Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council Borough Plan Review (2021 -2039)



Statement of Common Ground between Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council

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Organisations

- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC).
- Warwickshire County Council (WCC).

Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground identifies areas of agreement and disagreement between NBBC and WCC in relation to the Borough Plan Review (2021-2039) and supporting evidence base. This Statement has been prepared to assist the Examination of the Plan and covers the administrative area of NBBC.

The Borough is located between Coventry and Hinckley and benefits from good road links. Nuneaton and Bedworth are both easily accessible from the M6 which gives good access to the M1, M5, M42 and M69. The A5 runs along the northern boundary of the Borough and the A444, A4254 and the B4114 are the major routes within the Borough. The Borough is home to 134,200 people according to the Census 2021. A plan has been provided at Appendix A which outlines the administrative boundary of NBBC alongside the location of sub-regional and adjoining Local Planning Authorities.

NBBC has fully engaged with WCC on the development of the Council's Local Plan from the outset. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, WCC has been formally consulted at every stage of consultation on the Borough Plan Review together with its accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitat Regulations Assessment. WCC made representations to the Issues and Options, Preferred Options and Regulation 19 stages of consultation on the Borough Plan Review (representation number 14 in relation to the Regulation 19 consultation). The Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement outlines in detail the engagement activities and outcomes undertaken during the Plan's preparation.

Strategic matters

Areas of Agreement

- That NBBC has worked collaboratively with WCC to ensure that all strategic issues have been properly considered and where appropriate reflected in the Borough Plan Review and effective and on-going joint working has and will continue to be undertaken.
- WCC are the landowners of SHA1, NSRA4 and SEA4 within the Borough Plan Review (2021-2039).

Borough Plan Review

The Borough Plan Review and associated evidence base is sound. The Plan has been positively prepared, is justified and effective and is consistent with national policy.

Further joint working

This Statement of Common Ground will be kept up to date through continuous engagement and cooperation between NBBC and WCC.

Monitoring

This Statement will be maintained by NBBC and updated as necessary with WCC.

NBBC will continue to work with WCC beyond the adoption of the Borough Plan Review for the monitoring and implementation of the Plan.

Signatories

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Date: 11/01/2024	Date: 11/01/2024

Appendix A

