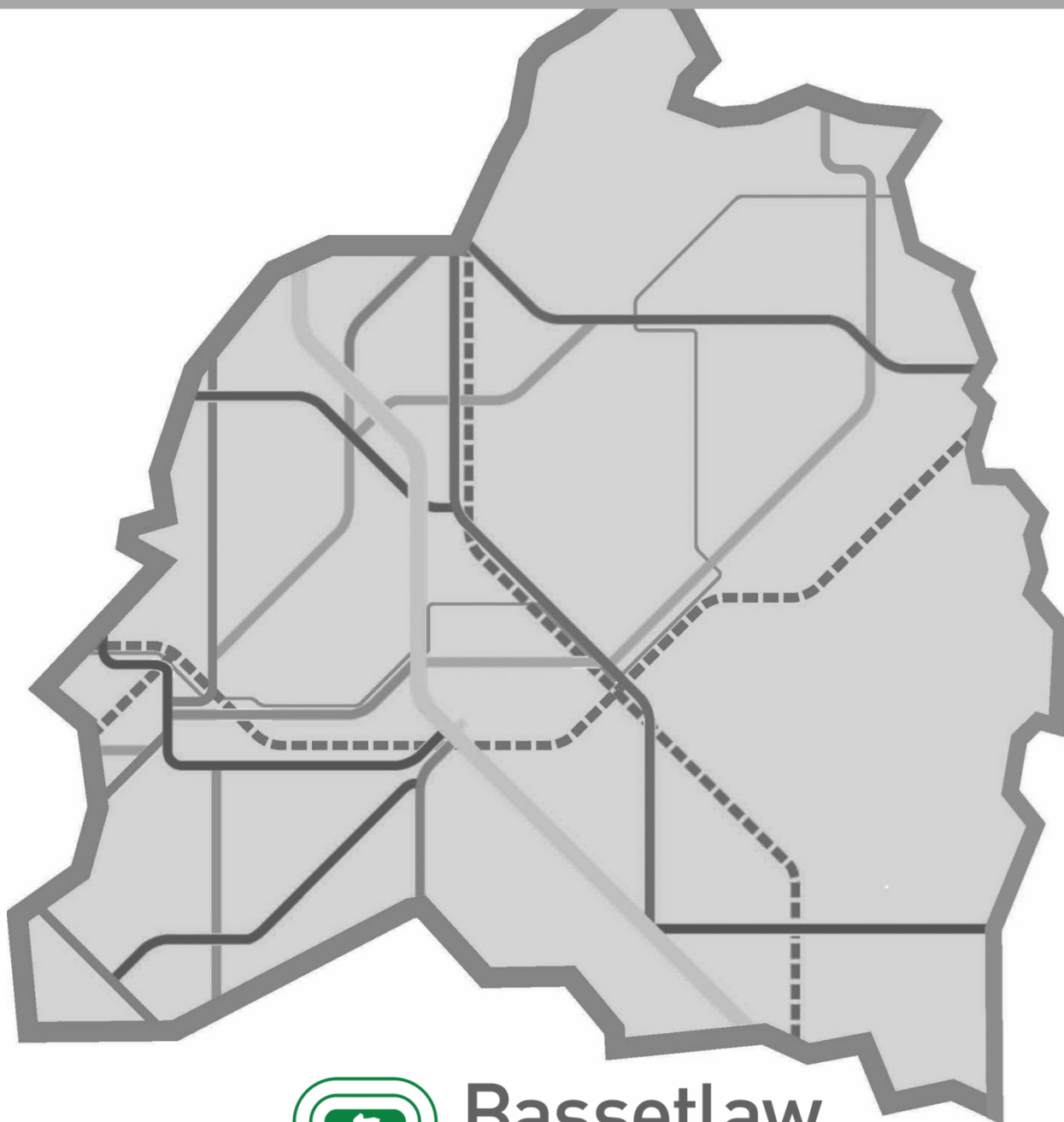


# *Duty-to-Cooperate Compliance Statement*

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**Bassetlaw**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
— North Nottinghamshire —

