Matters Arising from Hearing Session 8 - Sustainable and Inclusive Communities

Further to the discussion at Hearing session 8, at which policies L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, W3, R5 and Appendix 1 were discussed, the Council is invited to suggest changes to the Core Strategy in response to the matters set out below. If it is considered that any such changes go to the heart of soundness they should be prefixed (S)300. All suggested changes should be consolidated in CD12.4. They should be submitted by 17.00 on Friday 11th March 2011. They will be circulated to the other participants of Hearing session 8, whose comments are invited as soon as possible before 17th March 2011.

- 1. Suggested change 200.26 goes a long towards reflecting the priority that should be given to pedestrians and cyclists in the movement hierarchy, but should the policy be further re-ordered so that the integrated public transport network precedes the highway network?
- 2. Suggested change 200.27 is helpful, but should policy L4.1(e) be further amended by; substituting 'agreed' for 'reliable' mechanism in change 200.27, by cross referencing 'agreed mechanisms' to an SPD and by making the requirement that is the subject of change 200.27 a separate bullet point to policy L4.1(e)?
- 3. Arising from discussion of policy L4.5 should the implementation schedule to policy SL4 to refer to 'Extension of Metrolink through Trafford Park'?
- 4. In its submitted form policy L5 is not effective and it is unclear if it is justified. I conclude that it is unsound and invite the Council to rewrite both the policy text and its justification in a manner that its requirements can be easily and clearly understood, its mechanisms for delivery are realistic and transparent, and its implications for development are transparently and realistically taken into account, both in isolation and as part of the overall package of costs imposed on development by the Core Strategy. (If the Council wishes to amend the policy as suggested above this matter will be deferred until such time as policies W1 and R4 are considered.)
- 5. Any other changes discussed and suggested by the Council.