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and
Bassetlaw
Housing Market Area
Joint Statement of Common Ground

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1. Purpose of the Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1 The Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground is to set out the agreed arrangements for co-operation and liaison on local plan work in the North East Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area.
- 1.2 This Statement of Common Ground provides a framework for identifying and agreeing strategic matters and cross boundary issues, and for resolving these. It is intended to be a living document, with Table 2 setting out current identified strategic matters and cross boundary issues, and how the authorities have worked together to achieve identifiable outcomes.
- 1.3 This Statement of Common Ground supersedes the previous Statement of Common Ground May 2018.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 This Statement of Common Ground provides a framework for delivery of the Duty to Co-operate duties and obligations arising from Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011, and paragraph 35 of the current National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (NPPF); in particular that authorities should engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis on matters such as development plans.
- 2.2 Guidance¹ on the form of these Statements is set out in Planning Practice Guidance (set out in the box below). This statement has been prepared with the proposed approach in mind.

How should a Statement of Common Ground be developed?

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that strategic policy-making authorities should produce, maintain, and update one or more statement(s) of

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making>

common ground, throughout the plan-making process. Local planning authorities are also bound by the statutory duty to cooperate.

A statement should contain the following sections:

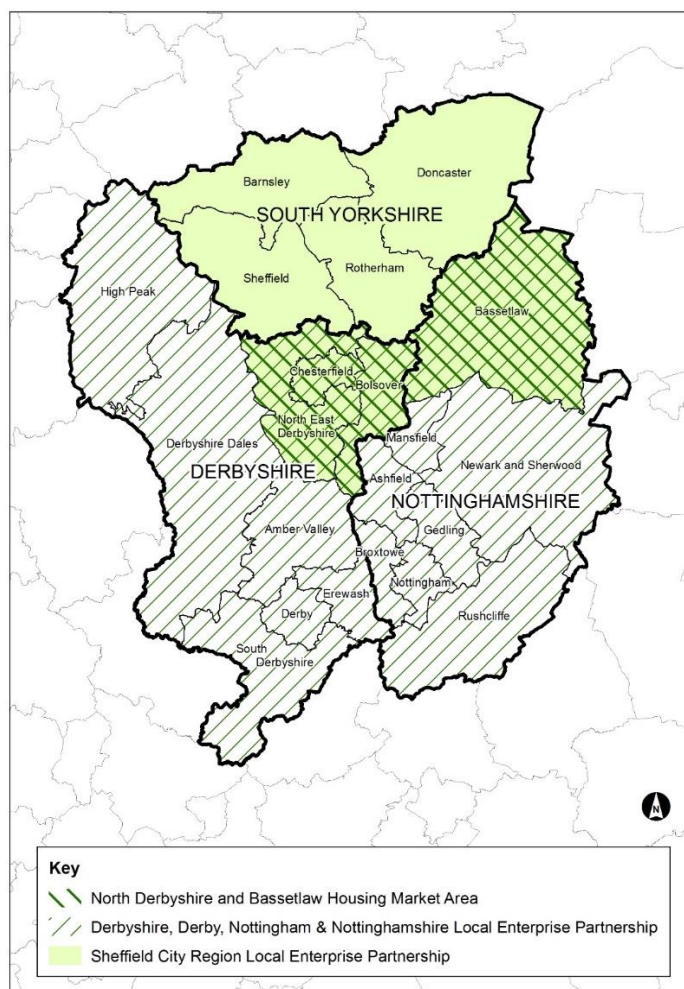
- a. a short written description and map showing the location and administrative areas covered by the statement, and a brief justification for these area(s);
- b. the key strategic matters being addressed by the statement, for example meeting the housing need for the area, air quality etc.;
- c. the plan-making authorities responsible for joint working detailed in the statement, and list of any additional signatories (including cross-referencing the matters to which each is a signatory);
- d. governance arrangements for the cooperation process, including how the statement will be maintained and kept up to date;
- e. if applicable, the housing requirements in any adopted and (if known) emerging strategic policies relevant to housing within the area covered by the statement;
- f. distribution of needs in the area as agreed through the plan-making process, or the process for agreeing the distribution of need (including unmet need) across the area;
- g. a record of where agreements have (or have not) been reached on key strategic matters, including the process for reaching agreements on these; and
- h. any additional strategic matters to be addressed by the statement which have not already been addressed, including a brief description how the statement relates to any other statement of common ground covering all or part of the same area.

The statement is expected to be proportionate to the matters being addressed and not used to document every occasion that strategic plan-making authorities meet, consult with each other, or contact prescribed bodies under the duty to co-operate.

