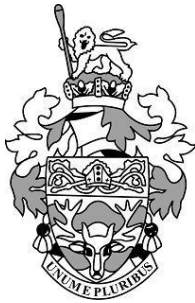


Duty to Co-operate Re-scoping of strategic matters

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the preparation of the new local plan - the Local Plan Update (LPU), Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) previously consulted on a [Duty to Co-operate Statement](#) from 20 April to 18 May 2016. The Document outlined what we consider the key strategic issues to be as well as identifying the bodies we will need to co-operate with for each specific issue. It also identified ways that co-operation already occurs and will occur in the future.
- 1.2 Given the passage of time, we are conscious that circumstances may have changed for our strategic partners (be this governance reorganisation, progress with local plans, etc). WBC considers this to be the opportune time to reaffirm that the strategic matters identified continue to be the correct ones, as well as ensuring that we have identified the correct bodies to co-operate with for each matter.
- 1.3 The purpose of this DtC Re-scoping exercise was therefore to: 1) seek confirmation from all relevant bodies that the strategic matters identified do cross the authority boundary and do affect the prescribed bodies' interests; 2) clarify the scope of each matter with each relevant body and agree any necessary changes; and 3) provide an update on progress and next steps with the LPU. Specific questions we sought responses to are set out at Section 3. The responses to this document will be used to produce a fully updated version of the Duty to Co-operate Statement which will be published alongside future stages of the LPU.
- 1.4 The strategic matters, prescribed bodies they relate to, and the scope of each matter as relevant to each body, is detailed in Table 1. This is intended to provide additional context around what each matter means in the specific Wokingham Borough and wider context.

Background on the Duty to Co-operate

- 1.5 In preparing a local plan, WBC needs to comply with planning legislation relating to co-operation with other bodies on strategic planning matters. The [Localism Act 2011](#) introduced the Duty to Co-operate and places a duty on WBC to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of local plans on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries. [Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#) establishes the Duty to Co-operate in law. This Duty applies to all local planning authorities, county councils and other prescribed bodies or persons as set out at [Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#).
- 1.6 The government published a white paper on planning reform in August 2020 – [Planning for the future - White Paper](#) – and one of its proposals was to remove the Duty to Co-operate. As of October 2021, no timetable had been published for the abolition and replacement of that Duty. Co-operation with other local planning authorities is key to establishing the LPU in the context of the wider economy and environment. WBC is committed to updating its planning policies through the progression of the LPU (see section 2 for previous and next steps) based on the current planning system. Therefore, WBC will continue to co-operate under the Duty as set out in law, policy and guidance.

- 1.7 Further detail on the Duty is set out in the [Duty to Co-operate Statement](#).

2 The Local Plan Update

Progress so far

- 2.1 WBC has carried out various stages of Regulation 18 consultation, as summarised on our [website](#). Most recently, we consulted on a full Draft Plan between 3 February and 3 April 2020. This set out the proposed spatial strategy for the borough to 2036, including proposed allocations for housing and other development, and also contained a full suite of development management policies covering climate change, sustainable transport, affordable housing, biodiversity, flooding and more.
- 2.2 A central plank of the Draft Local Plan (2020) was the creation of a garden town at Grazeley in the west of the borough. This provided an opportunity to create a new community of around 15,000 homes across land within Wokingham Borough and West Berkshire District.
- 2.3 Subsequent to our work and agreeing the Draft Local Plan (2020), a change in legislation resulted in the redetermination of emergency planning arrangements around AWE Burghfield. The redetermination unexpectedly and significantly extended the area where emergency plans must be in place to incorporate for the first time both the area of Grazeley as well as the villages of Three Mile Cross and Spencers Wood within Wokingham Borough. The change resulted in objections to the Grazeley garden town proposal from the Defence Nuclear Organisation (part of the Ministry of Defence) and the Office for Nuclear Regulation. In light of the changed circumstances, the Grazeley garden town proposal, and therefore the strategy proposed by the Draft Local Plan (2020), is no longer achievable.

