



## Horsham / Arun District Council Statement of Common Ground Part B

### Horsham Local Plan 2037: Regulation 19

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#### Signatories:

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#### Statement

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#### 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 uses (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 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

### *Local Housing Need*

- 2.1 The starting point for Local Plans is the standard housing methodology which, at the time of writing, identifies housing needs of 897 p.a. and 1,326 p.a. for Horsham District Council (HDC) and Arun District Council (ADC), respectively.
- 2.2 HDC and ADC are in different positions in the reviews of their respective Local Plans. HDC is at the Regulation 19 publication stage whereas ADC has only recently commenced work on its review by undertaking early visioning work and engagement on priorities for reviewing Development Management policies.
- 2.3 HDC is able to demonstrate that it is able to meet its own needs in and does not seek the assistance of other authorities, including ADC, in this matter with regards to the Horsham Local Plan 2038. Owing to being at an early stage of plan making, ADC is will need to undertake evidence base work to understand its ability to meet its own housing needs as part of its review of the District Plan. At this stage, ADC has indicated it is unlikely to require assistance from other authorities, including HDC, to meet its own need.

### *Meeting wider needs*

- 2.4 The parties note and agree that the main Housing Market Area for HDC is the Northern West Sussex HMA and evidence for this is set out in Section 4A of Part A to this Statement of Common Ground. The Northern West Sussex HMA covers the authorities of HDC, Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) and Crawley Borough Council (CBC).
- 2.5 The parties also agree that the main HMA for ADC is the Sussex Coast HMA. This covers the authorities of ADC, Adur District Council, Brighton & Hove City Council, Chichester District Council, Lewes District Council and Worthing Borough Council, as well as a large part of the South Downs National Park Authority. An area of HDC also lies within this HMA.
- 2.6 Both parties acknowledge that the other has a history of working positively to address unmet needs in their primary HMA. Within the existing Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF, 2015), an allowance of 150 homes per year is made for unmet needs in CBC. Similarly, the Arun Local Plan included an allowance of 1,500 homes to meet wider needs.
- 2.7 Both authorities recognise that that though they do not share a primary HMA, there is a relationship between both the North West Sussex HMA and Sussex Coast HMA. As presented in Part A of this Statement of Common Ground, both authorities form part of the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Planning Board. Both parties agree that the best way of addressing need across the wider sub-region is through progressing work on Local Strategic Statement 3 and are committed to working together and as part of this wider grouping on this issue. To a lesser effect, both authorities are also influenced by other HMAs. In HDC's case this relates to housing markets in Surrey/London. However the parties agree that, given evidenced housing market geographies, this is a lower priority.
- 2.8 Over time, both authorities have received requests to accommodate unmet housing needs from both authorities within their primary HMAs (e.g. Worthing) and outside. The parties agree however that the priority for both authorities is to first address their own need, then the needs

from their primary HMA prior to addressing needs arising from other areas and that this is the approach that HDC has followed in producing its Regulation 19 Local Plan.

### **3. Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation**

- 3.1 The parties note and agree that HDC does not seek for its Gypsy and Traveller needs to be met within other local authorities and in its Regulation 19 Local Plan seeks to allocate sufficient sites to meet its 10-year needs.
- 3.2 ADC confirm that at the current time it is not seeking for assistance from other authorities, including HDC, in meeting its Gypsy and Traveller needs and is seeking to advance its Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD to meet its need. Both parties agree that the signed Statement of Common Ground (October 2020) in relation to the Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD is still relevant and reflects the current position

### **4. Employment Uses**

- 4.1 The parties note and agree that HDC does not seek its employment needs to be met within other local authorities and that the Regulation 19 Local Plan seeks to oversupply against needs in order to meet plan objectives and allow expansion and modernisation of some existing business parks to ensure their continued success. ADC confirm that at the current time it is not seeking for assistance from other authorities, including HDC, in meeting its employments needs and that they, too, are oversupplying employment land, in part to help address unmet needs from Worthing.
- 4.2 The parties agree, as identified in Part A of this Statement of Common Ground, to continue to work proactively and collectively as part of wider groupings in relation to economic matters.

### **5. Closing matters and further work**

- 5.1 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.