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# 1 Introduction

## Strategic Context

- 1.1 Bassetlaw District Council sits in the centre of five district councils with South Yorkshire to the north/north west, two district councils within Nottinghamshire to the South and the District Council of West Lindsey and the Unitary Council of North Lincolnshire to the east of the district. It is located within Nottinghamshire County Council and Sheffield City Region Combined Authority and forms a part of the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership)
- 1.2 Figure 1 illustrates the relationship between Bassetlaw District Council and the neighbouring authorities:

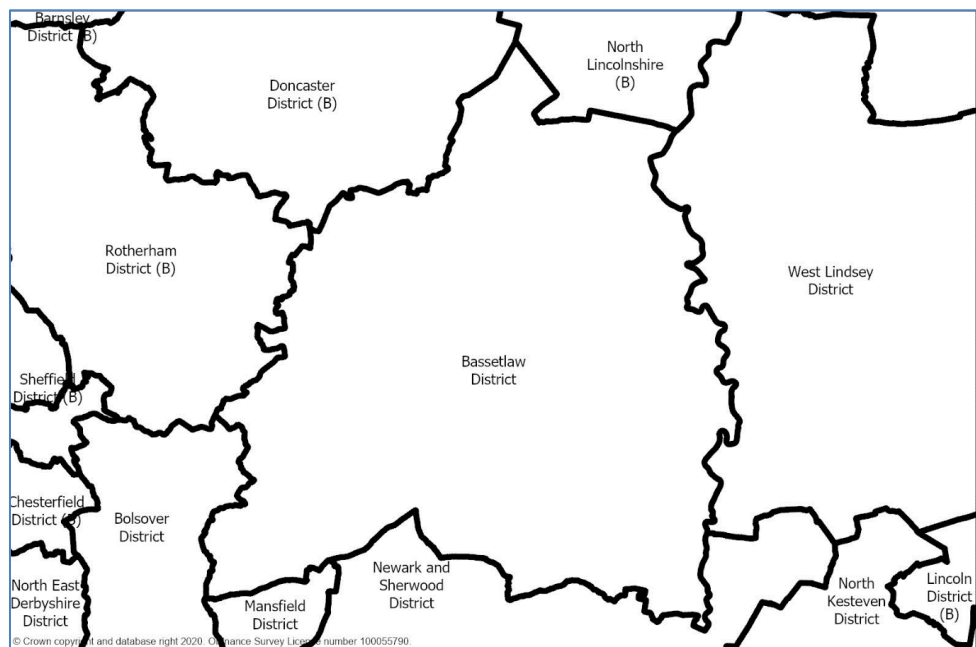


Figure 1: Bassetlaw District Council's Neighbouring Authorities

## 2 Legal Requirement

- 2.1** The Duty to Co-operate is a requirement of the Localism Act 2011 and the duty requires the Council to cooperate with other local planning authorities and other public bodies in preparing and developing development plan documents and other local development documents so far as it relates to a strategic matter<sup>1</sup>.
- 2.2** In this regard, the Council and others are required to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis. The national planning policy framework (NPPF) states that “strategic policy-making authorities should collaborate to identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans.”<sup>2</sup>
- 2.3** A strategic matter is defined as “*sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas*”.<sup>3</sup>
- 2.4** The NPPF strengthens the concept of the Duty to Co-operate by requiring that Local Planning Authorities produce and publish one or more Statements of Common Ground (SoCG). These documents should be kept up to date by authorities and prescribed bodies and neighbouring authorities to document cross boundary matters and the progress made on them (paragraph 27). This is detailed further in the government’s Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).
- 2.5** The Localism Act 2011 and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Amendment Regulations 2012 sets out a list of prescribed bodies; it applies to all Local Planning Authorities, County Councils and a number of public bodies.
- 2.6** Bassetlaw DC has the duty to co-operate with the following neighbouring authorities and public bodies:
- **Nottinghamshire County Council**
  - **West Lindsey Council (Joint Central Lincolnshire Planning Authority)- Combined Authority for Lincoln**
  - **North Lincolnshire District Council**
  - **Sheffield City Region (SEP)- Combined Authority for South Yorkshire**
  - **Newark and Sherwood District Council**
  - **Mansfield District Council**
  - **Bolsover District Council**
  - **Rotherham MBC**
  - **Doncaster MBC**

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<sup>1</sup> Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 33A (3) and NPPF 2019 paragraph 24.