Area of this Statement of Common Ground

- 2.3 Paragraph 17 of the NPPF states strategic policies can be produced in different ways, depending on the issues and opportunities facing each area. They can be contained in:
- a) joint or individual local plans, produced by authorities working together or independently (and which may also contain non-strategic policies); and/or
 - b) a spatial development strategy produced by an elected Mayor or combined authority, where plan-making powers have been conferred.

- 2.4 Each local authority has opted to produce a Local Plan independently rather than jointly. Strategic policy issues have been addressed collaboratively and this Statement identifies areas of agreement between the HMA authorities.
- 2.5 The statement has been prepared on the basis of the existing North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw HMA. This consists of the district/borough Local Planning Authorities of:
- Bassetlaw District Council;
 - Bolsover District Council;
 - Chesterfield Borough Council;
 - North East Derbyshire District Council; and
 - The two county authorities of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.
- 2.6 The HMA authorities are members of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership which covers Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The HMA authorities are non-constituent members of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA).



3. Strategic Planning

- 3.1 Often within planning documents, the terms: 'strategic matters', 'strategic priorities' and strategic issues' seem to be used almost interchangeably. The authorities in the Housing Market Area meet at least quarterly to discuss cross boundary, shared issues and strategic matters. However, as the Duty to Co-operate relates only to strategic matters, this section of the Statement sets out how these terms are defined.
- 3.2 Strategic priorities are set out at paragraphs 20-21 of the NPPF, and are the priorities that need to be addressed in a Local Plan. They are the most important priorities for a Council, but what these are can vary from council to council. In contrast, a strategic matter is one that has or would have a significant impact on at least two authorities, and needs to be dealt with through the Duty to Co-operate.
- 3.3 This means that not all strategic priorities are defined as strategic matters. Nor are all cross boundary issues strategic matters.
- 3.4 All of the district/borough Councils in the Housing Market Area are at different stages of plan preparation. This Statement of Common Ground identifies current strategic matters and cross boundary issues. The distinction between these two is that a strategic matter is one which would have a significant impact on at least two local authority areas. A cross boundary issue is one where the authorities have worked together to address a shared issue. This approach helps to fulfil the governance arrangements of the sharing of information and culture of 'no surprises'.
- 3.5 The six authorities in the North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area have a long history of meeting regularly to discuss issues of common interest; good practice; and shared evidence bases. Meetings between the authorities date back to 2011, although the original Memorandum of Understanding between the authorities was not signed until 2013.

4. Governance Arrangements

4.1 The Primary Authorities (all of those signatures to the agreement) agree to adopt the principles of open communication, the sharing of information, and a culture of “no surprises”:

- Each party will endeavour to keep the others well informed on both an informal (e.g. by telephone or email) and formal basis (e.g. letter or formal meeting) of matters arising which are likely to have significant cross-boundary implications.
- The parties commit to the sharing of relevant information including background studies on strategic planning matters at no cost to the other parties.
- The parties will meet on a regular basis at an operational level to ensure that all are informed of planning policy issues and that relevant information is shared between them. These liaison meetings will normally take place at a programmed meeting; to take place at no less than quarterly intervals, supplemented where necessary by more frequent meetings if determined by a majority of parties to be necessary. Meetings will rotate between partners and the hosting authority will issue the agenda, chair the meeting and provide notes of the meeting. Future responsibility for updating this Statement of Common Ground will rest with the hosting authority for that year.
- Notes of the meetings will be retained by all parties as evidence of work undertaken in support of the Duty to Co-operate.
- The authorities will work together to achieve the identified outcomes in relation to strategic matters, for example housing.

4.2 The key mechanism for identifying and resolving strategic planning issues under the Duty to Co-operate will be the regular Local Plan Liaison meetings. This group will also be responsible for the regular reviewing and updating of the Statement of Common Ground, which will be reviewed on the following basis:

- Annually by the end of July
- Prior to consultation on any of the Primary Authorities draft or publication Development Plan Documents and any updates required prior to submission

- Upon any major changes to legislation or guidance (e.g. publication of a revised NPPF)
- Any other occasion as agreed by the Primary Authorities

5. Shared Evidence Base work

- 5.1 In terms of best practice and cost savings, the authorities in the HMA have collaborated on the execution of a number of key evidence base studies that are being used to inform Local Plan preparation. This together with the authorities involved in each piece of work are set out in Table 1 below.

6. Key Strategic Matters and Cross Boundary Issues

- 6.1 Table 2 below identifies how the local authorities have worked together and the outcomes to date. It sets out both key strategic matters, which are likely to have a significant impact on at least two local authority areas, and cross boundary issues which would not have a significant impact, but where cross boundary approach has been agreed.
- 6.2 As noted above, this is a living document, and any emerging strategic matters or cross boundary issues will be added to the table as they are identified.
- 6.3 Tables 1 and 2 set out the joint work undertaken and outcomes in relation to key strategic matters and cross boundary issues across the North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area. Appendix A contains the signatures of both officers and members of each authority agreeing these.

