

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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Parties:

Bassetlaw District Council

North Lincolnshire Council

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been developed in order to address strategic planning matters between the parties consisting of Bassetlaw District Council (DC) and North Lincolnshire Council (NLC). The Authorities are neighbouring Planning Authorities with strategic planning matters that cross the administrative boundaries of the respective authorities.
- 1.2 In relation to strategic planning matters, section 33A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (PCPA 2004) indicates that Local Planning Authorities have a duty to cooperate with prescribed bodies identified in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) or subsection (9) of the PCPA 2004. Both parties are prescribed bodies for the purposes of the Duty to Cooperate.
- 1.3 This approach is also a requirement of national planning policy. Paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework seeks to ensure that the Local Plan is deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground.
- 1.4 The purpose of the Statement is to inform stakeholders about the areas of agreement or otherwise between Bassetlaw DC and NLC with regard to strategic planning matters for the Bassetlaw Local Plan, specifically:
 - Spatial Strategy
 - Housing Need
 - Economic Growth

2. Background and Governance

- 2.1 Bassetlaw DC and NLC are public bodies that are the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) for their respective administrative areas. Ultimately, the Councils have a Duty to Co-operate on strategic planning matters affecting both areas.
- 2.2 The development of the Local Plans for each local authority area has been enhanced by working together to ensure that strategic planning matters are appropriately addressed.
- 2.3 Where representations have been submitted by NLC to consultation stages of Bassetlaw DC's emerging Local Plan, these have been considered, and where appropriate informed the development of subsequent stages of the Plan.
- 2.4 This Statement of Common Ground reflects the current position between Bassetlaw DC and NLC. It will be updated as and when required.
- 2.5 Bassetlaw DC and NLC will continue to discuss cross boundary strategic planning matters as the Bassetlaw Local Plan progresses to submission and

examination. As a minimum, a meeting will take place prior to the submission of the Bassetlaw Local Plan for examination.

3. Areas of Common Ground

3.1.1 Spatial Strategy

3.1.2 The Bassetlaw Spatial Strategy relating to the distribution of growth is set out in the Bassetlaw Local Plan Policy ST1.

Agreement 1. Bassetlaw Local Plan Spatial Strategy

a) Bassetlaw District Council agrees to continue to engage with NLC regarding the Spatial Strategy of the Bassetlaw Local Plan. Any proposed amendments and relating evidence will be shared with NLC.

3.2 Housing Need and Delivery

3.2.1 NLC and Bassetlaw DC are within different Housing Market Areas (HMA). Bassetlaw DC sits within the North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw HMA, whereas NLC sits within the North Lincolnshire HMA.

3.2.2 The Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038: Publication Version Second Addendum sets out a requirement for 582 homes per annum over the Plan period, up to 2038 (10,476 dwellings from 2020 to 2038). This will be fully met within the district boundary. This requirement is based on the results of the Bassetlaw Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Addendum (2022). Bassetlaw DC has not agreed to accommodate any neighbouring authorities' housing development needs.

3.2.3 The North Lincolnshire new Local Plan May 2022 proposes to fully meet the Council's objectively assessed needs to 2038; the housing requirement are for 396 dwellings per annum (7128 dwellings in total). NLC will meet this in full within the Authority boundary within the Plan period to 2038.

3.2.4 The Bassetlaw Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment undertaken by RRR Consultancy Ltd (November 2019) and an update (November 2021) states that the district has a requirement for 42 permanent pitches during the plan period up to 2038, with 21 pitches required 2020-2029 and a further 21 pitches by 2038. The Bassetlaw Local Plan allocates sufficient land to meet the permanent accommodation needs of gypsy and travellers in Bassetlaw for the first five years of the Local Plan. A criteria based policy will address the identified need for the remainder of the Plan period, up to 2038. The Assessment identifies no need for sites for Travelling Showpeople over the plan period.

