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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) places a legal duty on local planning authorities, county councils and public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters. Local planning authorities must demonstrate how they have complied with the duty at the independent examination of their Local Plan.
- 1.2 Two earlier Duty to Cooperate statements have been prepared during the development of LPP2. These contain details of actions taken up until the Consultation Draft stage (September 2014) and the Publication (Pre-submission) stage (November 2015). This current statement does not repeat the detail contained within the previous statements, so should be read in conjunction with the Duty to Cooperate Statements [Part 1 \(September 2014\)](#) and [Part 2 \(November 2015\)](#). Additional information relevant to the Duty to Cooperate can also be found in the [Consultation Statement Part 1 2014](#), and [Consultation Statement Part 2 2015](#) and on the LPP2 and more generally within the yearly [Annual Monitoring Reports \(AMR\)](#).
- 1.3 This submission contains a summary of the main actions arising under the duty to cooperate, since the date of the previous Duty to Cooperate Statement in November 2015. These are listed in a tabular form as an Appendix to this document.
- 1.4 The following section provides a summary of the actions taken regarding the Duty to Cooperate in relation to Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 between November 2015 and March 2016.

2 Duty to Cooperate Actions November 2015 – March 2016

- 2.1 As set out in the Consultation Statement (Part 2 2015), notification of the publication of the Consultation Draft Plan and supporting documents for comment from 24 October to 5 December 2014 was given through a Public Notice published in the Mid Hampshire Observer, by letter and email circulated to all persons and bodies on the Council's Local Plan Consultation Database including the statutory consultees, prescribed bodies and other interested parties, and via the Local Plan e-Newsletter.

Meetings with neighbouring authorities

- 2.2 A duty to cooperate meeting was held with Eastleigh Borough Council on 5th February 2016. The meeting discussed the authorities' respective Local Plans and the Employment Land Review which a number of Districts are working jointly on. The main cross-boundary issue continues to be the Botley By-Pass over which Winchester City Council still has concerns regarding its implementation. Representations were made to Eastleigh Borough Council on its Issues and Options for the Local Plan consultation by 17th February 2016. As provision has been made to safeguard Botley By-Pass in LPP2 at SHUA5, there were no further implications for LPP2 arising from this meeting.

North Whiteley

- 2.3 Following the granting of planning permission on 12th October continuing meetings are occurring with the developers and internally to co-ordinate the detailed planning of this major development (see attached Appendix for dates).. A North Whiteley Forum is likely to be held soon when further planning applications are submitted, which will involve neighbouring authorities, infrastructure agencies and other stakeholders. There are no outcomes directly related to LPP2.

West of Waterlooville

- 2.4 Meetings continue to take place to progress the completion of this major development area. These include the West of Waterlooville Joint Committee and the West of Waterlooville Forum (see attached Appendix for dates). There are no implications for LPP2.

South Downs National Park

- 2.5 Although no further formal meetings have occurred since October 2015, the City Council submitted comments on the SDNP Local Plan Preferred Options at the end of October 2015, as described in the November 2015 Publication LPP2. Officers continue to liaise with SDNP officers as required, including recently in February 2016 on the SDNP GI Framework.

PUSH

- 2.6 In December 2015, the PUSH Joint Committee agreed the timetable for the PUSH Spatial Strategy Update. The update should be published for consultation in June 2016. The meeting established the principles for the assessment of objectively assessed land supply, rate of delivery and transport matters, taking account of government new homes agenda and possible devolution plans. This work will update the PUSH Spatial Strategy of 2012.. Various meetings and workshops have since been held to progress this work in detail. These have included PUSH Joint Committees, Planning Officers Groups, Joint Chief Executives and Planning Officers meeting and a series of Members Workshops. Officers, Members and the Chief Executive from the City Council have attended these meetings. The dates of the meetings are attached in the Appendix.
- 2.7 The updated PUSH Spatial Strategy does not have direct implications for LPP2, but the strategy and any associated targets for growth will feed into a future review of the Winchester Local Plan.

Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership

- 2.8 The Enterprise M3 LEP held a series of meetings in February and March to discuss the initial findings of a report into employment needs across the LEP area. The report highlighted the main issue for Winchester as being the need for more high quality office space in Winchester Town and concern over the loss of offices via new permitted development rights (Prior Notification Procedure). This is ongoing work and has no additional implications for LPP2 at the moment, given the Station Approach allocations but may be used to inform future planning for employment needs in the District.

