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Additional Transport Information relating to the proposed North of Leicester Transport Study

Transport modelling and transport evidence work relating to the impact of growth proposed in the north of Leicester (within the Leicester administrative boundary) and to the north of Leicester (in the Charnwood BC administrative area) has been carried out over the past five years.

Modelling was carried out to prepare for the Charnwood BC Local Plan. This work was led by Leicestershire County Council, supported by National Highways and Leicester City Council. The approach for the modelling, the findings and the need for further modelling work was agreed by the parties in the November 2021 Statement of Common Ground.

Further modelling was carried out between November 2021 and May 2022. This led to a supplemental Statement of Common Ground signed in June 2022. Again, all parties agreed to the approach, findings and need for further work. The findings included that there would be cumulative cross-boundary impacts. The findings also identified the need for three area transport strategies to help mitigate the impact of growth in Charnwood and adjacent to Charnwood. One of the three strategies, the one relevant to Leicester/Leicester's Local Plan, is the North of Leicester Transport Strategy.

The modelling work led by the County Council, for the Charnwood Local Plan, identified infrastructure improvements to be investigated and developed to form part of the North of Leicester Transport Strategy. The modelling work at that time didn't include schemes, such as those recently delivered and being delivered as part of the City's Transforming Cities Programme, that will help provide capacity to accommodate growth.

The modelling work undertaken for Leicester's local plan showed the cross-boundary effects of growth to the north of Leicester including the displacement of traffic from the strategic and main road networks onto lower classification roads however the modelling didn't identify any impacts that couldn't be managed through the development management process.

The North of Leicester Transport Study will use the latest growth figures and Local Plans adopted site allocations and consider how the routes interact. The study will help finalise the North of Leicester Transport Strategy (including prioritising active travel and bus services) and hence will be a consideration in the development management process.

The study brief (see Appendix 1) has been developed by Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and National Highways and is being consulted on with

the district council stakeholders. It is anticipated that the study will take 6 months to complete.