<sup>2</sup> DCLG (February 2019) National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 25

<sup>3</sup> Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2001, section 33A(4)(a)

- **Environment Agency**
- **Highways England**
- **Natural England**
- **Historic England**
- **Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**
- **Integrated Transport Authorities**
- **Environment Partnerships (incl. Canal and River Trust and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust)**
- **Utilities – Water Companies (Severn Trent and Anglian Water) and Western Power Distribution**

**2.7** In addition, as described in the Regulations as being bodies that should '*have regard to*' includes the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and Local Nature Partnerships. In relation to Bassetlaw DC this includes:

- **D2N2 – Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership**
- **Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership**
- **National Trust (Clumber Park)**
- **Emergency Services (Fire, Police and Ambulance)**

# 3 Record of Meetings and Statement of Common Ground

- 3.1** Bassetlaw DC attend multi-agency and authority groups which meet regularly to discuss strategic issues and cross border matters. A full list of meetings is included in Table 2 in the Appendix.
- 3.2** **Table 2 in the Appendix** is a summary of all the key meetings and discussions with key stakeholders during the preparation of the emerging Local plan, carried out between 2016 and 2020. These discussions related to the Local Plan timetable, regular updates and specific meetings relating to strategic policy matters and cross border issues. More recently there have been discussions and meetings relating to the preparation of specific draft Statements of Common Ground agreements with organisations.
- 3.3** Statements of Common Ground (SOCG) set out areas of agreement with key bodies and organisations in relation to the Local Plan, the wording of policies and site allocations. These provide a good indication of the ongoing contact and agreements made with Duty to Co-operate bodies during the Local Plan process and outlines any outstanding disagreements on key strategic issues or matters, where discussions and work may be ongoing.
- 3.4** Some agreements or SOCG are already in place in response to neighbouring authorities' Local Plans or strategy preparation and include:
- North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Strategic Housing Market Area (SHMA); Bassetlaw DC, Bolsover DC, NE Derbyshire DC, Chesterfield DC, May 2018 on the Housing Market Area;
  - Draft Central Lincolnshire Planning Authority Statement of Common Ground, August 2020
  - Draft North Lincolnshire Local Statement of Common Ground, October 2020 (Revised Draft for Publication, N. Lincolnshire District Council)
  - Sheffield City Region, Statement of Common Ground, July 2020 with all authorities within Sheffield City Region
  - Sheffield City Region, NE Derbyshire DC, Bolsover DC, Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and Highways England (October 2018) covering M1 J30 and Treble Bob Roundabout
  - Mansfield DC and Bassetlaw DC Statement of Common Ground, January 2020
- 3.5** Bassetlaw DC's draft Statements of Common Ground have been prepared with the above statements in mind; either referring to them or updating them to avoid

duplication. They are live documents which are to be kept up to date during the Plan preparation period and will be signed prior to the plan's submission for examination.

- 3.6** In addition to the list of meetings in the Appendix, there has been communication of an informal nature during the plan period between the Council and neighbouring District Councils, County Councils and bodies in relation to the overall Local Plan, site-specific issues or specific policies. These communications have taken place through telephone calls, emails and more recently online meetings, due to COVID19 and the restrictions that placed on physical meetings between the dates of March 2020 to November/ December 2020.

