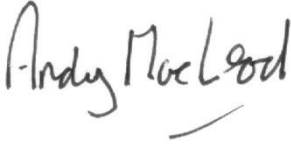



Horsham / Waverley Statement of Common Ground Part B

Horsham Local Plan 2038: Regulation 19

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Statement

1. Introduction and Scope

- 1.1 This statement supplements the Statement of Common Ground Part A which forms the first part of this document. The purpose of this statement is to document the strategic cross-boundary matters that have been or are being addressed jointly by the parties, as necessary to demonstrate effective joint working, or to draw out areas of common ground that are specific or unique to the parties.
- 1.2 The matters dealt with in this statement are:
 - Section 2: Housing need (common ground agreed)
 - Section 3: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation (common ground agreed)
 - Section 4: Employment – strategy and sites (common ground agreed)
 - Section 5: Transport and Infrastructure (common ground agreed)
- 1.3 This statement has been produced in preparation for the Regulation 19 stage of the Horsham Local Plan 2038. It is anticipated that this statement will be updated to relate to later stages of the Local Plan and changes in circumstance.
- 1.4 Both/All signatories to this statement reserve the right to withdraw its endorsement to this statement at any time. If this situation arises, formal withdrawal from the agreement should be set out in a formal written notification to the other signatories to this statement.

2. Housing need

- 2.1 It is understood by both parties that Waverley Borough Council (WBC) is providing to meet all its objectively assessed housing need and is also meeting a portion of Woking Borough Council's unmet need through the adopted Waverley Local Plan Part One. WBC falls within the West Surrey Housing Market Area (HMA).
 - 2.2 In respect to Horsham's housing needs, it is understood by both parties that the current objectively assessed need based on the Standard Housing Methodology is 897 homes per year. Horsham District principally falls within the Northern West Sussex HMA together with Crawley Borough Council and Mid Sussex District Council. In addition, a small part of Horsham District falls within the Coastal Sussex Housing Market Area. Both Crawley Borough Council (Northern West Sussex HMA) and Worthing Borough Council (Coastal Sussex HMA) have written to HDC to ask whether there is any potential for Horsham District to meet some of their needs.
 - 2.3 Brighton and Hove (Coastal Sussex HMA) have also indicated that they have unmet housing needs and are seeking to explore this matter further. In addition, Mole Valley, which is in a housing market with Elmbridge Borough Council, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Kingston, have also written to HDC to ask whether there is any potential for Horsham District to meet some of their needs. It has been agreed through a Statement of Common Ground that Horsham District is unable to meet their needs.
 - 2.4 The starting point for HDC will be to meet its own needs based on the Standard Methodology. HDC has also confirmed that as part of the preparation of its own local plan that it will seek to explore the extent to which additional housing needs from other areas can be met whilst being consistent with achieving sustainable development.
 - 2.5 The parties agree that the priority is to meet their own respective needs first, followed by wider housing needs from within the HMAs which they fall within. It is therefore common ground that neither party is in a position whereby it can meet any additional unmet needs from one another's respective administrative areas.
- 3. Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation**
- 3.1 Both parties agree that each authority is in a good position to meet its own Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs. Waverley is seeking to do this through allocations in Local Plan Part 2. HDC expects to do so through its current local plan review.
- 4. Employment – strategy and sites**
- 4.1 Both parties agree that employment land supply is addressed within their respective administrative boundaries. Horsham District can comfortably meet its assessed employment land needs through existing commitments and allocations and is seeking to allocate further sites to further the high-level objective of improving sustainability. Waverley's most recent Employment Land Review 2016 identifies a surplus of over 30,000 sq. m. B1c/B2 and B8 provision to meet needs up to 2033. Although this surplus is more than enough to meet the identified shortfall of 16,000 sq. m. in B1a/b provision in the same period, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 provides for at least this amount of additional B1a/b floorspace.

5. Transport and Infrastructure

- 5.1 Where proposed developments have potential strategic cross boundary transport impacts, the authorities will work together to ensure that all strategic cross-boundary impacts are fully explored and addressed as far as possible.

6. Closing matters and further work

- 6.1 The parties to this statement have demonstrated in Parts A and B of this statement that they have worked jointly and constructively on relevant cross-boundary matters relevant to the plan-making process. The parties confirm that they will continue to do so, as outlined above and through sustained joint dialogue and the commissioning of joint studies as appropriate.