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2.1. The Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 (NPPF 2019)¹ place a ‘Duty to Co-operate’ on local planning authorities and other prescribed bodies to address strategic planning issues relevant to their areas in the preparation of their local plans and other planning documents and to work together on such issues. Horsham District Council is obliged to determine what work needs to be done at a strategic level and in doing so decide how to work with neighbouring authorities to bring forward the required levels of growth. It is a legal requirement that where local authorities have worked together under the Duty to Co-operate mechanism, that the Monitoring Report provides details of the actions that have taken place during the monitoring period.

Duty-to-Cooperate Mechanisms

2.2. The Duty to Co-operate requires cross-boundary discussions with a range of local authorities, both adjoining and beyond the boundary of Horsham District. There are a number of different groups with whom Horsham District has a relationship. These are set out in Table 1 below. These groups meet on a regular basis to discuss the requirements of local authorities, and how these may be met across the sub-region.

Table 1: Groups used to discuss the Duty to Cooperate

Group	Members
North West Sussex Authorities	Horsham DC, Crawley BC and Mid-Sussex DC
Gatwick Diamond Group of Local Authorities	Horsham DC, Crawley BC, Tandridge DC, Reigate BC, Mole Valley DC, Mid Sussex DC, West Sussex and Surrey County Councils
West Sussex & Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board	Horsham DC, Mid Sussex DC, Lewes DC, Brighton and Hove CC, West Sussex County Council, Worthing BC, Adur DC, Arun DC, Chichester DC, South Downs National Park Authority, East Sussex CC, Crawley BC

¹ See Paragraphs 24 to 27 of the NPPF 2019.

Coast to Capital LEP	Stretches from Croydon to Brighton, and along the Sussex coast. The partnership areas are Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership; Coastal West Sussex; Croydon Development and Cultural Partnership; Gatwick Diamond Initiative; and Rural West Sussex.
“District Deal Partnership”	Horsham DC and West Sussex County Council
Arun Valley Line Review Group	WSP Transport Consultants, Horsham DC, Crawley BC, West Sussex CC, Coast to Capital LEP, Network Rail, Govia Thameslink, Department for Transport

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2.3. Horsham District Council has been involved in the publication of the following documents, as part of the work carried out under the Duty to Co-operate:

Authority/Group	Document	Details
West Sussex County Council – Minerals Group	West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft Sand Single Issue Review: Proposed Modifications (November 2020). Representations made to document.
West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board	“Local Strategic Statement 3” (Draft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clarify the role and function of the Board in the delivery of strategic planning for the board area (which covers West Sussex and Greater Brighton (including Lewes))
London	Draft New London Plan (July 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plan Examination Representation on behalf of the Gatwick Diamond Group of Local Planning Authorities and appearance at the Examination-in-Public.
Brighton and Hove City Council	Brighton & Hove Local Plan - Statement of Common Ground on Gypsies and Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed a Statement of Common Ground with Brighton & Hove City Council on Gypsies & Travellers in November 2019.
Arun Valley Line Review Group	Draft Review into potential for new stations on Arun Valley Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided data for an independent assessment of whether it was feasible to add additional station (s) to the Arun Valley Line between Crawley and Horsham.

- 2.4 The Duty to Co-operate is an ongoing process. The following are the most recent meetings were held with local authorities over the last two years:

Authority	Date
Adur & Worthing	11 August 2020
Arun	23 July 2020
Ashdown Forest Working Group	13 February 2019
Brighton & Hove	28 July 2020
Chichester	10 August 2020
West Sussex & Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board	2 September 2019
Coastal West Sussex	23 September 2020
Crawley	5 May 2020
Croydon	8 March 2019
Elmbridge	30 June 2020
Gatwick Diamond	2 December 2019
Marine Management Organisation	17 December 2019
Mid Sussex	30 July 2020
Mole Valley	27 July 2020
Reigate & Banstead	15 July 2020
South Downs National Park	24 July 2020
Waverley	28 July 2020
West Sussex	23 November 2020

- 2.5 Future Duty to Co-operate work which is programmed includes working with the West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board to progress a “Local Strategic Statement 3”; and further evidence base work with neighbouring authorities as part of progressing the Horsham Local Plan in 2021/22.