



Statement on Continuing Joint Working on Key Strategic Issues between Amber Valley Borough Council, Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council - July 2013

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Derby Housing Market Area (HMA) comprises the administrative areas of Amber Valley Borough, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council.
- 1.2 Amber Valley Borough Council, Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council are committed to close co-operation and liaison on Development Plan matters at both the local and wider Housing Market Area (HMA) level. This involves on-going constructive and active engagement on strategic matters in the preparation of development plan documents and associated activities in-line with the Duty to Co-operate (Localism Act, Section 110¹).
- 1.3 This co-ordinated approach began in 2009 and has continued as each authority's aligned Core Strategy has developed.
- 1.4 This approach has provided the HMA authorities with the opportunity to address a number of cross-boundary, strategic issues, such as the scale and location of housing and employment land, transport, social infrastructure and Green Belt.

2. Purpose of the Statement on Continuing Joint Working

- 2.1 The principle of joint working within the HMA was established in the East Midlands Regional Plan. Following its revocation in 2013, the HMA authorities have considered that a formal agreement would provide long-term surety to both local communities and the Government that joint working would continue both up to and after the respective Core Strategies have been adopted.
- 2.2 This Statement of Continuing Joint Working identifies in more detail those cross-boundary strategic issues that are of particular importance to the HMA authorities and identifies specific short and long term actions. It is intended that this is a 'living' document and will be amended and updated with the agreement of all parties.

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/section/110/enacted>

3. Key Strategic Issues

Planning For Housing Growth

- 3.1 Paragraph 47² of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local planning authorities to set housing targets at the local level and that Local Plans should meet the full objectively assessed needs for housing in the housing market area.
- 3.2 The Derby HMA has developed a shared evidence base to ensure that the three authorities meet the requirements of the NPPF. Government projections suggest that the HMA's population will continue to grow. However, the HMA's Housing Requirements Study³ (HRS) indicates that the increases will not be as high as the national projections suggest.
- 3.3 Using this evidence, the HMA authorities have identified that provision should be made for 35,354 new homes across the HMA.

Short term actions

- 3.4 It is agreed that the HMA authorities will continue to work together to objectively assess housing need, and deliver the required dwellings across the HMA.

Longer term actions

- 3.5 It is agreed that the HMA authorities will work co-operatively with partners on any future strategic review of housing growth and distribution. If evidence identifies a significant change in the housing requirement, the HMA authorities will commit to an early review of their Local Plan (either in full or in part). Reflecting current practice, the timetables for any review will be aligned.

Development Sites

- 3.6 Over the plan period, development will occur in one administrative area which has the potential to impact on a neighbouring authority and therefore it is important to work co-operatively on a wide range of sites that are likely to have cross-boundary implications.
- 3.7 Such implications may arise as a result of the proximity of a site to the Borough, District or City boundary, or a result of the scale and nature of the proposal and/or its associated impact upon local communities or particular types of infrastructure, services or facilities. There are known sites (e.g. those with planning permission but not yet built), emerging sites (which have been

² https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

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<http://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/reports/localdevelopmentframework/derbyCityCouncil-HMA-HRS-Final-Report-Sept-2012.pdf>

allocated in the respective Core Strategies) or sites brought forward through speculative development.

Short term actions

- 3.8 The Derby HMA authorities agree to continue to work together in relation to:
- a) sites, development and/or growth proposals in locations close to district, borough or City boundaries, and
 - b) sites that are of a scale likely to have an impact beyond their own administrative boundaries.
- 3.9 This co-operation will continue to ensure effective consultation and co-ordination and to maximise potential benefits to all affected communities. With regard to policy documents, it will include early discussion and consultation on emerging Local Plan material, site briefs, masterplans and development frameworks. In respect of pre-application and application-processing stages, it will include discussion of cross-boundary principles and scoping of impact studies (such as transport, flood risk, retail/economic, open space and EIA), as well as the provision of key infrastructure to support new communities, such as the provision of education facilities, open space, affordable housing and transport.

Transport Infrastructure

- 3.10 The highway and transport evidence base for the Derby HMA has been prepared jointly between the HMA authorities Derbyshire County Council and the Highways Agency.
- 3.11 The modelling forms part of the evidence base that will inform the respective Local Plans. It is being undertaken in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, including the Highways Agency, developers, site promoters and other transport infrastructure and service providers. The mutual influence on transport of the HMA local authorities and other local authorities bordering the HMA area has been taken fully into account.
- 3.12 The conclusions drawn from the modelling exercises, together with all other relevant evidence, have informed or will inform the HMA authorities in preparing the “Pre-Submission” versions of their respective Local Plans.

Short term actions

- 3.13 It is agreed that the HMA authorities will work constructively with the Highways Agency to identify how strategic and cross-boundary infrastructure and any necessary mitigation measures will be delivered to the satisfaction of the Local Highways Authorities.

Long term actions

- 3.14 It is agreed that the HMA authorities will work co-operatively to encourage effective working relationships with the Local Highway Authorities and Highways Agency on strategic highway matters.

Other Infrastructure (including social infrastructure, utilities and service providers)


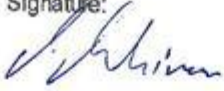



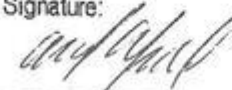


- 3.15 Since 2009 the HMA authorities have worked together in engaging with different infrastructure providers such as the Primary Care Trust (now known as the Clinical Commissioning Group), education and utility providers to ensure that the relevant infrastructure is delivered in a timely manner.

Short term actions

- 3.16 It is agreed that the HMA authorities will continue to engage jointly in discussions with service providers and operators to ensure that the required infrastructure is planned in a co-ordinated and strategic manner. Liaison will also continue to take place via the Derby HMA Infrastructure Delivery Group.

Long term actions

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