Next Steps

- 2.4 It is still important that a new local plan is put in place, and following the change in circumstances described above, WBC has been considering potential alternative strategies. Given the circumstances around Grazeley, WBC is consulting on a Revised Growth Strategy between November 2021 and January 2022. All strategic bodies will have been notified.
- 2.5 The majority of policies contained within the Draft Local Plan (2020) are not impacted on by the move to a revised strategy, and therefore the revised growth strategy consultation focusses primarily on the areas of change. That is policies relating to the amount of development required and how this is proposed to be met across the borough, including the land proposed to be specifically allocated to achieve this.
- 2.6 Views on the updated approach will be considered and used to confirm our proposed spatial strategy and Regulation 19 local plan which we will consult on next year.

3 What we sought your views on

- 3.1 Table 1 below contains all the identified strategic matters, relevant authorities and prescribed bodies, and identifies which matters are considered relevant for co-operation between WBC and each body.
- 3.2 Table 1 has been updated to reflect the new combined Buckinghamshire authority. Any strategic matter previously identified for a former district authority within Buckinghamshire has been added against Buckinghamshire Council. It has also been updated with the specific strategic matter of 'Development allocations (all types)'. This is to reflect progress with the LPU and to highlight the specific need to co-operate (mainly with adjoining authorities and statutory bodies) on development allocations and their potential impacts.
- 3.3 As per the previous scoping of the DtC issues, Table 1 does not include minerals and waste as a strategic matter. Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and WBC have been preparing a separate [Joint Central and Eastern Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan](#) which has now undergone public examination. Co-operation on minerals and waste matters has been picked up through the separate local plan process.
- 3.4 WBC invited views on this Duty to Co-operate Re-scoping Statement from 14 October and 1 November. Responses were sought to the following questions:
 - a) Have all the strategic matters which could have a significant impact on at least two planning areas in the preparation of the LPU been correctly identified in Table 1?
 - b) Have the relevant authorities and prescribed bodies that WBC needs to engage with to maximise the effectiveness of its planning policies been identified?
 - c) Have the right strategic matters for liaison with your authority / organisation been identified and is the scope correct?
 - d) If not, what matters would you like to add or remove and how would you change the scope?
- 3.5 As set out above, the purpose of this engagement was to double check what we have previously engaged the prescribed bodies on.
- 3.6 Table 2 sets out all the responses received to the re-scoping consultation and the actions taken. Where additions have been made to Table 1 as a result of comments, this has been shown as **bold and underlined**. Conversely, where deletions have been made based on comments, this is shown as ~~struckthrough~~.

Table 1	Strategic Theme															
	Housing, employment and economic development					Infrastructure provision					Natural and historic environment, biodiversity and climate change					
	Housing need and supply	Gypsy and Travellers, travelling show people	Supply of employ-ment land	Town centre and retail	Development allocations (all types)	Education	Health facilities	Utilities and infrastructure	Flood risk	Strategic transport links	Biodiversity including Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area & Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Landscape including Greenbelt	Atomic Weapons Establishment Consultation zones	Historic environment	Open Space	Climate change
Organisation																
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision as appropriate	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area		✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the CCG)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications (i.e. development within Basingstoke and Deane) of development on flood risk (River Loddon)	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations (primarily A33)	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to water quality (nitrates and phosphorous issue)	✓ Strategic landscape planning issues, Incl. Local Recovery Networks.	✓ Implications of potential allocations (cumulatively) within the OCZ	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary		✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust											✓ Implications of development on habitats / wildlife conservation	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character				✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have nature conservation implications
Berkshire Local Nature Partnership									✓ Implications of development on flood risk		✓ Implications of development on nature conservation	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character				✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have nature conservation implications
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs (including potential for future unmet need arising from Reading Borough) and its spatial distribution within the HMA and potentially beyond	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising within the FEMA.	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the CCG)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the TBH SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership) and implications of development on cross-boundary ecological assets	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character		✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Buckinghamshire Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision as appropriate	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the relevant CCGs)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk (particularly River Thames)	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations (including Crossrail)	✓ Implications of development on cross-boundary ecological assets e.g. Temple Island Meadows SSSI	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character		✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary

