

Updated information in relation to the ‘Duty to Cooperate’

This is a statement requested by the Planning Inspector to update the Council’s position on issues identified within the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ responses. Below is a list of responses received in order, as set out within the Statement of Compliance response SRE001a.

The Council is satisfied that there are no outstanding responses to the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ having recently received a statement from Lancashire County Council Transport Authority.

The Environment Agency

The Environment Agency submitted a response to the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ stipulating that they are satisfied that the Council has fully cooperated with them in the process of preparing the Plan. The only outstanding issue is that due to the Flood Zone 3 on Site P, they have requested to be involved in the masterplanning process, which the authority considers to be highly appropriate. There are no outstanding issues.

English Heritage

English Heritage submitted a response to the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ stating that they consider they have been suitably engaged in the process and that there are no outstanding issues.

Natural England

Natural England submitted a response to the ‘Duty to Cooperate’ confirming that they had been consulted at all stages of the Plan process and that they are satisfied in relation to the Duty to Cooperate and the production of the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment process. There are no outstanding issues.

The Homes and Communities Agency

The HCA confirmed they have had extensive involvement during the preparation of the Plan and been involved in numerous meetings relating to site specific issues and the broader principles of the Plan. In conclusion they are satisfied that the authority has complied with the Duty to Cooperate and have sent a letter confirming this in writing. There are no outstanding issues.

Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust

The authority has been in discussion with the PCT/NHS through the preparation of both the Central Lancashire Core Strategy and the South Ribble Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD. As well as being involved in the preparation of a Health Impact Assessment for both of these DPDs. The PCT/NHS is satisfied that the authority has complied with the Duty to Cooperate. Additional comments relate to the need to recognise that the PCT is only in existence until March 2013 and alternative consultation mechanisms will need to be taken forward in the future. There are no outstanding issues.

Transport and Highways Authority

The authority has received confirmation from the Lancashire County Council Transport and Highways Authority to confirm that they have been involved with the process satisfactorily. LCC raised particular issues throughout the representation process which have now been ratified through a Statement of Common Ground between LCC and the Borough Council. There was one outstanding issue raised during the hearings with respect to the Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan needing additional coverage in the Plan in the paragraphs relating to Pickering's Farm. The Council has proposed an additional minor amendment to address this particular concern. There are no outstanding issues.

Lancashire Economic Partnership (LEP)

The Council have received confirmation from the LEP that they have been involved in discussions relating to the Plan, in particular with reference to the Enterprise Zone at Samlesbury. The LEP do not have any outstanding concerns.

Neighbouring Authorities

Fylde Borough Council

The Council have received two forms of correspondence from Fylde Borough Council in relation to the Duty to Cooperate. One was a letter which stated that Fylde Borough Council was content that they had been consulted on the preparation of the Plan and had been involved in discussing strategic issues affecting Lancashire. Another was an email discussing the need to safeguard land within South Ribble for a new junction of the M55 to connect to the M65. This aspiration is noted within the Central Lancashire Transport and Highways Masterplan and relates to a scheme post 2026. As a result it is not considered appropriate to conclude on the outcomes of this aspiration at this stage.

There was also the issue of discussion raised on joint working in terms of the Ribble Coast and Wetlands Regional Park. This is an interesting point and it has been agreed that this will be raised at a DPOG meeting which includes all Lancashire authorities who would have an interest in the Ribble Coast and Wetlands Regional Park.

Chorley Borough Council

The Council have received confirmation from Chorley Borough Council to state that they are satisfied that the Council has fully cooperated with them on strategic planning issues. Joint working between Chorley and Preston authorities has been ongoing for a period of years as a result of the joint working on the Central Lancashire Core Strategy and associated evidence base documents and policy guidance. There are no outstanding issues.

Preston City Council

Preston City Council has confirmed that the Council has fully cooperated with them on strategic issues in relation to the Plan. Joint working between Chorley and Preston authorities has been ongoing for a period of years as a result of the joint working on the Central Lancashire Core Strategy and associated evidence base documents and policy guidance. There are no outstanding issues.

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Ribble Valley Borough Council is content that they have been involved in the strategic issues of the Plan, especially in relation to the Enterprise Zone and joint working on these issues through the creation of a Local Development Order (LDO). There are no outstanding issues.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

The Council has received confirmation from Blackburn with Darwen that they have been consulted throughout the preparation of the Plan and that they have no outstanding strategic concerns.

West Lancashire Borough Council

The Council has received acknowledgement from West Lancashire Borough Council stating that the Council has complied fully with strategic issues through the Duty to Cooperate and that they are satisfied that there are no outstanding issues the Council needs to consider.

Lancashire County Council

The County Council have provided the Council with a letter stating that they consider the Duty to Cooperate on strategic matters has been met. There were a number of issues raised in relation to Minerals and Waste issues and these have been met through the recent Statement of Common Ground produced between Lancashire County Council and the Borough Council. There are no outstanding issues.

The statement of compliance does not detail specific paragraphs on the other organisations outlined below the Council are required to cooperate with. Below are a series of paragraphs confirming that the Duty to Cooperate has been undertaken and that there are no outstanding concerns.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Organisation

The Council has received a statement from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue stating that the Council have complied with the Duty to Cooperate on strategic issues with their organisation. There are no outstanding concerns.

Coal Authority

The Council has received correspondence from the Coal Authority stating that they are content that the Duty to Cooperate has been fully complied with on strategic issues and there are no outstanding concerns.

United Utilities (UU)

The Council has received communication from United Utilities stating that they would like to further develop the working relationship that they have built with South Ribble Borough Council. UU are satisfied that the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate have been met and that they have been involved in considering strategic issues in relation to the Plan and specifically the location and scale of residential development in the borough. There are no outstanding concerns.

Better together, South Ribble Partnership

The Council has received confirmation from the Better Together, South Ribble Partnership and can confirm that the Duty to Cooperate has been successfully undertaken between themselves and the Council in relation to strategic issues through the development of the Plan. There are no outstanding concerns.

Highways Agency

The Highways Agency can confirm that they have been fully involved in the process of preparing the Plan and have supplied the Council with confirmation that they have been involved in the Duty to Cooperate. There are no outstanding concerns.

Network Rail

Network Rail has provided evidence that the Council has complied with the Duty to Cooperate. They have also prepared a Statement of Common Ground with the Council which has been submitted to the Inspector. There are no outstanding issues.

Sport England

The Council has received a statement from Sport England setting out how they have been involved in the preparation of the Plan and how the Council has complied with the Duty to Cooperate. Additionally Sport England has set out how they have been involved with evidence base documents that have informed the Plan, such as the Open Space Study and Playing Pitch Strategy.

Office of Rail Regulation

The Council has received confirmation from the Office of Rail Regulation that they have complied with the Duty to Cooperate and that there are no outstanding issues.

Civil Aviation Authority

The Council has received confirmation from the Civil Aviation Authority that they have complied with the Duty to Cooperate and that there are no outstanding issues.

The Council can confirm that it has received letters from all organisations that it is required to fulfil the Duty to Cooperate with. These are referenced as SRE001b and CD2.4.