

## **Matter 6: Transport and other infrastructure - Hearing Statement, Matthew O'Connell**

I refer broadly to the hearing statement of Steve Johnstone of Lawrence Walker Limited (note that Mr Johnstone's report was jointly commissioned by a number of parties including CAUSE, myself and Shalford Parish Council).

I have the following two responses to add beyond Mr Johnstone's hearing statement:

14. Are the capital costs for the proposed RTS set out in section 5.1 of the Vision to Plan document [EB/079] realistic?

Please refer – in addition to Mr Johnstone's hearing statement – to my hearing statement for Matter 7 – Viability which also reference to an apparent lack of consideration of inflation in reference to the capital costs for the Bristol and Salford examples which are used as benchmarking for the RTS system base capital costs, meaning these comparable figures are potentially understated by 15-20%.

23. Are the refined mode share targets set out at Figures 7-1, 7-2 & 7-3 of the Mode Share Strategy document [EB/080] justified by the evidence contained and referenced in that document?

Please refer to my consultation submission, MOC/RTS for a detailed consideration of this question with respect to the Public Transport / Rapid Transport aspects of EB/080. This concludes that the evidence is hugely deficient in this context.