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REVOCATION of the SE REGIONAL STRATEGY;-

1.1 It will be recalled that the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) and the Regional Partnership were both stood down after the last election.

1.2 The Chairman of SEEDA in a letter date the 15. 07. 2009. stated;-

"In preparing the LDF the District Council will be working closely with Surrey County Council (as the Local Transport Authority) to identify the challenges for the transport system arising from the growth proposals and bring forward detailed proposals for addressing those challenges. Where there is an impact on the Trunk Road network (motorways etc) I would expect that they will liaise with the Highway Agency in identifying potential solutions. The sum of £20m has been identified as being potentially available for investment in the Reigate/Redhill area, with that funding being available from 2014/15".

2.0 REVOCATION of REGIONAL STRATEGY for SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND;-

2.1 In a letter dated 25.02.2013 The Inspectors Programme officer provided information from the Inspector MARTIN PIKE that the Secretary of State had decided to revoke the Regional Strategy.

2.2 It is presumed that the revocation will also apply to the SE transport plan of regional Hubs and Spokes (drawings available upon request).

2.3 Should this be the case an added burden will be placed on both of the Local Authorities to show the adequacy of the LDF **transport plan** and its ability to deal economically, effectively and efficiently with both the present and future through traffic flows as shown in figure 3.5 of the SCC published transport plan.

2.4 In the case of the Motorway Orbit Report dated 2003 concerning the problems that would arise if an increased population had access to the M25 and the SCC Report that the M25 is operating at or above operational capacity (see RS Reports No. 44, 45 & 46).

2.5 **It is suggested;-** That the Ministry for Transport Highways Agency be requested to ensure that abnormal traffic flows do not transfer from the Motorways to the local roads through Redhill and Reigate without adequate ring or relief roads being provided.

2.6 That the Highway Authority and Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) based in Horsham and other Authorities within the South East be requested to provide an adequately designed road transport system suitable and safe for pedestrian and cycle use as well as the logistic needs of an enlarged exporting community within the Region and Borough.

3.0 The Reigate Society (RS) has been participating in the Green Belt discussions, the proposed population growth and transport debate. Attention is now drawn to all previous REPORTS submitted for consideration (available on the RS web site) so that any plans and programmes adopted are in the best interests of the whole community.

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