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Dear Sir/Madam,

Future Hoo – second round consultation

Raifuture is Britain's leading and longest-established national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passengers, and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities.

We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in development and transport planning.

Taking part in the consultation

Q1) Are you happy to take part in the Future Hoo Consultation 2021 Second Round?

- Yes
- No

Developed Strategic Environmental Management Scheme (SEMS) proposals

Q2) SEMS - general comments - Do you have any general comments on the SEMS proposals?

No.

Q3) SEMS - specific comments - Do you have any specific comments about the information presented on the individual community parklands?

No.

Phase 2a – Hoo Flats Community Parkland

Phase 2b – Lodge Hill Community Parkland

Phase 2c – Deangate Ridge Community Parkland

Phase 2d – Shared-use bridge

ALL the community parklands

No.

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Revised rail proposals

Q4) Rail - general comments - Do you have any general comments about the REVISIONS to the rail proposals presented?

~ It is premature to discount electrification, and thereby limit passenger service possibilities, when a report on the subject from the Rail Safety and Standards Board is imminent:

<https://www.rssb.co.uk/research-catalogue/CatalogueItem/T1214>

~ Limited HIF or other resources can be very substantially supplemented through Land Value Capture financing as being pioneered by E-Rail for The Northumberland Line.

~ A new link towards Strood is essential for freight as well as for passenger services.

Q5) Rail - specific comments - Do you have any specific comments about the REVISIONS presented, on any of the four areas listed as follows?

The station surroundings

No further specific comments at this stage.

Level crossings – which one/s?

- Kings Crossing
- Church Street Crossings
- Wybournes Farm and High Halstow Restricted Byway
- Solomon's Crossing
- Whitehall Bridleway, Stoke Road Crossing and Creek Crossing

No further specific comments at this stage.

Passing places/ loop – which one/s?

- Hoo Junction
- Cooling Street

No further specific comments at this stage.

Service provision

If c.12,000 homes / c.30,000 people are being planned, that points to development of a train service frequency of four trains per hour, two each for through services in the Gravesend and Strood directions and beyond, to provide the capacity, connectivity, carbon-free travel, and competitive journey times dictated by 21st-century sustainability policy imperatives.

Revised road proposals

Q6) Road - general comments - Do you have any general comments about the REVISIONS made to the road proposals as presented?

No.

Q7) Road - specific comments - Do you have any specific comments about the REVISIONS made to the individual road phases as presented?

No.

Phase 1 - A289 junction/ link road plus Woodfield Way and Islingham Farm Road

Phase 2 - New relief road and associated spur link road

Phase 3 - Improvements to A228 Bell's Lane Roundabout and Dux Court Road (widening and link road)

Phase 4 - Improvements to Ropers Lane Roundabout and modifications to the existing highway network to facilitate access to the new station

Phase 5 - Four Elms Roundabout

Phase 6 - Wulfere Way and Sans Pareil Roundabout

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About you

Q8) Are you responding as:

- An individual
- An organisation, please specify.... Railfuture
- An elected representative, please specify....
- A business, please specify....
- Other, please specify

Q9) How did you hear about this consultation? Please tick all that apply.

- Leaflet through your door
- Email
- Future Hoo e-bulletin
- Poster
- Medway Matters magazine
- Village Voice
- Word of mouth
- Community event
- Press
- Council website
- Social media
- Other, please specify

Q10) What is your postcode sector?

Our local members are spread around Medway and Kent.

Q11) Are you?

Predominantly male.

Q12) How old are you?

Predominantly retired.

Q13) Do you have any long-standing health problem or disability? Long-standing means anything that has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months.

Some of our members do.

Yours faithfully,

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