Table 1 - Key Shared Evidence Base Studies

Local Plan Strategic Priorities	Authority						Shared Evidence	Outcome
	Chesterfield Borough	North East Derbyshire District	Bolsover District	Bassetlaw District	Derbyshire County Council	Nottinghamshire County Council		
Housing Need	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>Joint Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment Objectively Assessed Needs update 2017.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw Housing and Economic Needs Assessment, November 2020 (HEDNA) supersedes the 2017 SHMA Update for the District.</p> <p>The housing requirement element of the 2017 SHMA update has now been superseded by national policy (NPPF). This requires local planning authorities to use the Standard Method to determine their minimum housing requirement.</p>	<p>Each authority has agreed to seek to meet the identified Full Objectively Assessed Housing Needs for their authority to ensure the overall Full Objectively Assessed Housing Need for the Housing Market Area is met within the Housing Market Area.</p> <p>The housing requirement promoted by the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038: Publication Version Addendum exceeds Bassetlaw’s objectively assessed housing need as identified by the 2017 SHMA update. Bassetlaw District Council agrees to fully meet the housing requirement in the District and to provide housing delivery updates at each Local Plan Liaison meeting to demonstrate compliance with the promoted approach.</p>
Housing Mix	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>Joint Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment November 2013 and Sensitivity Report February 2014.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw HEDNA (November 2020) provides updated evidence on ‘Housing Mix’ for the district. It supersedes the 2013 & 2017 Joint HMA SHMA.</p>	<p>A common agreed evidence base document. Largely superseded by the 2017 update, but containing analysis of a range of housing issues including: the extent of the Housing Market Area; an assessment of affordable housing need; the needs of specific housing groups; and recommendations for housing mixes and densities. Used to inform emerging Local Plans.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw HEDNA (November 2020) has been used to inform the emerging Bassetlaw Local Plan in terms of housing mix.</p>
Gypsy and Traveller Need	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		<p>Derbyshire, Peak District National Park Authority and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2014.</p> <p>Full refresh/review was commissioned by Derbyshire County Council on behalf of the partner authorities in November 2019. Completion of the study by consultants has been delayed due to the impact of Covid-19 but</p>	<p>A common agreed evidence base document for the Derbyshire authorities.</p> <p>Used to inform the number of pitches needed to be delivered.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw GTANA is the evidence base identifying the gypsy and traveller needs including the number of pitches required over the plan period.</p> <p>Each authority has agreed to fully meet the need for Gypsy and Travellers within their area.</p>

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							<p>the study is anticipated to be complete by August 2021.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment 2019 provides the evidence base for the District over the plan period.</p>	
Retail Capacity	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>Chesterfield Borough, Bolsover District and North East Derbyshire Retail and Centres Study, April 2018.</p> <p>Bassetlaw Retail and Leisure Study 2017</p>	<p>A common agreed evidence base document for the Derbyshire authorities. The Study has been used to inform and refine policy and allocations in Local Plans.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw Study has been used to inform the policy approach in the Local Plan.</p>
Transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>North Derbyshire Transport Evidence Base (2010-2012) together with a number of transport topic papers for each authority. This undertook a high level assessment of potential impacts of growth patterns on the strategic and local highway networks across the Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover area including potential cross boundary issues in South Yorkshire. This also involved National Highways input.</p> <p>A61 Growth Corridor strategy – Stage1 Strategy Development Summary Report (2016).</p> <p>Bassetlaw Transport Study 2021 comprised a strategic assessment of potential impacts of Local Plan growth on the strategic and local highway networks in Bassetlaw including potential cross boundary issues in South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and the HMA.</p>	<p>Assessment informed plan making progress across the North Derbyshire area. Now partly dated but agreed to provide a background for each authority and to enable each authority to develop further evidence to understand more detailed impacts of growth plans going forward.</p> <p>Joint working between Derbyshire County Council, Chesterfield Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council to develop a strategy to deliver transport improvements and mitigation to support development along the A61 and A617 corridors in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover and Bassetlaw.</p> <p>Bassetlaw Transport Study has been used to inform and refine the policy approach, site allocations and infrastructure requirements in the Local Plan. It identifies necessary transport improvements / mitigation to support the proposed Local Plan growth within Bassetlaw and neighbouring areas. Bassetlaw Transport Study has not identified any strategic transport issues affecting the HMA.</p>

