

Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership Manager BBC/03

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To: Saunders, Steffan

Subject: Broxtowe Local Plan Examination

Dear Mr Saunders

I write in my capacity as Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership Manager, with responsibility of managing the preparation of aligned strategic planning policies across the Greater Nottingham area, to provide further information in relation to the Inspector's Initial Question on the Duty to Cooperate (3rd September 2018).

Greater Nottingham abuts several other Housing Market Areas, each with their own partnership arrangements in place. The principal of these are the Leicester HMA, the Nottingham North HMA and the Derby HMA. There are functional relationships between all these HMAs, and the Greater Nottingham (Nottingham Core) HMA is represented in these relationships by the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership Manager (myself), a post hosted by the City Council. I then report back to the constituent LPAs within Greater Nottingham. Of most relevance to the examination of the Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan is the Derby HMA.

The Derby HMA have prepared Core Strategy Local Plans on an aligned basis, on a similar basis to the process in Greater Nottingham, albeit that Amber Valley District Council has yet to adopt its Plan. Informal meetings between representatives of the two HMAs take place at significant milestones in plan preparation or other policy work, the last meeting taking place in December 2017, where alignment of timescales and process of preparing for a review of the strategic policies in both areas was the main item of discussion.

The plans covering the Derby HMA provide for the full objectively identified need for development within their area (subject to the adoption of the Amber Valley Local Plan), and there have been no discussions regarding the apportionment of need across boundaries. Due to the intention of both HMAs to meet their own development needs, to date there has been no need to formalise the approach through a Memorandum of Understanding or similar mechanism. However, it is recognised that it will be helpful to prepare a Statement of Common Ground between the two HMAs in due course, to support the review of the strategic policies in both HMAs, programmed to begin 2019.

Yours faithfully

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