- 3.2.5 The North Lincolnshire Local Plan identifies that sufficient land to provide for 17 additional residential Gypsy and Traveller pitches is needed over the plan period to 2038. NLC agrees to meet the need in full in the Authority boundary. To ensure delivery the new North Lincolnshire Local Plan sets out a criteria based policy and the Council will work with the market to bring forward sites to meet the identified needs within the plan period.

Agreement 2. Housing Need and Delivery

- a) The Bassetlaw Local Plan proposes to fully meet the District's housing needs to 2038 and is not proposing to accommodate any neighbouring authorities' needs.
- b) The North Lincolnshire Local Plan will fully meet the Authority's` housing needs to 2038 and is not accommodating any neighbouring authorities' needs.
- c) Both Councils agree to continue to share evidence and information including updates to their Infrastructure Delivery Plans to ensure that adequate infrastructure is provided to meet the housing need identified in each area. Work will continue with neighbouring authorities on potential cross boundary issues such as traffic impacts and mitigation

3.3 Economic Growth

- 3.3.1 The Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038: Publication Version, Addendum and Second Addendum are proposing to meet the district's general employment needs (196ha) in full by 2038 with an appropriate level of flexibility built in. This is based on the results of the Bassetlaw Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Addendum undertaken by Icen Projects (May 2022).
- 3.3.2 In addition, the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038: Publication Version, Addendum and Second Addendum proposes to allocate 118.7 hectares of land at Apleyhead on the junction of the A1 and A57, to the east of Worksop. The proposed employment use is Class B8 to meet the needs for large scale sub-regional and regional logistics only in the plan period (100,000 sqft – 9,000 sqft or more rather than final mile distribution).
- 3.3.3 The length of the A1 and A57 within Bassetlaw district is seen by the property market as an important location for the development of the logistics sector. This is evidenced by the Bassetlaw A1 Corridor Logistics Assessment undertaken by Icen Projects Limited (August 2021) and the Bassetlaw Housing and Economic Needs Assessment undertaken by G L Hearn (November 2020). Bassetlaw DC and the D2N2 LEP also consider the site will support the delivery of the D2N2 LEP Recovery and Growth Strategy 2021 including the development of growth sectors, such as digital adoption for logistics.

3.3.4 The Bassetlaw Local Plan proposes to meet the housing requirement generated by the additional jobs identified for Apleyhead (approximately 3857 jobs) in the District by 2038.

3.3.5 The Bassetlaw Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan May 2022 set out the infrastructure needed to deliver the proposed employment allocations.

Agreement 3. Bassetlaw Employment Land Supply, Apleyhead Strategic Employment Site Allocation, and Infrastructure Delivery

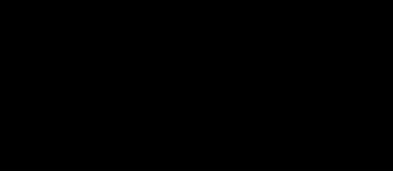
- a) Bassetlaw District Council agrees to fully meet the district's general employment job/land requirements within the boundary by 2038.
- b) Bassetlaw District Council agrees to deliver an appropriate amount of housing to fully support the additional jobs generated as a result of the proposed Apleyhead strategic employment site allocation within the boundary by 2038.
- c) Bassetlaw District Council agrees to continue to share evidence and information, including updates to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to ensure that adequate infrastructure is provided to support the employment allocations including the strategic employment site at Apleyhead.

4. Outstanding Areas of Disagreement

4.1 No outstanding matters

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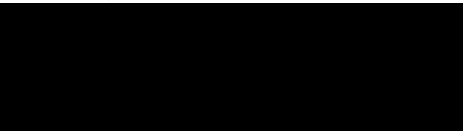
Signed on behalf of Bassetlaw District Council



Cllr Jo White, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Deputy Leader of the Council

Dated 6 July 2022

Signed on behalf of North Lincolnshire Council



James Durham, Place Planning Specialist

Dated: 4 July, 2022