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Flood Risk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		<p>Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2009).</p> <p>Bassetlaw Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2021) and SFRA Level 2 (2021)</p>	<p>A common agreed evidence base document for the Derbyshire authorities used to: inform allocations in planning policy documents; and assess whether a further Water Cycle Study was required. Also used in the initial selection of sites, and to ensure there are no unforeseen impacts on sites in neighbouring authority areas.</p> <p>Bassetlaw SFRAs has not identified any strategic flooding issues affecting the HMA.</p> <p>Further work on this topic has taken place at individual authority level, mainly through work on infrastructure needs and through the allocation of sites.</p>
Water Supply and Wastewater Disposal	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>Water Cycle Study – Scoping and Initial Outline Study for North East Derbyshire District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council, Bolsover District Council, August 2010</p> <p>Bassetlaw Outline Water Cycle Study 2010</p>	<p>A common agreed evidence base document for the Derbyshire authorities. Used to inform whether a full outline water cycle study was required for these 3 authorities in the HMA, and develop policies to address water environment issues in emerging planning policy documents. The Bassetlaw outline water cycle study used the same approach for the District.</p> <p>Further work on this topic has taken place at individual authority level, mainly through work on infrastructure needs.</p>
Viability	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>Whole Plan Viability Studies for the Derbyshire authorities (March 2018). These were undertaken under a joint contract with a common methodology but reported on an individual authority basis given the differing policy asks.</p> <p>Bassetlaw Whole Plan & CIL Viability Assessment, August 2021 and October 2019 Bassetlaw Interim Whole Plan & CIL Viability Assessment, August 2018</p>	<p>Through the preparation of the Derbyshire study all the participant authorities have agreed a common methodology and approach to viability appraisal.</p> <p>All the authorities agreed to accept the findings of the Study to inform emerging planning policy documents including the setting of policy thresholds and % targets for affordable housing.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw studies take a similar approach to viability appraisal to that taken for the rest of the HMA. The appraisal has been used to set policy thresholds and % targets for affordable housing, and the proposed CIL rate. A CIL review is following the Local Plan timetable so will be submitted to the Secretary of State at the same point in time.</p>
Green Belt	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓		<p>Green Belt Review Methodology across the Sheffield City Region (SCR) (August 2014).</p>	<p>A common methodology to underpin each authority's review of their part of the Green Belt within the SCR to ensure a consistent approach.</p> <p>Bassetlaw does not contain any areas of Green Belt land.</p>

Table 2 - North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw HMA - Strategic Matters/Cross Boundary Issues

Local Plan Strategic Priorities	Primary Authority Affected						Strategic Matter/Cross Boundary Issue	How The Authorities Have Worked Together	Outcome
	Chesterfield Borough	North East Derbyshire District	Bolsover District	Bassetlaw District	Derbyshire County Council	Nottinghamshire County Council			
Housing – Meeting Housing Needs	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>The delivery of housing across the North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area.</p> <p>Housing delivery is a strategic matter.</p> <p>Bassetlaw has updated its assessment of housing needs through the Bassetlaw HEDNA (November 2020). For Bassetlaw, this supersedes the 2017 SHMA Update.</p> <p>The authorities have had several meetings to discuss the approach proposed in Bassetlaw. Bassetlaw has agreed to include specific indicators in the Local Plan to monitor housing/employment land delivery against Local Plan targets to ensure potential impacts on the HMA are identified and appropriately managed.</p>	<p>The authorities have worked together to commission evidence of housing need and the Full Objectively Assessed Housing Needs (FOAHN). This work was updated in October 2017.</p> <p>Bassetlaw has updated its assessment of housing needs through the Bassetlaw HEDNA (November 2020). For Bassetlaw, this supersedes the 2017 SHMA Update.</p> <p>The authorities have had several meetings to discuss the approach proposed in Bassetlaw. Bassetlaw has agreed to include specific indicators in the Local Plan to monitor housing/employment land delivery against Local Plan targets to ensure potential impacts on the HMA are identified and appropriately managed.</p>	<p>Each authority has formally agreed to seek to meet the identified FOAHN for their authority to ensure the overall FOAHN for the HMA is met within the HMA. Different council areas in the HMA are working to different timetables for Local Plan production.</p> <p>The housing targets for emerging/adopted plans in each authority is currently as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesterfield – 240 (The FOAHN set out in the adopted Local Plan 2018-2035) • NE Derbyshire – 330 (Based on the job led scenario in the OAN update and above the FOAHN of 283) • Bolsover – 272 (The FOAHN set out in the OAN Update) • Bassetlaw – 591 dpa from 2020 to 2038 based on a completions trend scenario, higher than the 394 FOAHN set out in the OAN Update. <p>Each authority agrees to report housing/employment land delivery against Local Plan targets to the liaison group annually.</p>
Employment – Delivering Employment Land	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>The delivery of employment land is a cross boundary issue as there is no requirement to plan for employment across the Functional Economic Market Area.</p>	<p>Sharing of comments on emerging targets.</p> <p>Bassetlaw has updated its assessment of employment provision through the Bassetlaw HEDNA (November 2020). The authorities have had several meetings to discuss the completions trend scenario proposed in Bassetlaw, and the provision of a strategic employment site that leads to the</p>	<p>Agreed to share and consider the outcomes and impacts of individual authority’s employment land reviews.</p> <p>Each authority agrees to report housing/employment land delivery against Local Plan targets to the liaison group annually.</p> <p>Bassetlaw agree to monitor and update the other authorities in relation to the delivery of the strategic</p>