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Centrica/British Gas								✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity / planned upgrades								
Civil Aviation Authority										✓ Implications of development proposals for tall structures / wind turbines as relevant						
Ealing Council										✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations (principally the M4 and Crossrail)						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Elmbridge Borough Council											✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA and the resultant effects on commuting patterns / jobs		✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area							✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have an impact on the economy
Environment Agency					✓ Flood risk implications of proposed development allocations			✓ Sufficiency of flood infrastructure capacity	✓ Flood risk implications of proposed development allocations and flood alleviation measures		✓ Implications of development on the ecological value around watercourses					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have an impact on flooding and the natural environment
Great Western Railway										✓ Implications of development on rail movement and potential need for						

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										station / service upgrades						
Guildford Borough Council											✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Hampshire County Council						✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the relevant CCGs)			✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Hart District Council and East Hampshire District Council (<i>East Hampshire District Council has previously had planning policy responsibility for Hart District</i>)	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision as appropriate	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the relevant CCGs)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership) and implications of development on cross-boundary ecological assets	✓ Implications of development on landscape character		✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Hillingdon Council										✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations (principally the M4)						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Historic England														✓ Heritage implications of proposed developments and policy responses		

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Homes England	✓ Meeting housing needs especially via strategic site delivery	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. as part of strategic mixed communities														
London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP)	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA and the resultant effects on commuting patterns / jobs		✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area							✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have an impact on the economy
Marine Management Organisation																
Mayor of London	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA							✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity		✓ Implications of development on movement (including via rail) and potential mitigations						
Mole Valley District Council											✓ Implications of development on nature conservation including Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA					
National Grid								✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity and necessary upgrades								
National Highways										✓ Implications of development on the strategic road network						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have traffic / modal choice implications
National Rail										✓ Implications of development on rail movement and potential need for						

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										station / service upgrades						
Natural England									✓ Flood risk implications of proposed development allocations and associated ecological / natural environment impacts		✓ Implications of development on nature conservation including Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA				✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space (including SANG sufficiency)	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have nature conservation implications
NHS England	✓ Implications of housing need and supply for health provision					No longer considered relevant – please provide an explanation if you disagree	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development – strategic coordination									
NHS Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group	✓ Implications of housing need and supply for health provision					No longer considered relevant – please provide an explanation if you disagree	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development and spatial consideration of new provision			No longer considered relevant – please provide an explanation if you disagree						
Office for Nuclear Regulation													✓ Implications of potential allocations (cumulatively) within the DEPZ and OCZ or 12 km zone, or that otherwise meets special case development criteria			
Office of Rail and Road										✓ Implications of development on rail movement and strategic road network (link to Network Rail and National Highways)						
Oxford City Council										✓ Implications of development on movement (including via rail) and potential mitigations						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic

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																implications beyond administrative boundaries
Oxfordshire County Council					✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development			✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement (including via rail) and potential mitigations including consensus on new cross Thames Route				✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary		✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Oxfordshire 2050	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision as appropriate	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the relevant CCGs)		✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations		✓ Implications of housing or transport development on landscape character, including Chiltern's AONB.		✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary		✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Oxfordshire LEP	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA and the resultant effects on commuting patterns / jobs		✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area							✓ Implications of development on movement (including via rail) and potential mitigations including consensus on new cross Thames Route						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have an impact on the economy
Reading Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs (including potential for future unmet need arising from Reading Borough) and its spatial distribution within the HMA and potentially beyond	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising within the FEMA.	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the CCG)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character relating to exceptional circumstances should they arise	✓ Implications of potential allocations (cumulatively) within the DEPZ and OCZ	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	✓ Meeting needs (including potential for future unmet need arising from Reading Borough) and its spatial distribution within the adjoining HMAs and potentially beyond	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising within the FEMA.	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the CCG)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership) and implications of	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character			✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary

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											development on cross-boundary ecological assets					
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds											✓ Implications of development on bird habitats / conservation					
Runnymede Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA										✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Rushmoor Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA		✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area								✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Scotia Gas Networks (SGN)								✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity / planned upgrades								✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have energy infrastructure implications
Scottish & Southern Energy								✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity / planned upgrades								
Slough Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising within the FEMA.	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.		✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the CCG			✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations (including Crossrail)	No longer considered relevant – please provide an explanation if you disagree	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes				✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries

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South East Water								✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity / planned upgrades								
South Oxfordshire District Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision as appropriate	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the relevant CCGs)		✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations		✓ Implications of housing or transport development on landscape character, including Chiltern's AONB.		✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary		✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
South Western Railway										✓ Implications of development on rail movement and potential need for station / service upgrades						
Spelthorne Borough Council											✓ Implications of development on nature conservation including Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA					
Sport England															✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space and sports pitches	
Surrey Heath Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA		✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area						✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk (particularly River Blackwater)		✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Surrey County Council										✓ Implications of development on movement and	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to					✓ Implications of potential policy responses to

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										potential mitigations	recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)					climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Thames Valley Berkshire LEP	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA and the resultant effects on commuting patterns / jobs		✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising within the FEMA.	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations within the Berkshire area.						✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations / strategic interventions						✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Thames Water								✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity / planned upgrades								
Transport for London										✓ Implications of development on strategic road and rail movement and potential need for station / service upgrades						
<u>Transport for the South East</u>										✓ <u>Implications of development on strategic road and rail movement and potential need for strategic transport interventions / upgrades</u>						
Vale of White Horse District Council			✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the functional area													✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Waverley Borough Council											✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint					✓ <u>Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond</u>

	Housing need and supply	Gypsy and Travellers, travelling show people	Supply of employment land	Town centre and retail	Development allocations (all types)	Education	Health facilities	Utilities and infrastructure	Flood risk	Strategic transport links	Biodiversity including Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area & Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Landscape including Greenbelt	Atomic Weapons Establishment Consultation zones	Historic environment	Open Space	Climate change
											Strategic Partnership)					administrative boundaries
West Berkshire District Council	✓ Meeting needs (including potential for future unmet need arising from Reading Borough) and its spatial distribution within the HMA and potentially beyond	✓ Meeting needs for permanent pitches inc. consideration of any unmet needs; consideration of cross-boundary transit provision	✓ Meeting needs for employment land inc. consideration of any unmet needs arising within the FEMA.	✓ Implications of development in existing and new centres and out of centre locations on the catchment of relevant centres in each authority.	✓ Cross-boundary implications of potential allocations (not otherwise picked up under other strategic issues)	✓ Sufficiency of school places and cross-boundary travel implications arising from new residential development	✓ Sufficiency of health care capacity arising from residential development (link to the CCG)	✓ Sufficiency of utility capacity	✓ Down stream implications of development on flood risk	✓ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations	✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes and landscape character relating to exceptional circumstances should they arise	✓ Implications of potential allocations (cumulatively) within the DEPZ and OCZ	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the significance of heritage assets located close to the shared administrative boundary	✓ Implications of potential allocations on the sufficiency of open space	✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications close to the shared administrative boundary
Wiltshire Council										✗ Implications of development on movement and potential mitigations (principally the M4)						✗ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries
Woking Borough Council	✓ Meeting needs including consideration of any unmet needs arising from within the HMA										✓ Co-ordinated mitigation in response to recreational pressures on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (link to the Joint Strategic Partnership)	✓ Implications of development on Green Belt purposes				✓ Implications of potential policy responses to climate change which have land, character or traffic implications beyond administrative boundaries

