



Report

# Telford & Wrekin Local Plan Examination

Matter Two Hearing Statement

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## 2. Matter 2: Duty to Co-operate & Relationship to Other Plan Areas

### 2.1 Has the Council satisfied the Duty to Co-operate set out in section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

2.1.1 The Homes and Communities Agency is a prescribed body under the Localism Act 2011 and, as such, is considered to play a key role in the delivery of local aspirations. There is therefore an expectation for the local planning authority and HCA to engage in joint working arrangements on strategic issues, such as the homes and jobs needed in the area.

2.1.2 The HCA and Telford & Wrekin Council ('The Council') have engaged in relation to a number of matters, which together will help to deliver strategic housing requirements. This has involved a number of meetings to discuss the strategic approach to the delivery of development across the Borough to support aspirations for growth, as well as the ability of HCA land to support this strategic growth. This includes discussion both around housing and employment growth.

2.1.3 The HCA has also engaged with the Council to discuss wider issues of draft policies in earlier draft versions of the Local Plan and how these may impact on the delivery of development in the Borough over the plan period. These meetings have shaped the policies in the Local Plan to the point where the Agency considers that its policies are supportive, and not restrictive, of the delivery of sustainable development within the Borough.

2.1.4 A number of meetings have taken place between the HCA and the Council confirming the HCA's position on the duty to co-operate.

2.2 The HCA make no comment in relation to Q2.2.