



RECORD OF CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision Ref. No.	PH071
Decision made by	Councillor Rob Bindloss Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity
Decision Title	Bassetlaw Local Plan - Statement of Common Ground
Key decision?	No
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	
Name and job title of Officer requesting the decision	Sarah Legge Local Plans Manager
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Decision	Authority to approve and publish the Bassetlaw Local Plan A1 Property Market Area Statement of Common Ground
Background	<p>A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is the means by which strategic policy-making authorities can demonstrate that a plan is based on effective cooperation and that they have sought to produce a strategy based on agreements with other authorities.</p> <p>This particular SoCG addresses strategic planning matters relating to the A1 property market area, and specifically relates to the assessment of the logistics property market for the Bassetlaw area. Including Bassetlaw District Council, 21 council areas are involved within the signatories to the Draft SoCG.</p> <p>Authority to sign the draft SoCG was contained within decision notice PH060, this decision relates to the final SoCG.</p> <p>The purpose of this particular SoCG relates to the Apleyhead Junction Strategic Employment Site Allocation, which is at the junction of the A1 / A56, some 60 km (37 miles) north of Melton Mowbray, and 48km (30 miles) north of Melton Borough Council's boundary at Normanton.</p> <p>The Bassetlaw Local Plan is proposing to meet its general employment need in full by 2038, based on the needs identified</p>

	<p>in the Bassetlaw Housing & Economic Needs Assessment (Nov, 2020) and its addendum undertaken by Icen Projects (May 2022). At Apleyhead, the Plan proposes to allocate 118.7 hectares of land to the east of Workshop at the junction of A1 and A57 for use class B8 (storage or distribution) to meet the needs for large scale sub-regional and regional logistics only in the plan period (100,000sqft – 1,000,000 sqft or more, rather than final mile distribution).</p> <p>The SoCG seeks to gain neighbouring authorities agreement that the scale of operations is appropriate in the context of the scale of Apleyhead.</p> <p>The length of the A1 in Bassetlaw district is seen by the property market as an important location for the logistics sector, evidenced by the Bassetlaw A1 Corridor Logistics Assessment (Aug, 2021) and the Bassetlaw Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (Nov 2020) and its addendum undertaken by Icen Projects (May 2022). The Bassetlaw Local Plan also proposes to meet the housing requirements generated by the additional jobs identified for Apleyhead in the district by 2038. The SoCG seeks agreement of the authorities in the property market area that Bassetlaw intends to meet its housing needs in the district over the Plan Period.</p> <p>The Logistics Assessment identifies a logistics property area which stretches from south Barnsley, to south Nottinghamshire, and from the western side of the M1 corridor to North/South Kesteven in Lincolnshire. This area brushes the top corner of the Melton Borough Council boundary to the north of Normanton (beyond Bottesford).</p> <p>By signing the SoCG the property market area authorities agree that the defined property market as identified within Appendix 2 of the SoCG is appropriate to consider the sub-regional / regional logistics needs for the purposes of the Bassetlaw Local Plan, and that the Apleyhead site as identified in the studies referred to above will be identified as a potential site allocation.</p>
<p>Reason for Decision/Main Considerations</p>	<p>The Statement of Common Ground addresses the ongoing legal duties associated with the Duty to Cooperate. As set out within the evidence detailed within the SoCG, there are no impacts identified within the Bassetlaw Local Plan that will affect Melton Borough Council.</p> <p>Bassetlaw District Council is able to meet all of its housing and employment needs within its plan period to 2018.</p> <p>It is therefore considered that the Statement of Common Ground presented is an accurate reflection of the common ground between authorities for Bassetlaw District Council to proceed with the submission of its Local Plan for examination.</p>
<p>Alternative options rejected</p>	<p>None. If the Council decides not to approve and publish the</p>

	Statement of Common Ground the decision will have a negative impact upon the Council's Duty to Cooperate (a legal duty as set out in the 'legal implications' section below), and consequently will put at risk Bassetlaw District Council's Local Plan.			
Legal implications	<p>Local planning authorities are bound by the statutory duty to cooperate. The duty to cooperate (introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and set out in section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) places a legal duty on local planning authorities and county councils in England, and prescribes public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of local plan preparation (including local plan review and update) in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.</p> <p>Paragraph 27 of the National Planning Policy Framework indicates that the duty to cooperate should be demonstrated through joint preparation of statements of common ground.</p> <p>A record of duty to cooperate agreements, including SoCGs needs to be available in the Authority Monitoring Reports that the Council is publishing on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Statement of Common Ground is not planning policy, but rather a strategic document and therefore the Portfolio holder for Growth and Prosperity has authority to approve.</p> <p>Date:20 June 2022 Deputy Monitoring Officer</p>			
Financial implications	None			
Other implications	None			
Background papers considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 – Draft Statement of Common Ground, Bassetlaw Local Plan A1 Property Market Area (including its appendices) 			
List consultees (Where applicable)		Name	Outcome	Date
	Ward Councillors	N/A		
	Human Resources	N/A		
	Equalities	N/A		
	Communications	N/A		
Confidential Decision?	No			
Call In Waived by Scrutiny Committee Chair? (Under urgency Procedures)	N/A			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet Members?	No			
Cabinet Portfolio Holder Signature	Councillor Rob Bindloss Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity			

	Date: 22 June 2022
Declarations/conflict of interest?	None