Table 2 - Summary of consultation responses

Respondent	Response summary	WBC response
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	Agree that the issues are raised cross boundary issues and many of these were discussed at our last Duty to Co-operate meeting held as part of Basingstoke and Deane's Issues and Options consultation. The only further issue that should be considered would be landscape given the move to strategic landscape planning e.g Local Recovery Networks etc. This is a topic to keep on the radar as this develops further.	Noted. Change made. Basingstoke and Deane BC has been added to Table 1 as a key co-operation body for landscape with scope defined.
Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust	Agree that the correct strategic matters and relevant authorities and prescribed bodies have been identified. Request that the additional matters of "landscape including green belt" and "Climate change" be added as co-operation matters given their potential implications on nature conservation/biodiversity.	Noted. Change made. BBOWT has been added to Table 1 as a key co-operation body for landscape and climate change with scope defined.
Berkshire Local Nature Partnership	Agree that the correct strategic matters and relevant authorities and prescribed bodies have been identified and the correct matters for co-operation between the two organisations have also been identified.	Noted. No change required.
Guilford Borough Council	Agreement that the key strategic issue affecting both authorities is the SPA and that cooperation on this matter is undertaken through the JSPB. Whilst we acknowledge that Climate Change is an issue that spans across a very wide area, we consider that actual cooperation between our authorities on this matter is likely to be limited. To respond effectively to Climate Change requires all LPAs to positively address this issue within all emerging development plan documents.	Noted. Climate change retained for completeness.
National Highways	Agreement that the correct strategic matters have been identified for co-operation between the two organisations. Additional comments that Highways England remain concerned about the potential cumulative impacts from growth in both Bracknell and Wokingham on the M4 motorway, especially on M4 Junction 10 and welcome continued engagement with all partners to ensure growth can be delivered sustainably.	Noted. No change required.
National Rail	No comments.	Noted.
Natural England	No comment.	Noted.
Office for Nuclear Regulation	Agreement with strategic matter identified but suggestions to broaden the scope. ONR has recently introduced additional consultation zones around nuclear sites. In addition to the DEPZ and OCZ, we now have a 12 km consultation zone and also request consultation on special cases of development. Please find details of these on our website (ONR - Land use planning). Please note that the new zones have quite specific consultation criteria, and are unlikely to represent a significant additional burden. Recommended amendment: updated "Implications of potential allocations (cumulatively) within the DEPZ and OCZ" to "Implications of potential allocations (cumulatively) within the DEPZ, OCZ, or 12 km zone, or that otherwise meets special case development criteria".	Noted. Change made. Scope of Atomic Weapons Establishment Consultation zones issues widened as per suggestion.
Oxfordshire County Council	Agreement regarding the matters of strategic transport links and climate change being strategic issues affecting the two authorities. Request that the additional matters of Development allocations (all types); Education; Flood risk; and Historic environment also be reflected. There should be continued cooperative discussions between Oxfordshire two-tier and Berkshire unitary authorities to understand the future spatial implications of proposed developments and cross-boundary strategic issues such as in relation to climate change action, innovation, strategic infrastructure, river catchments, air quality, affordable housing, Gypsy and Traveller provision. We suggest an officer meeting every six months. These wide-ranging meetings would be in addition to specific meetings on matters of particular interest such as the 3rd Thames Crossing at Reading and secondary school planning.	Noted. Change made. Oxford County Council added to Table 1 as a key co-operation body for Development allocations (all types); Education; Flood risk; and Historic environment with scope defined.

