

# Eastbourne Local Plan 2018-2038- Statements of Common Ground – Heads of Terms - October 2019

## Introduction

The Localism Act 2011 places a duty on local planning authorities and other prescribed bodies to cooperate with each other on strategic planning matters relevant to their areas. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) reiterates this duty.

The duty to cooperate requires ongoing constructive and active engagement on the preparation of development plan documents and other activities relating to sustainable development and the use of land. In particular it applies to strategic planning matters where they affect more than one local planning authority area.

Statements of Common Ground in support of the Council's Duty to Cooperate, will, in due course, provide the evidence of how the duty has been complied with. In preparation for the Statements of Common Ground, Heads of Terms are proposed within this document. The purpose at this stage is to identify the strategic cross-boundary areas that require cooperation with other public bodies and organisations.

A key requirement for the future Statements of Common Ground is to identify the anticipated or sought outcomes; therefore for every cross boundary 'issue' listed under each of the Heads of Terms, both the Duty to Cooperate bodies as well as the proposed outputs have been identified.

## Functional Spatial Geography

Map 1: Outline of Functional Geography of the Plan Area

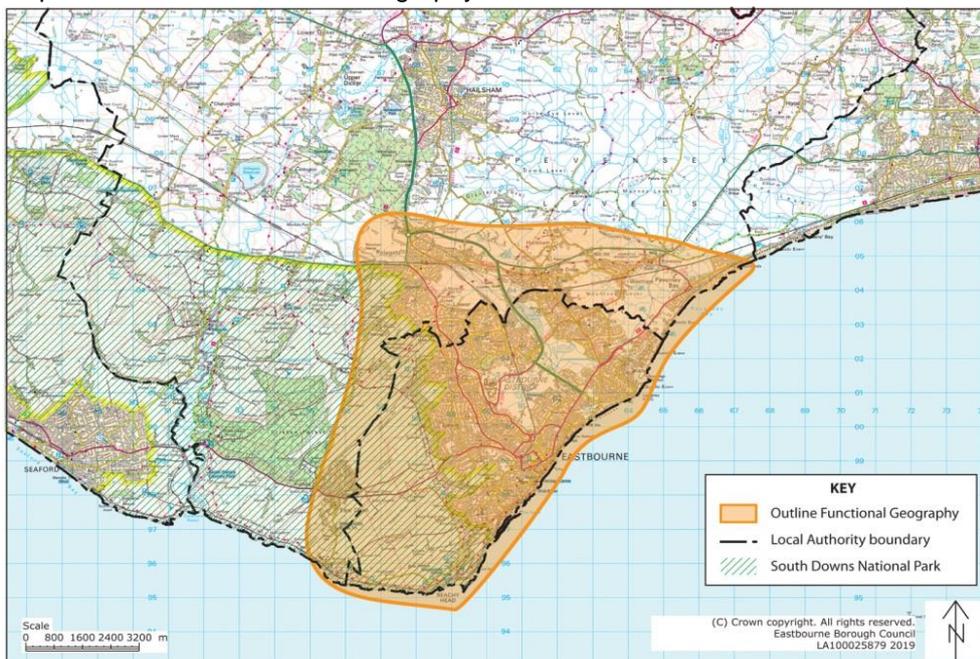


Table 1: Functional Geography Cross-boundary Matters

Functional element	DtC Authority	Outputs
Employment	WDC	Agree EBC shortfall and complementary policy approach
Housing	WDC	Agree EBC shortfall and complementary policy approach
Leisure and retail	WDC	Policy alignment & strategic sequential approach
Tourism	SDNPA	Complimentary policy
Green infrastructure	SDNPA	Complimentary policy
Visual links	SDNPA	Shared evidence base & complimentary policy

### Strategic Infrastructure

Table 2: Strategic Infrastructure

Infrastructure Type	DtC Authority	Outputs
Transport	ESCC, WDC, RDC, LDC	Joint IDP
Public Transport	ESCC, WDC	Joint IDP
Cycling & Walking	WDC, SDNPA	Joint IDP
Education	WDC, ESCC	Joint IDP
Flood Storage & SuDS	EA, PCWLMB, ESCC, WDC	Agreed approach Aligned policy
Flood Defences	EA	Policy approach agreement
Community Infrastructure	WDC	Complementary policy approach

