

WBC/20: Woking Borough Council LDF Core Strategy Examination

Duty to Co-operate – further information: Emails from Neighbouring LPA's re Housing

This is supplementary to WBC/01 - Duty to Co-operate in Relation to Planning of Sustainable Development and has been prepared at the request of the Inspector following Hearing One, Matter One.

This document includes correspondence from Woking's neighbouring authorities regarding the new Duty to Co-operate, which was introduced by the Localism Act 2011:

1. Guildford Borough Council
2. Elmbridge Borough Council
3. Runnymede Borough Council
4. Surrey Heath Borough Council
5. Waverley Borough Council.

From: Tracey Haskins [<mailto:Tracey.Haskins@guildford.gov.uk>]
Sent: 21 March 2012 10:09
To: Ernest Amoako
Cc: Rachel Raynaud; Louise Kidd; Heather Sandall
Subject: RE: Duty to Cooperate

Dear Sir,

With reference to the duty to cooperate, I confirm that Guildford Borough Council has at no time requested that Woking Borough accommodate any of its housing requirement and neither has Woking Borough Council asked us to accommodate any of its housing allocation.

For your information, following Guildford Borough Council's High Court challenge to the South East Plan, this Borough currently has no overall housing target set by the regional spatial strategy. The Council is developing an appropriate housing figure and has undertaken an extensive housing consultation as a first stage in determining the number and type of houses which should be built over the Local Development Framework period. A further consultation on the Core Strategy will take place this autumn.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lesley Underwood [<mailto:lunderwood@elmbridge.gov.uk>]

Sent: 21 March 2012 10:29

To: Ernest Amoako

Subject: Re: Duty to Cooperate

Dear Mr Amoako,

Thank you for your email concerning the 'Duty to Co-operate'. Elmbridge and Woking Borough Councils have worked very closely throughout the preparation of their respective core strategies.

Elmbridge adopted its Core Strategy in July 2011. Whilst there was no 'duty to cooperate' at that time, the inspector did consider the housing requirements set out in the South East Plan, Elmbridge's contribution to them, and its relationship with adjoining areas. This matter was examined on the first day of the hearing sessions as part of the following issue;

'Relationship with the South East Plan and strategies for adjacent areas; flexibility and joint working'.

In summary, I can confirm that neither Elmbridge BC nor Woking BC has requested the other to meet any part of its South East Plan housing requirement.

I hope the above information addresses the issue raised by the Inspector. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Lesley Underwood
Planning Policy Manager
Elmbridge Borough Council

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From: Richard Ford [<mailto:richard.ford@runnymede.gov.uk>]
Sent: 21 March 2012 07:39
To: Ernest Amoako
Cc: Rachel Raynaud
Subject: RE: Duty to Cooperate

Dear Ernest,

I can confirm that neither Woking BC nor Runnymede BC has requested the other to meet any part of its South East Plan housing requirement.

I trust that this information is satisfactory for your needs; please let me know if anything further is required.

Kind regards,

Richard

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From: Jenny Rickard [<mailto:Jenny.Rickard@surreyheath.gov.uk>]
Sent: 21 March 2012 08:53
To: Ernest Amoako; Lesley Underwood; Paul Falconer; Graham Parrott;
Tracey.Haskins@guildford.gov.uk; richard.ford@runnymede.gov.uk; Heather Sandall
Cc: Rachel Raynaud
Subject: RE: Duty to Cooperate

Dear Sir

In respect of the duty to co-operate I can confirm that Surrey Heath Borough Council has never asked Woking Borough Council to accommodate any of its housing requirement and nor has Woking Borough Council sought to have any of its housing allocation. I can also advise you that the housing numbers for the Surrey districts as set out in the South East Plan arose from joint working by Surrey District and County Planning Officers to identify housing potential within Surrey as a whole. Work was undertaken to look at housing capacity within all land use types with the exception of Green Belt. The figures set out in the South East Plan reflect the outcomes of that joint work. Thus there was co-operation between the districts on housing numbers at that time and that co-operation continues today through various working groups. In particular there is co-operation between districts to ensure the delivery of their respective housing allocations, through joint working and cross boundary projects to deliver avoidance measures in respect of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.

Jenny

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From: Graham Parrott
Sent: 21 March 2012 08:31
To: 'Ernest Amoako'
Subject: RE: Duty to Cooperate

Dear Ernest

I can confirm that Waverley Borough Council has not requested Woking to meet any part of its South East Plan housing requirement or vice versa.

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