# 4 Key Strategic Issues

- 4.1** This document sets out the Strategic Issues likely to apply to the Local Plan and sets out how these matters have been discussed over the plan period through Partnership meetings and form the subject of the Statements of Common Ground for key bodies. The paragraph below sets out what the Strategic Issues are and the next section sets out the key studies undertaken with Cooperate Partners affected by these Strategic Issues (set out in a table 1).
- 4.2** Key 'Strategic Priorities' that remain the focus of the plan Spatial Strategy include:
- Homes Needed
  - Employment Requirements
  - Provision of Infrastructure – Health and Education, transport and highways
  - Needs of Gypsy, Travellers and Showpeople
  - Flood Risk
  - Climate Change
  - Town Centre Regeneration
  - Strategic Sites and Garden Villages
- 4.3** The relevant strategic matters of the Local Plan include:
- The appropriate Housing Market Area and distribution of housing
  - Strategic Economic Growth Site Selection
  - Identify the social infra-structure required to support proposed levels of growth – including health and education provision
  - Identify the transport infrastructure required to support the levels of growth; encourage modal shift
  - Protect heritage assets
  - Natural Environment
  - Green Infrastructure



# 5 Evidence Produced Through Joint Working

5.1 Bassetlaw Council has worked collaboratively across organisations and neighbouring authorities to produce a number of pieces of evidence to support the Local Plan on a range of strategic matters; these are ongoing and some are still to be updated as set out in Table 1:

**Table 1: Evidence produced through Joint Working**

Strategic Matter/ Cross Border Issue	Joint Study	Organisations	Status
<b>Strategic Housing Needs</b>	North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Strategic Housing Market Assessment, 2017  Nottinghamshire Supported Housing Strategy, Nottinghamshire County Council, 2019	North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Strategic Housing Market Area: North East Derbyshire DC, Bolsover DC, Chesterfield BC, Notts CC and Derbyshire CC  Nottinghamshire County Council	Existing SOCG 2018 to be updated.  Next meeting of HMA Jan/ Feb 2021.
<b>Strategic Economic Growth Needs</b>	Vision 2030: D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan, D2N2 LEP 2018  Sheffield City Region Trade and Investment Plan, Sheffield City Region 2019	Bassetlaw DC, D2N2 and all authorities of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottm and Nottinghamshire  All authorities in Sheffield City region  Authorities within Nottinghamshire County	Draft SOCG with D2N2

	Nottinghamshire Visitor Economy Strategy, Nottinghamshire CC, 2019		
<b>Transport and Infrastructure</b> - Strategic road network - Local road network - sustainable transport	Joint Transport Study: local highway network 2019  Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026  Morton Garden Village Station Feasibility Study Technical Note 2, 2020 BDC Rail Feasibility Technical Note, 2019  Bassetlaw Transport Study, 2019 and 2020	Doncaster MBC and Bassetlaw DC  Nottinghamshire County Council  Network Rail	Transport work ongoing on allocated sites.  Draft SOCG with Network Rail discussed November 2020
<b>Education Facilities</b>	Meeting with Education during 2020 on school provision	Nottinghamshire County Council	
<b>Flood Risk</b>	Bassetlaw Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)  Humber River Basin Management Plan, DEFRA 2015	The Environment Agency  The Canal and River Trust  Lead Flood Authority	Discussions regarding policies, site allocations/ FRAs  Draft SOCG with Canal and River Trust underway
<b>Climate Change</b>		The Environment Agency  Natural England	

<b>Town Centre Regeneration</b>	Workshop Town Centre Masterplan and workshops	Environment Agency Severn Trent Anglian Water Nottinghamshire County Council	Ongoing
<b>Bassetlaw Garden Village</b>	Bassetlaw Garden Village Masterplan and workshops	Bassetlaw Garden Village Consultative Group (range of organisations)	Ongoing
<b>Site Allocations</b>	Various discussions with neighbouring authorities/ organisations	All authorities, The Environment Agency, Nottinghamshire CC, Natural England, Historic England	Ongoing
<b>Natural Environment</b> - <b>Green and blue infrastructure</b>  - <b>Biodiversity</b>	Draft Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping- Bassetlaw, Idle Valley  Joint Study on Recreational Impact Assessment on Clumber Park SSSI, Bilhaugh and Birklands SAC and Sherwood Forest NNR	Bassetlaw DC, Newark and Sherwood DC, Natural England, Notts CC, Local Nature Partnership  Bassetlaw DC, National Trust, RSPB, Newark and Sherwood DC, Nottinghamshire CC and other authorities.	Ongoing  Underway. 2020-2021 project.
<b>Gypsy, Travellers and Show people</b>	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment, 2019	Bassetlaw DC and neighbouring authorities	Work being updated to create Bassetlaw DC protocol.

