

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE**

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**TO THE LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING FOR  
PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**ON**

**21 MARCH 2023**

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**TITLE:** Highway works related to Salford Royal Hospital – Section 106 Contribution Investment

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That the Lead Member for Planning and Sustainable Development approves;

1. The expenditure of £287,801.10 of Section 106 contributions towards Highway works related to extensions to Salford Royal Hospital; and
  2. Transferring £256,348.84 of the received Section 106 contributions to TfGM to compete specific parts of the project on behalf of the city council.
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

It is proposed to utilise a total of £287,801.10 of secured Section 106 contributions towards:

Highway mitigation works related to extensions to Salford Royal Hospital. TfGM will be commissioned by the city council to complete one part of the project, which includes:

- Vehicle monitoring cameras;
- Installation of signs for a variable message system (VMS); and
- Re-evaluation of the SCOOT network in the vicinity of the site

The remaining highway projects will be completed by the city council, which include:

- Parking surveys, consultation, and Traffic Regulation Orders to inform the implementation of residents' parking schemes (future contributions will become payable Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust); and
- Implementation of a signage scheme for pedestrians and cyclists between Eccles town centre /train station and Salford Royal Hospital.

The additional traffic generated by the approved Acute Received Centre (ARC) and Intermediate Care Unit (ICU) and loss of parking necessary to accommodate these buildings on site was considered as part of the planning process.

The above package of works was agreed between the Local Highway Authority (LHA), TfGM and the applicant (Salford Royal Foundation Trust) as being appropriate to mitigate the impact of the proposed developments.

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## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

- A Transport Assessment (TA) and Travel Plan (TP) were submitted with the application and further information provided within a TA Addendum which informed the agreed highway mitigation package. These have not been provided with this report but are available for review on the Planning Portal.

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## **KEY DECISION: NO**

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## **DETAILS:**

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 In line with the council's Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Section 106 contributions were required from a development of a new Acute Receiving Centre with helipad at Salford Royal Hospital (Section 106 Ref: 409 – planning application 19/73701/FUL).
- 1.2 Initial contributions from this development have recently been received by the city council including £287,801.10 towards transport, as required by Policy OB5 of the SPD. The signed section 106 agreement requires that the initial transport contributions be directed towards specific highways projects as detailed in this report.
- 1.3 The additional traffic generated by the approved Acute Received Centre (ARC) and Intermediate Care Unit (ICU) and loss of parking necessary to accommodate these buildings on site was considered as part of the planning process, partly in response to a concern of residents and Councillors consulted. The package of highway works was agreed between

the Local Highway Authority (LHA), TfGM and the applicant (Salford Royal Foundation Trust) as being appropriate to mitigate the impact of the proposed developments.

## **2.0 Proposed uses of the s106 funding**

- 2.1 Ward councillors have been consulted and are supportive of proposals to utilise a total of £287,801.10 of s106 funding secured for Highway works required in relation to extensions to Salford Royal Hospital. Officers from the Place Directorate are in discussions with TfGM to deliver one part of the project on behalf of the city council. £256,348.84 of the section 106 funding will be transferred to TfGM, with the remaining £31,452.26 being retained to deliver the second part of the project.
- 2.2 The section 106 funding can only be used towards named projects with TfGM delivering:
- Vehicle monitoring cameras (£55,230.19);
  - Installation of signs for a variable message system (£190,072.62); and
  - Re-evaluation of the SCOOT network in the vicinity of the site (£11,046.03).
- 2.3 The remaining projects will be completed by the city council. Some of these works will inform future additional contributions that will become payable by Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust to fund the residents' parking schemes:
- Parking surveys, consultation, and Traffic Regulation Orders to inform the implementation of residents' parking schemes (£20,406.23); and
  - Implementation of a signage scheme for pedestrians and cyclists between Eccles town centre /train station and Salford Royal Hospital (£11,046.03).
- 2.4 Vehicle monitoring camera – proposed to be installed at the Eccles Old Road/ Stott Lane junction, this will allow TfGM to monitor the operation of the highway network remotely, adjusting signal timings manually to optimise the flow of traffic.
- 2.5 Installation of signs for variable message system – intended to be located on Eccles Old Road and Eccles New Road and to direct hospital visitors to spaces therefore minimising the likelihood of queuing at accesses to car parks which are full.
- 2.6 Re-evaluation of SCOOT – Traffic signals in the vicinity of the site operate on a SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique) system which essentially means that they are linked and, using sensors, monitor demand. The ability to monitor demand allows the traffic signals timings to adjust automatically, synchronising junctions so that capacity is increased, and delays reduced. A re-evaluation of the settings is considered necessary to reflect the change in traffic flow/ pattern resulting from the approved developments.
- 2.7 Parking survey, consultation and Traffic Regulation Orders – The former are necessary to determine the impact of the developments to inform any potential adjustment to the extent of resident parking permit scheme which is operable on a number of the roads in the

vicinity of Salford Royal Hospital. The latter will allow implementation of any changes identified necessary because of the developments.

2.8 Implementation of signage for pedestrians and cyclists – to encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel in favour of the private car signage is proposed to direct staff and visitors of Salford Royal to the Bus, Train and Metro stations located in Eccles town centre. Encouraging such transport shift is consistent with both Policy A2 of the UDP that was in place at the time the planning applications were determined and Policy A1 of the newly adopted Local Plan.

### **3.0 Wider benefits of the project**

3.1 The proposed highway mitigation package is intended to offset any harm caused by the potential increase in traffic resulting from the approved developments.

3.2 The interventions identified are considered to assist in the movement of motorised vehicles on the network immediately adjacent to the hospital, reduce the likelihood of nuisance on neighbouring residential roads and to promote the use of other modes of transport with a view to reducing the reliance on private car to access the site.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

That the Lead Member for Planning and Sustainable Development approves:

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### **KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:**

- Salford City Council Unitary Development Plan 2004-16 (2006); and
- Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (2019).

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### **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:**

The improvements will be of benefit to all. It is considered that there are no adverse impacts associated with this project.

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### **ASSESSMENT OF RISK:**

Low – Developers can seek to legally challenge the city council to claim back Section 106 monies if not used on a scheme that mitigates the impacts of that development and/or spent in line with the requirements of the Section 106 agreement.

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**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A**

Comments: The Section 106 contributions can only be invested into the mitigation of named highway works in accordance with the respective Section 106 agreement. This project is an appropriate use of funding.

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: Adam Mozley, Graduate Trainee Accountant 10/02/2023**

Comments: The £287,801.10 Section 106 funding as identified in the report has been received and are available to fund the works.

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**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Section 106 Contributions received from the development at:

- £287,801.10 from Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (Section 106 Ref: 409 - 19/73701/FUL);
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**PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A**

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**HR IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A**

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**CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS supplied in consultation with: Mike Hemingway**

Comments: Climate change implications are considered through the planning application process, and where relevant appropriate mitigation will be identified through planning conditions and/or planning obligations. The Section 106 contributions can only be used towards specific mitigation in accordance with the respective Section 106 agreement.

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**OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: N/A**

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