

4. Local Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 In terms of the impact of the Transport Strategy on Protected Landscapes (PL) of the South East it is recommended that;
- 4.2 A timeframe should be clearly identified in the Draft Transport Strategy (DTS) to move from the capacity building phase (building new highways infrastructure) to the planning for people and places phases. This will help address Climate Change commitments and reduce impacts from traffic on the communities and environments of the PLs.
- 4.3 Transport for South East (TfSE) should be encouraged to work with partners to look for solutions to the issues identified in the DTS as 'limitations to integration'. If solved or partially solved these would help encourage people to move through PLs in a more sustainable way;
- Disconnect between road and rail investment programmes.
 - The fragmentation of public transport provision.
 - The limitations that competition law place on the ability for independent operators to collaborate in making it easier to move from one service to another.
 - Lack of integration between housing and development provision and transport infrastructure planning and delivery.
- 4.4 Where a scheme impacts a PL then resources should be committed within any scheme budgets for independent monitoring of the Environmental Strategic Priorities shown in the DTS to ensure consistency and measure success.
- 4.5 TfSE should be encouraged to view the South East Protected Landscapes (SEPL) as places where developments can take place which are of sufficient quality to help conserve and enhance the protected landscapes.
- 4.6 The contribution to the economy that businesses within the South Downs National Park and the SEPL make to the regional economy should be highlighted – Economic growth does not have to come, and should not have to come at the expense of the environment.