# Appendix

Table 2: Record of Key Meetings/ discussions with Duty to Cooperate Organisations during the Local Plan Preparation.

Authority/ organisation	Reason(s) for DTC	Date of meeting(s)
<b>Bolsover District Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li></li> <li>North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Joint Statement of Common Ground (2018)</li> <li>North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Meeting</li> </ul>	12/05/2016 09/12/2016 30/01/2017 1/08/2018  28/08/2019
<b>Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Timetable and update.</li> <li>Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>The wider impacts of future development at Harworth and Bircotes and Bawtry.</li> <li>Joint Transport work on local highway impacts</li> </ul>	14/12/2015 23/08/2016 31/03/2017  20/09/2019
<b>Mansfield District Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan Timetable and update.</li> <li>Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>The relationship between development in the Norton and Cuckney parish, including Welbeck Colliery, and service provision in Market Warsop</li> </ul>	29/04/2016 07/04/2017  28/11/2019

Authority/ organisation	Reason(s) for DTC	Date of meeting(s)
<b>North Lincolnshire District Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• Significant new housing and employment developments in North Lincolnshire but little near the boundary with Bassetlaw.</li> </ul>	<p>16/12/2016</p> <p>20/08/2019</p>
<b>West Lindsey District Council (Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Authority)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• Neighbouring Authority – cross boundary issues on Transport</li> </ul>	<p>21/11/2016</p> <p>10/01/2020</p>
<b>Newark and Sherwood District Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• Neighbouring Authority – cross boundary issues on Transport, in particular the A1.</li> <li>• Joint working on Recreational Impact Assessment - Sherwood Forest NNR and Clumber Park SSSI</li> </ul>	<p>11/05/2016</p> <p>04/08/2017</p> <p>03/02/2018</p> <p>07/10/2020</p>
<b>Nottinghamshire County Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• Minerals Local Plan update</li> <li>• Transport Assessment and advice</li> <li>• Education information</li> <li>• Health Information</li> <li>• Flood data</li> <li>• Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation</li> </ul>	<p>11/12/2017</p> <p>05/06/2018</p> <p>22/05/2019 29/06/2018</p> <p>08/01/2020</p> <p>25/06/2019 25/10/2019</p> <p>19/12/2019</p> <p>21/05/2019</p>

Authority/ organisation	Reason(s) for DTC	Date of meeting(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Working/Project on Recreational Impacts of Clumber Park and Sherwood Forest</li> <li>• North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Joint Statement of Common Ground (2018)</li> <li>• North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Meeting</li> <li>• Supported Accommodation</li> </ul>	01/08/2018  28/08/2019  17/10/2019
<b>Northeast Derbyshire Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Joint Statement of Common Ground (2018)</li> <li>• North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area Meeting</li> </ul>	03/05/2018  01/08/2018  28/08/2019
<b>Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> </ul>	10/12/2015 10/11/2017
<b>Environment Agency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Flooding Risks</li> <li>• Water Quality</li> <li>• Water Management</li> <li>• Bassetlaw LP Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)</li> </ul>	18/12/2015 11/01/2016 24/10/2017  Liaison ongoing 2020/21
<b>Network Rail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> </ul>	23/06/2016



Authority/ organisation	Reason(s) for DTC	Date of meeting(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the rural settlements</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - New settlement</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the main towns (Worksop, Retford, Harworth &amp; Bircotes)</li> <li>• Capacity of existing network</li> <li>• Vehicle electric charging points</li> </ul>	
<b>Bassetlaw CCG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Bassetlaw Local Plan Strategy (Change of spatial approach from current Plan)</li> <li>• Overview of Neighbourhood Planning in Bassetlaw – implications for health services?</li> <li>• New settlement: New health service requirement</li> <li>• Opportunity to improve health services in rural area</li> <li>• CCG Strategic Estates Group</li> <li>• Implications for the main towns (Worksop, Retford, Harworth &amp; Bircotes)</li> <li>• Partnership working moving forward</li> </ul>	17/03/2017 08/10/2018 23/05/2018 07/09/2018      09/2020 Bimonthly meetings
<b>Northern Powergrid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of the proposed growth on the electricity network and any future capacity issues.</li> <li>• Bassetlaw New Settlements</li> <li>• Expansion of Worksop</li> <li>• Employment Sites</li> <li>• Electric Car Charging Points on new developments</li> <li>• The potential for renewable energy in new developments.</li> </ul>	11/07/2018 13/09/2018 16/03/2020
<b>East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Bassetlaw Local Plan Strategy (Change of approach from current Plan)</li> </ul>	04/07/2018