Infrastructure Delivery

- 2.9 Work has been continuing on the detailed planning for some of the LPP2 site allocations that have planning applications in preparation. Meetings have been held with developers and delivery agencies such as Southern Water as appropriate.
- 2.10 Meetings and correspondence have occurred with Hampshire County Council in respect of education planning to meet education needs identified in LPP2, in respect of the Waltham Chase and Swanmore areas in particular. HCC education is also continuing to be heavily involved in the planning for new school provision at Whiteley in respect of the new development there.
- 2.11 As the Lead Local Flood Authority, HCC has been leading on the Wickham Flooding Working Group and further meetings have been held in December

2015 and March.2016 to progress the recommendations of the Wickham Flood Investigation Report, as referenced in Policy WK1 of LPP2.

Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP) and Strategy (SRMS)

- 2.12 Work is continuing on the Mitigation Strategy. The PUSH Joint Committee agreed the 2016/2017 work programme and budget on 15th March. The SRMP Steering Group has met in January and March of this year with the aim of finalising the Strategy and considering future work including possible widening of the area of the Strategy. The SRMS is relevant to the Local Plan as it is referred to in LPP1 and affects some of the areas in LPP2, however the details of the Strategy have no direct relevance to the policies within the LPP2.

Gypsy and Traveller Needs and Site Assessment

- 2.13 Work is continuing on considering the needs of gypsy and travellers. At a meeting on 16th March 2016, 9 Hampshire authorities discussed the requirement for a new needs assessment. A brief is currently being prepared with the aim of commissioning this work in the near future. As previously discussed under Duty to Cooperate, as this matter is no longer being considered as part of LPP2 and the assessment will be used to inform the Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

APPENDIX ONE: Duty to Cooperate Actions November 2015 – March 2016

Name	Date	Type	Outcomes
HiPOG	11.12.15	Planning Officers Meeting	Hampshire & IoW Planning Officers standing meeting on planning issues
Eastleigh Borough Council	05.02.16	Duty to Cooperate Meeting with Eastleigh Borough Council	Local Plan matters, including Botley-By-Pass.
Development Plans Groups	04.12.15	Planning Officers Meeting	Hampshire & IoW Planning Officers standing meeting on development plan matters
PUSH Joint Committee	09.12.15	Committee	PUSH Spatial Strategy Update - new timetable for work agreed to update the PUSH Spatial Strategy. Set out principles for the assessment of objectively assessed needs.
PUSH Joint Committee	02.02.16	Committee	Agreed funding for Solent Energy Strategy and considered funding for low carbon economy measures including Future Solent and GreenTech South
PUSH Joint Committee	15.03.16	Committee	To agree work programme and budget for SRMP 2016/17

PUSH Members Workshops	24.11.15 29.02.16	Workshop	Planning distribution of accommodation of OANs in PUSH Districts.
PUSH POG	04.11.15 19.11.15 17.12.15 14.01.16 10.03.16	Planning Officers Meeting	Planning distribution of accommodation of OANs in PUSH Districts.
PUSH CX/POG	15.01.16 29.01.16 04.03.16	Joint Chief Executives & Planning Officers Meeting	Planning distribution of accommodation of OANs in PUSH Districts up to 2036
M3 LEP Breakfast Briefing	24.02.16	Stakeholder Meeting	Discussion of draft report on employment needs in LEP area
North Whiteley Consortium/LEP	24.11.15	Meeting with developers	Update on progress
North Whiteley S106 Meeting	11.01.16 18.03.16	Meeting with interested parties	Ongoing planning of development

North Whiteley Steering Group	21.12.15	Meeting	Ongoing planning of development
North Whiteley Project Board Meeting	11.02.16 24.03.16	Meeting	Ongoing planning of development
West of Waterlooville Forum	17.03.16	Committee Meeting	Discussion of planning of area
Waltham Chase infrastructure	08.12.15	Meeting with HCC Education	Extension to St John's School as required by planned development at WC1 of LPP2 Ongoing discussions
Wickham Flooding Working Group	15.12.15 15.03.16 23.03.16	Stakeholder meeting at HCC	Working on implementation of Wickham Flood Investigation Report findings
BW LPP2 – footpath/cycle route	21.03.15	Meeting (WCC & others – HCC transport, HCC environment)	Transport issues, rights of way, open spaces, site planning for new footpath/cycle route
SRMP Steering Group	12.01.16 22.03.16	Stakeholder meetings	Discussion/finalisation of mitigation strategy and future work
Gypsy & Travellers Needs	26.11.15 16.03.16	Planning Officers from 9 Hampshire	Prepare brief for revised Needs Assessment

		authorities	
Winchester Economic Conference	03.12.15	Stakeholder conference run by WCC, (HCC, SDNP, LEPs etc)	Identification of economic trends, opportunities in Winchester District etc

