian movements to and from a site. A TA will be required for developments likely to have significant transport impacts, while a TS will be required when the development is expected to generate fewer trips but has a moderate impact on the local road network.
- 11.22 Loading areas and arrangements for manoeuvring, servicing and parking of vehicles should be clearly identified. The TA and TS should describe and analyse existing transport conditions, how the development will affect those conditions and propose measures to address any concerns. It should also identify measures to improve access by sustainable and active travel modes, assess the demand for parking associated with a proposal and mitigate any wider impacts from a development.
- 11.23 Where applications affect the Strategic Road Network (SRN), applicants must provide National Highways confirmation that the scope and detail of the Transport Assessment and Travel Plan is sufficient to assess the impact of an application within the statutory timescales. Where proposals include work within the highway boundary to be

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undertaken, Highways England confirmation indicating the proposals are acceptable in principle, backed by an agreed Stage 1 Road Safety Audit will be required.

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