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							<p>district exceeding the completions trend scenario to accommodate regional logistics need.</p> <p>Bassetlaw has identified specific indicators in the Local Plan to monitor housing/employment land delivery, and the delivery of the strategic employment site against Local Plan targets to ensure potential impacts on the HMA are identified and appropriately managed.</p>	employment site to ensure impacts are understood and to inform Local Plan Reviews.	
Housing – Provision for Gypsy & Traveller Sites	✓	✓	✓		✓		<p>The provision of sufficient sites to meet the needs of Gypsies and Travellers. This is a cross boundary issue because the assessment of need is made over a wider than local authority area. However, the requirement is small, and delivery would not have a significant impact across the housing market area.</p> <p>Shared Evidence Base. The Derbyshire Councils were partners in the Joint Derby, Derbyshire, Peak District National Park Authority and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment June 2015.</p> <p>A full refresh/review was commissioned by Derbyshire County Council on behalf of all the partner authorities in November 2019 when the first tranche of pitch requirements from 2014 to 2019 in the existing GTAA had expired. Completion of the study by consultants has been delayed due to the impact of Covid-19 but the study is anticipated to be complete by August 2021.</p> <p>This issue does not give rise to cross boundary issues with Bassetlaw/Nottinghamshire Gypsy and Traveller movements in Nottinghamshire tend to be north-south along the A1 corridor rather than east-</p>	<p>As of 2018, the Derbyshire Traveller Issues Working Group (TWIG) resolved that the costs of establishing a transit site or sites in the study area was prohibitive. The Northern (G & T) LPA's will continue to work with DCC on the issue of transit provision through the Derbyshire Traveller Issues working Group. The issue of the need for transit site provision will be assessed within the GTAA Review, particularly whether a negotiated stopping place model may be more cost effective and deliverable than transit site provision.</p> <p>The permanent needs identified by the Bassetlaw GTANA for the first 10 years are being met in the District through allocations. The Council is considering options for negotiated stopping.</p>	

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								west. This is confirmed by the Bassetlaw Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment 2019	
Green Belt	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓		<p>The need to ensure that any individual authority changes to the Green Belt are based on a consistent evidence base, and that the overall cumulative impact on the Green Belt is considered.</p> <p>This is a strategic matter.</p>	<p>As partners in the wider Sheffield City Region Common Approach to Green Belt Review (August 2014), and in consultation with other authorities in the HMA developing a common methodology to be used when undertaking a partial Green Belt Review to ensure detailed criteria for assessment are consistent.</p> <p>In addition outcomes of reviews are reported back for consistency.</p>	<p>A common and consistent evidence base for and approach to the review of the Green Belt.</p> <p>Both Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council have undertaken a review of the Green Belt within their area. For Bolsover District, this review has led to the Green Belt boundary being altered through the adoption of the Local Plan for Bolsover District (March 2020).</p> <p>All authorities agree that these reviews have been undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the SCR standard methodology. Alterations to Green Belt boundaries through the adoption of new Local Plans are reported to the SCR Green Belt authorities as a group to ensure an overview is maintained.</p> <p>Bassetlaw does not have any green belt land.</p>
Biodiversity	✓	✓	✓	✓			<p>The threat of air pollution at the following European sites is identified in the Habitats Regulation Assessment of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan.</p> <p>Peak District Dales SAC: South Pennine Moors SAC: and Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA.</p> <p>It is therefore important to explore the extent to which, the proposals associated with relevant Local Plans will</p>	<p>Shared information and outcomes from each authorities Habitats Regulations Assessment.</p> <p>The Recreational Impact Assessments have been produced in consultation with authorities within 15km of Clumber Park and Birklands and Bilhaugh. This includes Bolsover and Nottinghamshire County Council.</p> <p>Bassetlaw will be producing an interim mitigation strategy to inform the</p>	<p>All Derbyshire authorities agree to commit to a monitoring programme for the Peak District Dales SAC: South Pennine Moors SAC: and Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA to help ensure that a likely significant effect on these European sites does not arise unexpectedly.</p> <p>The Derbyshire authorities have assessed its impacts and these are recorded in relevant Habitats Regulations Assessment (March 2020). This concluded that taking into account the mitigation measures within relevant local plans will have no adverse effects on the integrity</p>

