

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Plan Review

Hearing Statement: Coventry City Council

Matter 1

This Hearing Statement specifically responds to those Matters and Issues relevant to the representations submitted by Coventry City Council (CCC) to the Regulation 19 consultation, and to the subsequent Statement of Common Ground between Coventry City Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) January 2024.

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Issue 1, Question 3: Are there any remaining areas of dispute between relevant authorities and bodies relating to the duty to co-operate and its fulfilment by the Council? If so, please give details? Are they resolvable in terms of soundness?

Yes, the issues which remain unresolved relate to matters of soundness rather than legal compliance and are set out in the Statement of Common Ground.

Issue 2, Question 7: Is it clear how the SA has influenced the Plan and the choice of spatial strategy? Does it support the spatial strategy or is there anything in the SA which indicates that changes should be made to the Plan?

As set out in the Statement of Common Ground CCC continues to contest the decision of NBBC not to continue to allocate HSG4 and HSG7 despite the recommendations of the SA in relation to ensuring the flexibility of the plan to meet future cross boundary need and this is covered in more detail under the Soundness section (Matter 2 questions 27, 30 and 31).