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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

Duty-to-Cooperate Actions – December 2018 - December 2019

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
“District Deal Partnership”	“Horsham & West Sussex District Deal” (September 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sets out a joint undertaking between Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council to combine resources to deliver shared infrastructure priorities.
West Sussex County Council – Minerals Group	West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft Sand Consultation Representations made to document
West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board	“Local Strategic Statement 3”	<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.
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership	High Weald AONB Management Plan 2019-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted by Horsham District Council 21 March 2019

- 2.4 The Duty to Co-operate is an ongoing process. The following meetings were held with local authorities over the last year:

Authority	Date
Adur & Worthing	29 January 2019
Arun	1 March 2019
Ashdown Forest Working Group	13 February 2019
Brighton & Hove	28 February 2019
Chichester	4 February 2019
West Sussex & Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board	20 May 2019/ 2 September 2019
Crawley	20 March 2019
Gatwick Diamond	3 June 2019 & 2 December 2019
Croydon	8 March 2019
Marine Management Organisation	17 December 2019
Mid Sussex	18 March 2019
Mole Valley	12 December 2018
Reigate & Banstead	27 February 2019
South Downs National Park	12 April 2019

- 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 review in 2020/21.