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PLANNING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN SURREY

THE BASIS OF THE STUDY

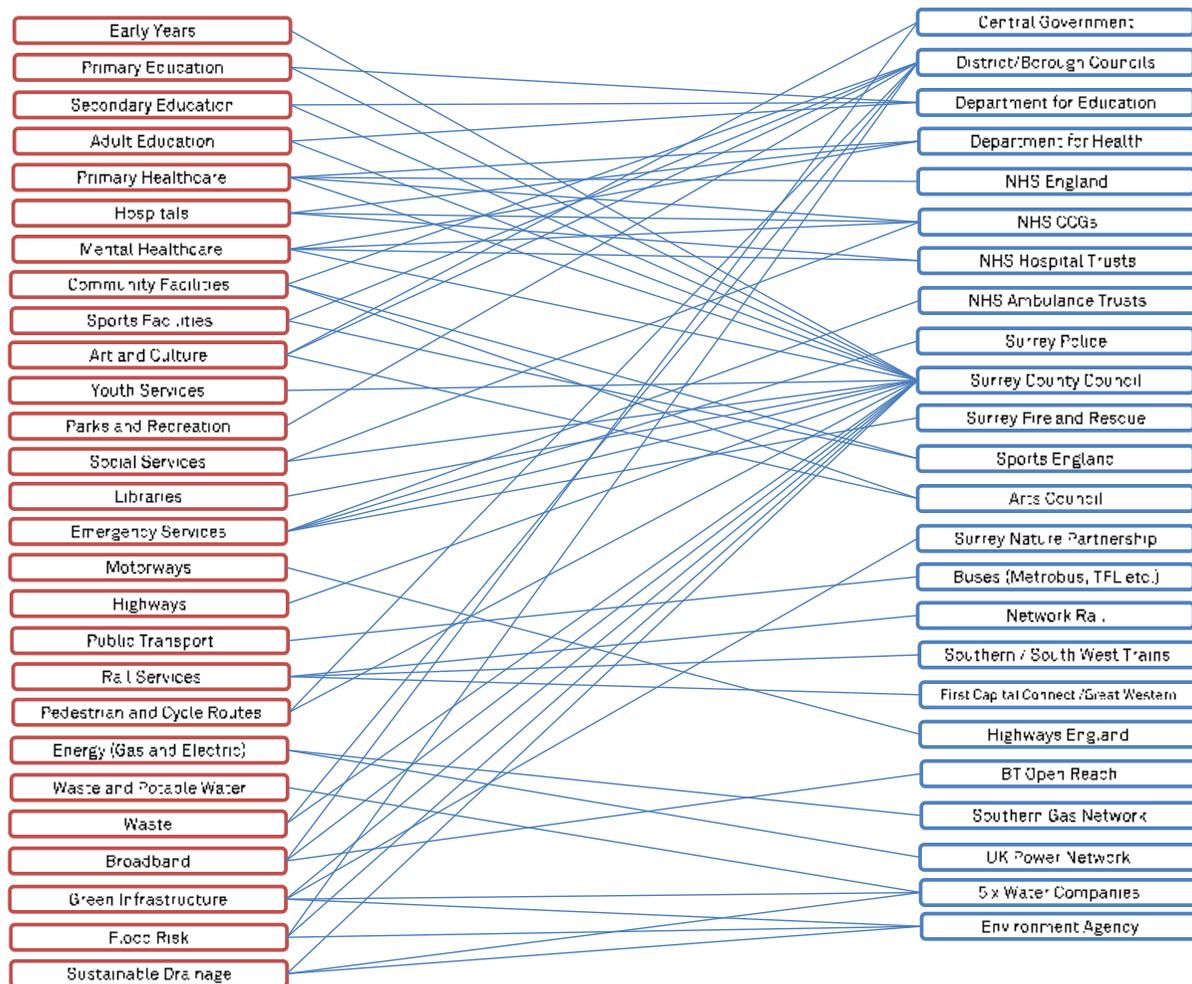
THIS STUDY DRAWS TOGETHER INFORMATION AND DATA FROM A RANGE OF SOURCES. IT SEEKS TO PIECE TOGETHER A STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE OF GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION IN SURREY AT THE PRESENT TIME AND 15 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE.

