

Date: 28th February 2017

Consultee ID: 757334

Matter 1

HULL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Matter 1: Has the Plan been prepared, and is its content, in compliance with relevant legal requirements and national policy?

1. The following hearing statement is made for and on behalf of the Home Builders Federation. This statement responds to selected questions set out within Matter 1 of the Inspector's *Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions* (exam ref: HLP010).
2. The Inspector's Issues and Questions are included in bold for ease of reference. The following responses should be read in conjunction with our comments upon the submission version of the Local Plan, dated 7th September 2016 and the Hull Local Plan Proposed Changes consultation, dated 31st January 2017. The HBF has also expressed a desire to attend the examination hearing sessions.

Issue 1.1: The Duty to Cooperate

Has the Duty to Cooperate under sections 22(5)(c) and 33A of the 2004 Act and regulation 4 of the 2012 Regulations been complied with, having regard to relevant national policy and guidance?

3. The HBF does not dispute that joint working has been undertaken between Hull and its neighbouring authority of East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). This joint working is clearly demonstrated within the Council's December 2016 *Duty to Co-operate Statement* (exam ref: DTC001) and the December 2016 *Hull and East Riding Joint Background Paper* (exam ref: DTC002). It is also noted that paragraph 21 of the ERYC Local Plan: Strategy Inspector's report identifies that;

"...The Council has worked with Hull City Council to arrive at a figure intended to represent the objectively assessed need for housing in the housing market area. This is a clear example of close co-operation of the kind sought by the DtC and encouraged in national policy."

4. Our key concerns relate to the efficacy of this engagement. This concern is outlined within paragraph 9 of our comments upon the submitted Local Plan. In summary our concerns are in relation to housing need across the Housing Market Area (HMA) and how the economic ambitions of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) have been factored into the plan. These issues are explored in greater detail within our matter 2 hearing statement.

Yours sincerely,

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