

# Transport Background Paper

## Hounslow Local Plan Reviews Issues Consultation - December 2015

### Policies and proposals

The Local Plan Policy EC1 (and Table EC1.1) and the Issues Consultation document set out the Council's aspirations for two sets of major transport improvements that would have a transformative impact on the Great West Corridor and the West of Borough areas.

The Local Implementation Plan for Transport (2011-2031) sets out the Council's strategic transport objectives and addresses strategies for buses, walking, cycling and other measures:

[http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/lip\\_2011\\_1.pdf](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/lip_2011_1.pdf)

### Focus of the Background paper

This background note provides sign-posting to further details and updates on the major strategic projects to be addressed in the Local Plan reviews. All of these projects and proposals are subject of ongoing studies and work, for a number of the projects important further information will be available in January 2016. This background does not repeat the content of the documents referred to above but focuses on the latest available updating information for the key projects only. Further updates and links to supporting evidence studies will be provided as these become available.

### West of Borough Plan

#### Heathrow Southern Rail Access – LB Hounslow proposal.

A report will be presented to the January meeting of Cabinet which will detail the results of a public consultation conducted in the autumn and further technical work. The initial technical report commissioned by WSP and the proposed route alignment are available council website here: [http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/index/council\\_and\\_democracy/consultations/consultations\\_archive/heathrow\\_southern\\_rail\\_consult.htm](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/index/council_and_democracy/consultations/consultations_archive/heathrow_southern_rail_consult.htm)

### Great West Corridor Plan

#### Brentford – Southall link.

Network Rail will be presenting a GRIP 2 draft final study project appraisal to the Council in early January 2016. Indications are that the best value option (over the longer term and in regards to achieving the most resilient operation) will be to double track the whole length of the line (rather than a single track as previously considered) and build a new platform face and over bridge at Southall and a new station at Brentford adjacent to the waste transfer site. This is costed at a little over £41m excluding risk and contingency.

The proposal for the Brentford end remains the simple 'halt' style station at the southern tip of the waste transfer station.

Next step is to progress to GRIP 3 project appraisal.

#### The Hounslow to Old Oak Common service plans

The Council proposed a shuttle service based on 4 trains per hour from Hounslow to Old Oak Common (with the support of a business case prepared by WSP consultants). Network Rail now want a more fundamental review of the services options on that line; if the infrastructure was provided to create a link from the Hounslow Loop to OOC, then the service which ran along it could start further out, rather than the short shuttle proposed by the Council.

Further update will be provided as soon as possible.

Version 22/12/15