It draws on the following information:

- Adopted and emerging Local Plans and Infrastructure Delivery Plans for all local authorities within Surrey
- Local Authorities' Local Plan evidence bases
- Other existing and emerging information, strategies and plans from local authorities across Surrey
- GIS database information provided by Surrey County Council
- Surrey County Council Pop Group model for population growth
- Documents produced by Coast to Capital & Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP)
- Surrey Rail Strategy, Surface Access to Airports Study, the North Downs Line Assessment, and the Wessex Route Study
- Documents provided by Surrey Connects
- Information from other infrastructure provider's plans including utility providers, the Environment Agency, Network Rail, Highways England and the National Health Service (NHS).

The study is based on a detailed analysis of issues in Surrey relating to growth and infrastructure current to July 2015. It should be recognised that this presents a snapshot in time and has no legal basis.

A spreadsheet database containing a list of all known infrastructure projects, costs and funding provides a detailed evidence base for this study.



INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDERS

FIGURE 2.1 SHOWS THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDERS IN SURREY. THE COUNTY AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUPPLY OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN SURREY. IN ADDITION A NUMBER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT EXISTING POPULATION AND PROPOSED GROWTH.

This study covers the following aspects of infrastructure provided by Surrey local authorities.

- Education (primary, secondary, further education and community learning)
- Other social infrastructure (libraries, adult social services and youth services, public health, community and sports facilities, parks and recreation)

- Highways and transport

- Waste management

In addition, other providers' requirements have been investigated including:

- Healthcare (NHS)
- Highways (Highways England)
- Railway and bus operations
- Utility services
- Other significant infrastructure (e.g. Environment Agency)

FIGURE 2.1- THE COMPLEX PATTERN OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION IN SURREY

PLANNING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Changes to government legislation have modified how infrastructure planning is undertaken and placed greater emphasis on the link between the Local Plan and the delivery of infrastructure.

In Surrey it is the local authorities who have responsibility for producing Local Plans as local planning authorities (LPAs).

Surrey County Council is a statutory consultee as an infrastructure provider, but does not have a statutory responsibility for plan making (with the exception of Minerals and Waste planning).

The Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that LPAs should work with other authorities and providers to assess the quality and capacity of a range of infrastructure types and the ability to meet forecast demands and take account of the need for strategic infrastructure within the LPA area (para. 162).

Local Plan policies on infrastructure delivery and development are required to operate together, in order to ensure delivery in a timely fashion. Where possible the NPPF recommends Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charges should be developed and assessed alongside the Local Plan (para. 177).

Localism Act 2011 and the NPPF also set out a duty to cooperate across boundaries enshrining the need for local planning authorities to engage with different organisations on strategic planning issues (para.179), in particular infrastructure providers as illustrated in Figure 2.2. County councils are subject to the duty and the local authorities are required to engage with Surrey County Council as a key infrastructure provider. However, there is no body in place to provide strategic co-ordination of growth across local authority boundaries or strategic infrastructure. Therefore, there is a vital need for increased dialogue and close collaboration between local authorities and infrastructure providers to ensure infrastructure is adequately planned

