



Winchester Local Plan

Matter 1 Hearing Statement

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MATTER 1: PROCEDURAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Issue: Whether all Statutory and Regulatory requirements have been met?

Duty to Cooperate

1. Is there clear evidence that the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies in accordance with section 33A of the 2004 Act, in respect of strategic matters with cross-boundary impacts considered through the preparation of the Plan?
 - 1.1.1 Gladman would agree that there is evidence to demonstrate ongoing engagement with neighbouring authorities, the Partnership of South Hampshire (PfSH) has a good track record of joint working, we would however query how effective this has been in terms of outcomes and the wider unmet housing needs of the sub-region.
 - 1.1.2 This has been a longstanding issue that has never been fully addressed in a plan making cycle, in part due to the different timelines of each of the constituent authorities of PfSH and changing national guidance on calculating housing needs.
 - 1.1.3 In the case of the Winchester Local Plan, there is compelling evidence of unmet housing needs in neighbouring authorities that could be greater addressed through this plan.