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Neighbourhood Planning in Bassetlaw</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the rural settlements</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - New settlement</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the main towns (Worksop, Retford, Harworth &amp; Bircotes)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Police Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Bassetlaw Local Plan Strategy (Change of approach from current Plan)</li> <li>• Overview of Neighbourhood Planning in Bassetlaw</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the rural settlements</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - New settlement</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the main towns (Worksop, Retford, Harworth &amp; Bircotes)</li> <li>• Capacity of existing services/ability to respond to incidents</li> </ul>	26/06/2018
<b>Fire Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Bassetlaw Local Plan Strategy (Change of approach from current Plan)</li> <li>• Overview of Neighbourhood Planning in Bassetlaw</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the rural settlements</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - New settlement</li> <li>• BDC Local Plan - Implications for the main towns (Worksop, Retford, Harworth &amp; Bircotes)</li> <li>• Capacity of existing services/ability to respond to incidents.</li> </ul>	26/06/2018
<b>Anglian Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National zonal charging scheme</li> <li>• BDC New Settlement</li> <li>• Local Plan proposed Strategy</li> </ul>	23/05/2018 05/07/2018 07/09/2018

Authority/ organisation	Reason(s) for DTC	Date of meeting(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Cycle Study</li> <li>• SUDS</li> <li>• Water Quality</li> <li>• Sewage Capacity</li> </ul>	22/08/2019
<b>Severn Trent Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National zonal charging scheme</li> <li>• BDC New Settlement</li> <li>• Local Plan proposed Strategy</li> <li>• Water Cycle Study</li> <li>• SUDS</li> <li>• Water Quality</li> <li>• Sewage Capacity</li> </ul>	05/07/2018 03/09/2018 22/08/2019
<b>River Idle Management Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worksop Town Centre Regeneration</li> <li>• Local Plan – potential redevelopment of sites close to waterways</li> <li>• Environmental information</li> <li>• Flood data and information</li> </ul>	06/09/2016 26/01/2017 09/10/2017 09/04/2018 08/01/2018
<b>Nottinghamshire Ecological and Geological Data Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> </ul>	28/03/2017 11/09/2018
<b>Nottinghamshire Planning Officers Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• Government guidance</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Levy</li> </ul>	15/06/2016 08/03/2016 30/09/2016 07/04/2017 17/10/2019

Authority/ organisation	Reason(s) for DTC	Date of meeting(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation</li> </ul>	20/11/2020
<b>Bassetlaw Rural Conference (Parish and Town Council discussions)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> </ul>	23/09/2016 17/01/2019 16/01/2020
<b>Historic England</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> <li>• Local Plan evidence base update</li> <li>• Most recent heritage guidance an legislation</li> <li>• Draft Statement of Common Ground</li> </ul>	11/07/2017 12/10/2018 21/09/2020
<b>Bassetlaw (internal) Bassetlaw ICP Estates Bassetlaw Strategic Estates Group A1 Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> </ul>	30/04/2019 16/05/2019 10/09/2019 16/01/2020 10/02/2020
<b>N Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> </ul>	20/08/2019 22/01/2020
<b>Homes England</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Timetable and update</li> </ul>	23/10/2019
<b>Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan update</li> <li>• Biodiversity off-setting</li> </ul>	16/09/2019 28/01/2020 31/03/2020
<b>Bassetlaw Garden Village Consultative Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Village planning and visioning</li> </ul>	7/02/2020 12/03/2020
<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeology and Heritage</li> </ul>	17/11/2020