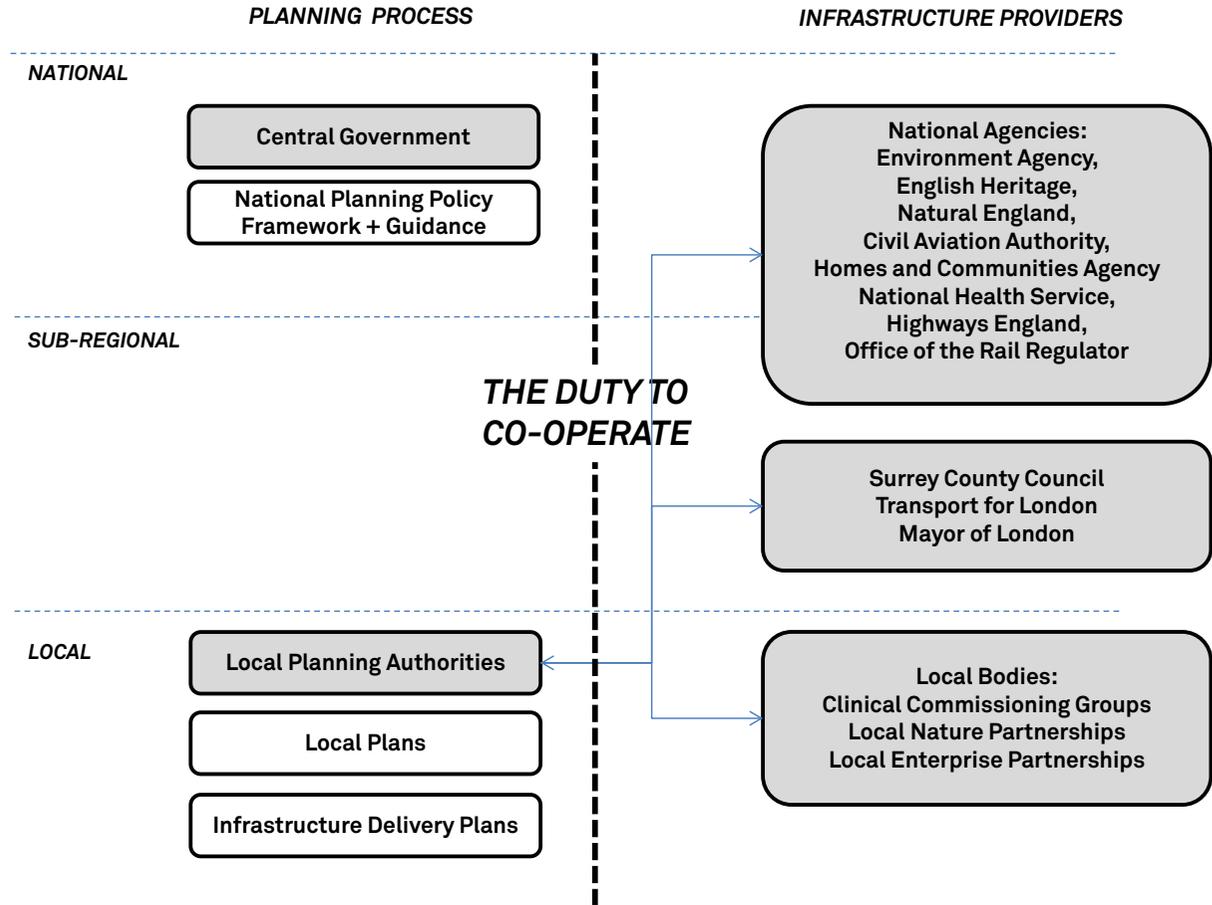


FIGURE 2.2- THE CURRENT PLANNING PROCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION IN SURREY

for and delivered in tandem with area growth projections in order to meet service demand. In this way, this Study seeks to facilitate discussion by highlighting the core infrastructure issues which require attention.

As illustrated in Figure 2.3, all local planning authorities in Surrey are at varying stages in terms of having an up-to-date Local Plan. Some plans have been adopted while others are in the process of being prepared. Where a local

authority's Local Plan pre-dates the adoption of the NPPF, policies may no longer be up to date and may need to be revised. All have produced an "Infrastructure Delivery Plan" which sets out infrastructure required to support growth and funding regimes.

This document will assist Surrey Local Authorities to fulfil the "Duty to Cooperate" and begin to piece together a co-ordinated understanding of growth and infrastructure across Surrey.