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	Agree that the correct strategic matters and relevant authorities and prescribed bodies have been identified and the correct matters for co-operation between the two organisations have also been identified.	Noted. No change required.
Runnymede	Confirmation that WBC has correctly identified the strategic matters that could impact on Runnymede Borough in this document.	Noted. No change required.
Scotia Gas Networks	At the time of your last edition SGN would have been covered under Scottish & Southern Energy as they were the major shareholder in SGN, however SSE have recently dispensed with their shares in SGN and have sold their holdings to other parties. SGN (Scotia Gas Networks) should now be an additional entry in its own right, the main area for co-operation would be “Utilities and Infrastructure” & “Climate change policy”	Noted. Change made. SGN added as consultation body to Table 1 with “Utilities and Infrastructure” & “Climate change policy”
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse	Agreement that the strategic matters have been accurately identified. Recommendation that Oxfordshire Plan 2050 team be added to the list of relevant prescribed bodies. Support the addition of Gypsy and Traveller provision as a DtC matter for South Oxfordshire. Reiterated comments to the Draft Plan consultation that WBC needs to demonstrate all options have been explored to meet its own need in the first instance, including allocating pitches as part of mixed use strategic developments. Request that WBC demonstrate evidence of GRT route(s) from Wokingham borough into and across South Oxfordshire. Noted that a new GTAA is being prepared as part of the Oxfordshire 2050 process. Request that landscape be identified as a cross boundary issue given Wokingham’s northern boundary with South Oxfordshire is close to the Chiltern’s AONB in parts. Reiterated comments made to the Draft Plan consultation re the potential Third Thames Crossing and the need to consider more sustainable approaches for tackling congestion in light of recent declared Climate Emergencies.	Noted. Changes made. Oxfordshire 2050 added to the list of prescribed bodies with strategic matters assumed to be the same as the closest Oxfordshire authority (South Oxfordshire). South Oxfordshire has been added to Table 1 as a key co-operation body for landscape with scope defined.
Surrey Heath Borough Council	Agreement that the identified strategic cross boundary matters are appropriate between the two authorities. I would also advise that Surrey Heath Borough Council updated its DtC Scoping Framework in 2020 and consulted Wokingham Borough at that time. The 2020 revised Surrey Heath DtC Framework also identifies Wokingham Borough as a relevant cross boundary partner under the ‘Flooding’ matter due to the shared links with the Blackwater River and for consistency would suggest that this is considered in WBCs DtC Framework.	Noted. Change made. Surrey Heath BC has been added to Table 1 as a key co-operation body for flooding risk with scope defined.
Thames Valley Berkshire LEP	Agreement that the correct strategic matters have been identified. Noted that Network Rail has been included – should South Western Rail/ Great Western Railway also be included? Similarly, should Transport for the South East (TfSE), our sub national transport body, of which Wokingham BC is a member, be included under an area such as strategic infrastructure links?	Noted. Changes made. TFSE, South Western Railway and Great Western Railway added to Table 1 as DtC bodies against ‘Strategic transport links’.
Transport for London	Agreement that the correct strategic matters have been identified.	Noted.
Waverley Borough Council	Agreement that ‘Biodiversity including Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area & Sites of Special Scientific Interest’ remains a strategic matter that the two councils should continue to co-operate upon. Additionally, due to the global nature of climate change we would query whether this matter should also be added. However, we would question how in practice what Wokingham and Waverley would work together on to deliver under the duty.	Noted. Change made. Waverley BC has been added to Table 1 as a key co-operation body for climate change with scope defined.
West Berkshire Borough Council	Agreement that all of the strategic matters have been correctly identified in Table 1. Also agreement that the relevant bodies and prescribed bodies that Wokingham Borough Council needs to engage with have been identified.	Noted. While there is no Green Belt within or adjacent to West Berkshire, in the unforeseen circumstance that WBC will need to demonstrate exceptional circumstances, co-operation will be needed with West Berkshire around opportunities for unmet need to be met elsewhere in

	<p>In relation to the strategic matters for liaison with West Berkshire Council, we would highlight that a potential shortage of sites for offices in West Berkshire has been identified. However we are currently working through the evidence to determine what the extent of any unmet need is.</p> <p>In addition, under the column 'Landscape' in Table 1 it refers to 'implications of development on Green Belt purposes'. There is no Green Belt land within or adjacent to West Berkshire district.</p>	the HMA prior to exceptional circumstances being justified. Clarification added to table and retained for completeness.
Wiltshire Council	Consider there to be no identified cross boundary issues at present between the two authorities and do not consider Wiltshire needs to be referenced in the statement.	Noted. Wiltshire removed as DtC partner.