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							<p>exacerbate or alleviate these threats and pressures.</p> <p>This is a cross boundary issue because pressure from increases in traffic and consequential effects on air quality is a transboundary issue, and it is important to consider the cumulative impacts of development in different districts acting in combination. It is not a strategic matter because no significant impact has been identified.</p> <p>The potential individual and cumulative recreational Impact of housing development within identified zones of influence on the Clumber Park SSSI and Birklands and Bilhaugh SAC has been identified through Recreational Impact Assessments undertaken to inform the Bassetlaw Local Plan. This is a cross boundary issue because the zones of influence cover the HMA authorities. Potential for recreational impact on the integrity of the protected sites from visitors associated with new housing within the zones is a transboundary issue and it is important to consider the cumulative impacts of development in different districts acting in combination.</p>	<p>delivery of mitigation associated with the recreational impact assessments.</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council will be commissioning consultants in the summer of 2021 to prepare a Natural Capital Strategy for Derbyshire on behalf of all the local authority partners in the County.</p>	<p>of any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans and projects.</p> <p>Bassetlaw DC agree to share the interim mitigation strategy, and to monitor and share the outputs with with the HMA authorities.</p> <p>The authorities agree through Local Plan/Local Reviews to consider the identified cumulative impacts from relevant residential development upon the protected sites.</p> <p>Outputs of the NCS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Capital Asset Register. – a spatial understanding across County. The asset register will allow the assessment of ecosystem services and their economic value Appraisal of future needs for Ecosystem Services and where investment would yield the greatest gains. detailed biodiversity study – mapping landuse/habitat types across Derbyshire including ecological networks, hotspots and connectivity. <p>The NCS will provide a countrywide evidence base for each LPA to inform a Local Natural Recovery Strategy which will be written when required by legislation.</p>
Transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The impact of cumulative development across two or more authority areas on the strategic and local highway networks, particularly the A617 and A61	The North Derbyshire authorities worked together with Derbyshire County Council to develop the North Derbyshire Transport Evidence Base	The shared evidence base and sharing of strategic options has informed the plan making process for the authorities.

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							<p>within the North Derbyshire area and to a lesser degree also including cross county traffic between Bolsover, Chesterfield and Bassetlaw Districts.</p> <p>This is strategic matter.</p>	<p>(2010-2012). This undertook a high level assessment of potential impacts of planned growth on the strategic and local highway networks across the Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover area. Also involved Highways England input.</p> <p>Since this work, the approach has been for each North Derbyshire authority to commission supplementary evidence with Derbyshire County Council to cover local growth points and sharing with National Highways and Nottingham authorities as appropriate.</p> <p>Alongside reporting the findings of the evidence base studies to the Local Plan Liaison Group and North Derbyshire Infrastructure Planning Group, the authorities have shared their strategic options during the plan making process at these meetings. This has led to the identification of where planned growth in the districts is likely to put extra pressure on the strategic and local highway networks and mitigation is required.</p> <p>The two county councils communicate on a frequent basis and collaborate as required by matters arising, although there is no formal document stating the level to which both county council's</p>	<p>Based on this work, all parties have a clear understanding of infrastructure needs and these are being effectively planned for through appropriate evidence and infrastructure planning work.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw Transport Study has identified that the growth (housing and employment) identified in the Bassetlaw Local Plan is expected to have no significant potential impacts on the highways networks in the HMA area. This includes the traffic associated with the strategic employment site and associated housing.</p> <p>Where necessary, joint partnership working arrangements may be necessary to plan for strategic improvements to transport infrastructure.</p>

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								collaborate on highways and transport priorities and matters. The Bassetlaw Transport Study 2021 considers the potential impact of planned growth on the strategic and local highways networks in the District and in other authorities.	
School Capacity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>The impact of cumulative development across two or more authority areas on school capacity within Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>This is a strategic matter.</p>	<p>Each Derbyshire authority is working with Derbyshire County Council on infrastructure planning work to understand impacts of planned growth on school capacity.</p> <p>Bassetlaw District Council is working with Nottinghamshire County Council to understand impacts of planned growth on education provision school capacity, and ensure all relevant impacts are appropriately addressed.</p> <p>Alongside reporting the findings of the evidence base studies to the Local Plan Liaison Group and North Derbyshire Infrastructure Planning Group, the authorities have shared their strategic options during the plan making process at these meetings. This has led to the identification of where planned growth in the districts is likely to put extra pressure on schools serving more than one authority area and where mitigation is required.</p>	<p>The shared evidence base and sharing of strategic options has informed the plan making progress for the authorities.</p> <p>Based on this work, all parties have a clear understanding of infrastructure needs and these are being effectively planned for through infrastructure planning work.</p>