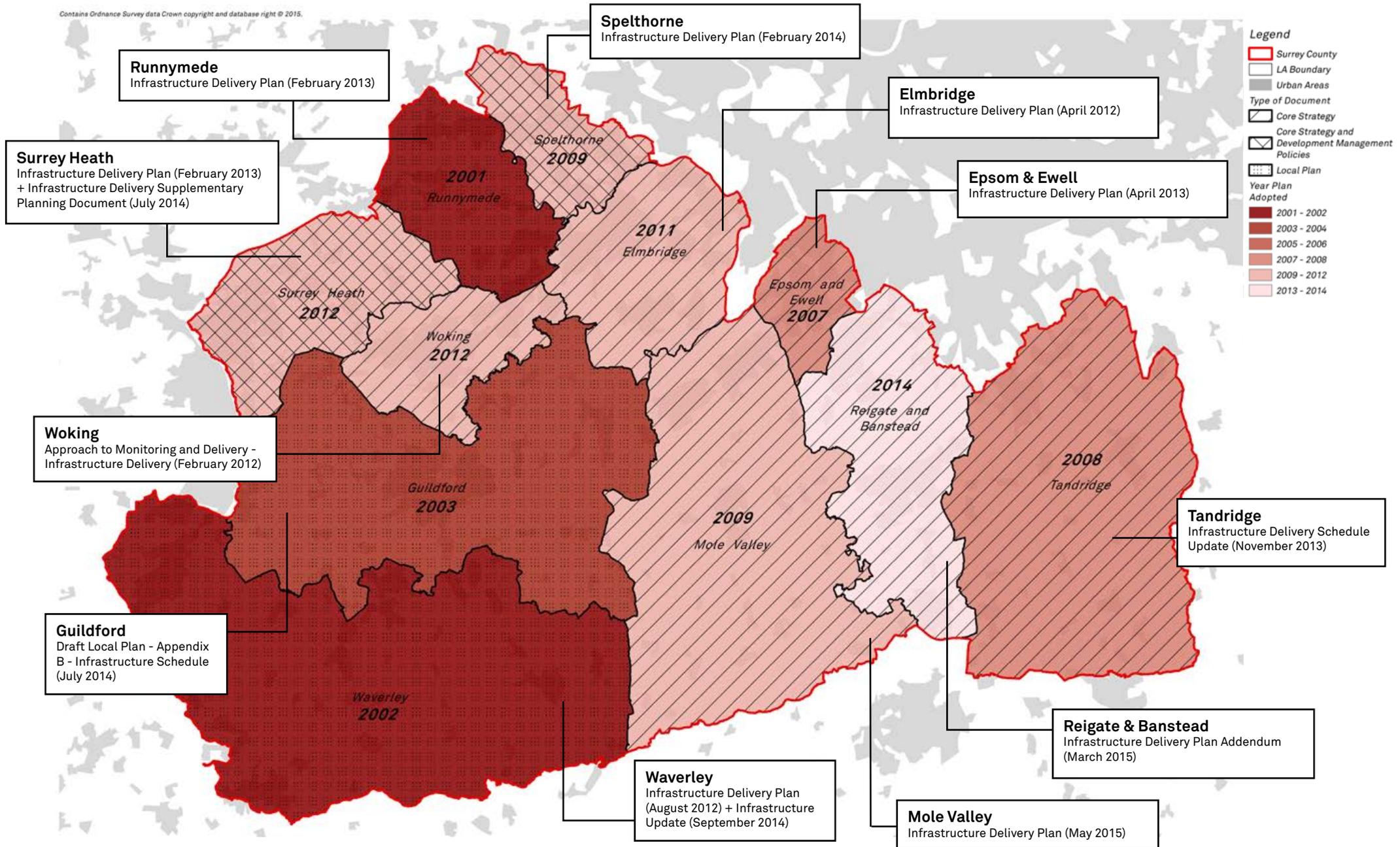


FIGURE 2.3 - LOCAL PLAN AND INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN STATUS IN SURREY LOCAL AUTHORITIES (JULY 2015)