### Habitat Regulations Assessment

Table 3: Strategic Cross-boundary HRA Matters

European Designated Site	Impact Pathway	DtC Authority	Outputs
Ashdown Forest SAC	Air quality	WDC, SDNPA, LDC, TWBC, MSDC, TDC, CBC, SDC, RDC, ESCC, WSCC, NE.	Modelling of impacts, agreed strategic approach
Lewes Downs SAC	Air quality	WDC, SDNPA, LDC, TWBC, MSDC, TDC, CBC, SDC, RDC, ESCC, WSCC, NE.	Modelling of impacts, agreed strategic approach
Pevensey Levels SAC	Water quality	WDC, RDC	Assessment of impacts, agreed strategic approach

## Climate Change

Table 4: Strategic Climate Change Issues

Issue	DtC Authority	Outcomes
Energy efficiency	LDC, WDC	Coordinated, aligned policy approach
Renewable energy generation	WDC, SDNPA	Supportive, aligned policy approach
Modal shift	ESCC, WDC, LDC, RDC	Partnership approach to drive step change, coordinated policy approach

## Duty to Cooperate Diary

It is considered helpful to ensure that all efforts made to achieve the above outputs are well documented; such that in the event agreement on outputs cannot be reached for particular issues, the endeavours and subsequent results of those endeavours can be clearly assessed. The table below presents the Duty to Cooperate Diary for the plan-making process to date.

Table 5: Duty to Cooperate Diary Eastbourne Local Plan 2018-2038

Date	Item	Purpose	Informal comments
17.07.2019	Letter to SDNPA	partnership working functional links within the borough	Positive response and agreement to work jointly on the functional links
05.08.2019 – 06.09.2019	Early Consultation on Vision, Options and Infrastructure requirements (infrastructure providers and neighbouring authorities)	Invitation to comment on the draft vision and some high level options for housing spatial strategy and distribution. Feedback to be used to further refine the options ahead of the Issues and Options consultation.	WDC provided full and detailed response to the vision and options, particular reference to density. SDNPA provided a high level response. ESCC provided information on road transport infrastructure.
16/09/2019	Transport Modelling Workshop  Invites: ESCC, WDC, LDC, SDNPA, HE	1. To present scoping work to date and what future work will be required to deliver a transport model; and 2. To understand the transport issues/concerns around the local area and where the pressures are – both today and the future issues being. To gain local insight and knowledge so we could ensure any future modelling work could	Feedback from stakeholders suggested the extent of the proposed model (shown on slide 24 of the presentation) should be extended east and west to cover an area bounded by Peacehaven and Lewes to the west, Hellingly to the north and Windmill Hill and the A259 to the east. Minutes of the Workshop shared with attendees and covered input on general,

		accurately capture the transport issues in the area.	highway, public transport, walking and cycling, and parking matters.
18/09/2019	SEA Scoping Report – early sight email: WDC, SDNPA, ESCC	To provide authorities within the identified functional spatial geography an opportunity for early sight/input (prior to Regulation 18 consultation) to the key issues and SA Framework	No comments received to date
01/10/2019	SDNPA Walking Tour Eastbourne Downs	To consider the setting and visual interconnectivity of SDNP, the functional linkages – green infrastructure, biodiversity, tourism	Positive session identifying important aspects of the functional linkages and areas for further work. Received constructive email from Policy Manager further to the tour.
11/10/2019	WDC MoU Meeting	To progress the MoU to reach agreement on functional geography issues for the Plan and shared evidence base requirements	
17/10/2019	AFWG Meeting	HRA strategic working group set up in 2017 to address air quality impacts on Ashdown Forest and latterly to include Lewes Downs SAC. Aims to ensure a consistent approach to assessment of impacts and coordinated approach to addressing issues	Postponed due to the awaited Inspector's report on WDC Local Plan including HRA, legal compliance and strategic issues not yet issued. This report is likely to provide a strong position on HRA matters fundamental to the group's work.