

Statement of Common Ground between North West Leicestershire District Council and South Derbyshire District Council

Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify areas of common interest between North West Leicestershire District Council and South Derbyshire District Council.

This statement intends to provide an agreed position based on ongoing discussions to demonstrate that authorities have complied with the Duty to Co-operate and the requirements of para 159 of National Planning Policy Framework and advice in National Planning Policy Guidance.

Matters Agreed

Officers and Members of the two authorities have agreed that the following areas have been and/or will be the subject of discussions between the two authorities:

- The National Forest/Heart of the National Forest
- The National Forest railway line
- East Midlands Airport
- The River Mease Special Area of Conservation
- Development around Woodville/Swadlincote/Albert Village
- Donington Park Race Circuit
- Flooding around and along the River Trent
- High Speed Rail 2 (HS2)
- Strategic Freight Rail Interchange issues
- Transport & highways improvements
- Strategic Green Infrastructure

In terms of housing, each Council believes at this point in time that respective SHMAs commissioned by the Authorities have taken appropriate account of housing markets extending beyond the respective administrative boundaries and that both Authorities will, based on current information, meet their own objectively assessed housing need.

The two authorities are committed to undertaking further liaison and discussion regarding the provision of housing to meet objectively assessed needs and also those other issues listed as part of their Duty to Co-operate as and when necessary.

	Date	Signature	Name and Position
North West Leicestershire District Council			
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	17/9/14		Steve Bambrick Director of Services and Deputy Chief Executive
South Derbyshire District Council			
	19/09/2014		Cllr Peter Watson Portfolio holder for Environmental and Development Services
	19/9/14.		Stuart Batchelor Director of Community and Planning