

North Warwickshire Borough Council Local Plan Examination
Matter Statement of Birmingham City Council
Matter 1: The Duty to Co-operate ('DtC')

1.1 Has the LP been prepared in accordance with the DtC?

1.2 Have appropriate strategic cross boundary matters been identified?

1.3 Have relevant local planning authorities and bodies prescribed in Regulation 4 engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis?

1.4 What are the remaining areas of dispute between relevant bodies?

1.5 What outcomes have resulted from the DtC?

1.6 Has exercising the DtC maximised the effectiveness of addressing strategic cross boundary matters?

1. The Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) (adopted January 2017) identifies an OAN of 89,000 dwellings and a shortfall of 37,900 dwellings over the period 2011–31. Policy PG1 of the BDP states:

“Policy PG1: Overall levels of growth

Over the Plan period significant levels of housing, employment, office and retail development will be planned for and provided along with supporting infrastructure and environmental enhancements.

- *51,100 additional homes.*
- *2 Regional Investment Sites of 20 and 25 ha and a 71 ha employment site at Peddimore.*
- *A minimum 5 year reservoir of 96 ha of land for employment use.*
- *About 350,000 sq.m. gross of comparison retail floorspace by 2026.*
- *A minimum of 745,000 sq.m. gross of office floorspace in the network of centres primarily focussed on the City Centre.*
- *New waste facilities to increase recycling and disposal capacity and minimise the amount of waste sent directly to landfill.*

Birmingham’s objectively assessed housing need for the period 2011 to 2031 is 89,000 additional homes, including about 33,800 affordable dwellings. It is not possible to deliver all of this additional housing within the City boundary. The City Council will continue to

work actively with neighbouring Councils through the Duty to Co-operate to ensure that appropriate provision is made elsewhere within the Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area to meet the shortfall of 37,900 homes, including about 14,400 affordable dwellings, within the Plan period. Policy TP48 provides further details on this.”

2. Policy PG1 and TP48 require Birmingham City Council (BCC) to work with other authorities in the Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area (GBBCHMA) to address this shortfall. BCC has worked closely with North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC) and this has culminated in the signing of a MoU (Appendix D to NWBC4, the Duty to Cooperate Paper), whereby NWBC commits to meeting 3,790 of the shortfall.
3. BCC and NWBC have also worked with the other local authorities GBBCHMA and have recently jointly published a Strategic Growth Study (2018, GL Hearn / Wood) (CD8/23).
4. This document sets parameters for housing need in the GBBCHMA and compares them with latest supply estimates and then proceeds to identify options for addressing the shortfall. GBBCHMA local authorities are in the process of finalising a statement of common ground based on the SGS, which will be submitted to the examination as soon as possible.
5. It is BCC's view that NWBC has fully complied with the Duty to Cooperate and can confirm that there are no outstanding areas of dispute.