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Retail	✓	✓	✓				Different shopping requirements take place at a wider than district/borough level, however there is no requirement to plan together in relation to this, making this a cross boundary issue .	Chesterfield Borough, Bolsover District and North East Derbyshire District Retail and Centres Study 2018.	To use the common evidence base to inform/refine site allocations in emerging planning policy documents.
HS2	✓	✓	✓		✓		Major national infrastructure project Potential strategic matter because it has the potential to impact on emerging Local Plans. Identifying infrastructure measures and development opportunities to capitalise on HS2 stops at Toton and Staveley Infrastructure Maintenance Depot, and mitigation of adverse impacts of line and proposed link to Midland Mainline.	The Derbyshire authorities are working together to minimise the impact of HS2, and maximise development opportunities. They have attended the HS2 Chesterfield and Staveley Delivery Board.	Will be developed as the plans for the development of HS2 are finalised.
Specific Sites									
Former Coalite Site	✓	✓	✓		✓		The need for a jointly agreed strategy to bring forward this cross boundary site This is a strategic matter because the site straddles 2 local authority boundaries, and is in close proximity to another, and is likely to have a significant impact on at least two local authority areas.	The setting up of the Coalite Project Control Board to deliver the clean-up and development of the site In the process of determining the planning applications for each authority. Close working to ensure that the policy approach to the site in each Council's Local Plan is compatible.	Based on this work, an agreed comprehensive policy approach in Local Plans has been established. A separate Statement of Common Ground on this issue has been prepared.
Markham Vale Area	✓	✓	✓		✓		The delivery of employment land and Multi –User trails around Markham Vale. This is a cross boundary issue because it relates to the delivery of employment land and its associated infrastructure	Local Plan Liaison Groups; formal comments made on each other's local plans; officer conversations, meetings involving multi-disciplinary officers at various levels.	The outcome is to continue to allocate employment land and existing and proposed multi-user trails in the Markham Vale Area.

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							and the inter connectivity of Multi-User Trails over three local authority areas.	Funding from D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and Derbyshire County Council (2016)	
CBC Eastern Villages	✓	✓	✓		✓		Because new development can give rise to the need for additional infrastructure at a wider than district/borough level, this is a cross boundary issue.	Identifying and mitigating any cross boundary impacts of emerging development proposals.	Agreed to work together to identify and resolve any emerging impacts, through the Local Plan Liaison Group in line with the culture of no surprises in this joint Statement of Common Ground.
Chesterfield Canal	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	To safeguard and secure the restoration of Chesterfield canal. This is a strategic matter. The canal runs across two county and three local authority boundaries, and the potential economic benefits of realising full restoration could be quite significant.	Derbyshire Project Delivery Group - Chesterfield Canal attended by DCC, CBC, NEDDC & Chesterfield Canal Trust. Bassetlaw DC are working with the Canal & River Trust through the delivery of the Worksop Central DPD to enhance the part of the Chesterfield Canal that sits within the town.	Overarching agreement to recognise the ecological and historic value of the canal and to seek to protect and enhance this, for example by more moorings; linking routes for cycling and walking; and the promotion of tourism. As not all of the canal in Derbyshire is navigable an ongoing commitment within Derbyshire to restore the route of Chesterfield Canal, and complementary policies in planning policy documents to achieve this. Bassetlaw DC agree to deliver the overarching agreement through delivery of the Worksop Central DPD.
The Avenue Strategic Site	✓	✓			✓		The need to ensure that any emerging issues are identified and jointly resolved. Because this is a strategic site that may have cross boundary implications this is a cross boundary issue.	North East Derbyshire has consulted with Chesterfield Borough and the County Council on draft versions of the site specific policy for The Avenue Strategic Site Allocation. In addition, all three authorities have worked together on the A61 Growth Corridor Strategy aimed specifically at helping bring forward this site for development and developing a mitigation strategy to accommodate the	Agreed policy approach in the North East Derbyshire Publication Draft Local Plan which covers the strategic planning issues arising from the development of the Avenue Strategic Site. Potential transport impacts and other infrastructure needs such as education being addressed through individual planning applications.

