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FOI Reference: 1601633 Direct Dial: 01273 295959

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Dear Mr Shepherd

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please see below our response to your Freedom of Information request.

City Plan Effectiveness 2012

Are there plans to take traffic measurements to see if the assumptions about evolving traffic conditions in the City remained valid and possibly engaging consultants to review the STA, a process which might take years and should start in the near future?

When will data collection for the plan review start?

Is there a mechanism for updating the Plan prior to the statutory review in 2021?

How and when can local people ensure the plan evolves to take into account changing circumstances?

Is there a schedule of dates for when the various assumptions in the City Plan will be reviewed, including the Strategic Transport Assessment whose assumptions appear not to have stood the test of time, and the procedures, processes and key dates that local residents need to be aware of in order to make sure their input is taken into account when the assumptions are reviewed?

The council's published Local Development Scheme sets out the council's three year forward plan for preparing local plan documents: https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/LDS%202017%20Final.pdf.

The Local Development Scheme covers the period 2017-2020. There are no council plans to review the City Plan Part 1 within the published work programme for 2017-2020 as work is focused on preparing and adopting the City Plan Part Two which will support the implementation and delivery of City Plan Part 1 as well as progressing the other planning documents listed in the Local Development Scheme. Therefore there are no published work programmes for reviewing City Plan Part 1.

The National Planning Policy Framework (published 24 July 2018) requires local authorities within five years of adoption to assess whether the plans are up to date and outline a programme for reviewing plans/ policies within plans where the council consider them to be out of date/ no longer comply with government policy.

Therefore when the Local Development Scheme is next reviewed and updated, the timetable for reviewing the City Plan Part 1 will be included (figure 1 in the LDS sets out such a timetable for City Plan Part 2). This published timetable will indicate the timetable for evidence gathering and key milestones including public consultation stages including the issues and options stage of consultation. At the evidence gathering stage of the review of City Plan Part 1, the council would consider what background information it would require and need to update, such as the Strategic Transport Assessment (STA), in order to assist with the development of a new or revised plan. The council has no plans to review the STA in advance of the review and development of a new land-use plan.

Please quote the reference number 1601633 in any future communications.

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We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer