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Planning for Growth on the Hoo Peninsula Response Form

This response form has two parts to complete below.

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Part 1 – Your Details

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Part 2 – Your Response

- This public consultation proposes a vision for growth on the Hoo Peninsula.
- The vision should help to make it clear what we want to achieve. It should be clear, realistic and locally distinctive.
- The vision is important because it will guide the objectives, policies and design principles.

The proposed vision is:

By 2037, Hoo St Werburgh will be a thriving rural town, sensitively integrated into the extraordinary landscape of the Hoo Peninsula. A valued place providing homes, jobs and services for vibrant communities. A small town with an attractive choice of travel connections. A place built for the future, and respecting the past.

1. Do you get a clear sense of what the Hoo Peninsula will be like by 2037?

Yes

No

Comments: There is concern about the difference between reality and a consultant's vision and care will be required to manage this against a pure 'for profit' solution. **Improved development control and Community Involvement will be needed at the earliest opportunity.**

2. Does the vision describe the Hoo Peninsula as opposed to anywhere?

Yes

No

Comments:

3. Does the vision reflect your priorities?

Yes

No

Comments: Movement of people, including multiple modes as appropriate (including Rail).

4. Is it concise and easy to understand?

Yes

No

Comments:

5. How can we measure success of achieving the vision?

Comments: Percentage of personal travel by rail (including that transferred from Road to Rail, Bus and other active transport solutions).

6. Can you set out a better vision for growth on the Hoo Peninsula? Please tell us:

Railfuture welcomes the development of a rail solution to some of the **transport issues that already exist on the Hoo Peninsula** and the role it can play as part of a comprehensive future solution, involving active transport, wider public transport and also private transport that is essential in a mixed urban and rural

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environment. The development of a quality transport interchange at the railway station is key to this. The transportation options are key to the support of the proposed growth in the area. Without the development of the proposed rail solution, there would be more pressure on other existing stations at Rochester, Strood and Higham with a consequent increase in vehicle traffic (bus and car) on the A228 and country lanes. Without this development it is difficult to see how the growth proposals could be sustainable.

7. Please use the space below to make any other comments on the consultation document:

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