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								demand for travel that this will bring about.	
Staveley Waste Water Treatment Plant	✓	✓	✓				<p>Potential capacity issue raised by Yorkshire Water</p> <p>This is a cross boundary issue as this WWTW deals with waste water from different authorities, and could have an impact on two or more areas.</p>	<p>Sharing details of the proposed quantum and location of sites in emerging work and discussing the issue with Yorkshire Water</p>	<p>It is expected that planned growth for the current investment period within Asset Management Plan 6 (2015-2020) can be accommodated by the existing facilities.</p> <p>Beyond this, based on the expected trajectory for development being delivered through to 2033 it is expected that planned future improvements to increase the capacity of the existing facilities within Asset Management Plan 7 (2021-2025) and beyond will ensure that sufficient capacity will exist.</p>
Bolsover Castle/ Hardwick Hall/ Sutton Scarsdale Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓		<p>Impact of development proposals on the setting of Heritage Assets of national significance.</p> <p>Although these heritage assets have statutory protection under development control, it is also important to protect the settings of these iconic buildings.</p> <p>This is a strategic matter.</p>	<p>Ongoing consultation with English Heritage; Historic England; and neighbouring authorities on Local Plan preparation and specific development proposals.</p>	<p>Ongoing consultation with English Heritage; Historic England; and neighbouring authorities on Local Plan preparation and specific development proposals.</p>
Creswell Crags			✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>The comprehensive managements of the Creswell Crags Proposed World Heritage Site through plan making.</p> <p>This is a strategic matter.</p>	<p>As the Proposed World Heritage Site straddles the Bolsover / Bassetlaw and Derbyshire / Nottinghamshire District and County borders, the authorities have worked together to ensure a comprehensive policy approach is taken to the site and its setting, both in terms of built and minerals / waste developments. This work has involved input from Historic England, UNESCO and the landowner.</p>	<p>Based on this work, an agreed comprehensive policy approach in Local Plans has been established, including recognition of Creswell Crags as a proposed World Heritage Site.</p>

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Former Steetley Quarry. Now Explore Industrial Park			✓	✓	✓	✓	Existing cross boundary site with planning permission from both authorities. This is a strategic matter that has been dealt with previously. However, the planning permissions have still to be implemented in full.	In assessing the impact of the original proposals and continuing consultation on planning applications.	Ongoing commitment to develop the site through complementary policies in planning policy documents to achieve this. The Bolsover Local Plan and the Publication Version of the Bassetlaw Local Plan identify the site for general employment use.
Apleyhead Strategic Employment site	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	This is a cross boundary issue because it relates to the delivery of a strategic employment site identified for regional/sub regional large scale logistics and its associated infrastructure. The property market area identified by the Bassetlaw A1 Corridor Logistics Assessment 2021 includes the HMA authorities.	Local Plan Liaison Groups; formal comments made on the Bassetlaw Local Plan; officer conversations. The authorities have had several meetings to discuss the provision of a strategic employment site that leads to the district exceeding the general employment completions trend scenario to accommodate regional logistics need. Bassetlaw has identified specific indicators in the Local Plan to monitor housing/employment land delivery, and the delivery of the strategic employment site against Local Plan targets to ensure potential impacts on the HMA are identified and appropriately managed.	Agreed to work together to identify and resolve any emerging impacts, through the Local Plan Liaison Group in line with the culture of no surprises in this joint Statement of Common Ground. The authorities will work together to agree a separate Statement of Common Ground with the other partner authorities in the property market area. Bassetlaw agree to monitor and update the other authorities in relation to the delivery of the strategic employment site to ensure impacts are understood and to inform Local Plan Reviews.
Bassetlaw Garden Village			✓	✓	✓	✓	Because new development can give rise to the need for additional infrastructure at a wider than district/borough level, this is a cross boundary issue.	Local Plan Liaison Groups; formal comments made on the Bassetlaw Local Plan; Identifying and mitigating any cross boundary impacts of emerging development proposals.	Agreed to work together to identify and resolve any emerging impacts, through the Local Plan Liaison Group in line with the culture of no surprises in this joint Statement of Common Ground.

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Footpaths and Green Infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>Need to ensure that footpaths, Multi User Trails and green infrastructure links seamlessly across county boundaries.</p> <p>The designation of new footpaths is a County Council responsibility</p> <p>This is a cross boundary issue, as the routes cross district/county boundaries, but would not have a significant impact.</p>	Through the two county councils, and infrastructure planning work.	Ongoing commitment to link these where appropriate, and to have complementary policies in planning documents to achieve this.

APPENDIX A SIGNATORIES OF THE AUTHORITIES

Signed on behalf of **Bassetlaw District Council**

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