

**WBC/41 - DUTY TO COOPERATE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Government has published the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which came into force from 6 April 2012. Regard must therefore be had to the Regulations when preparing local plans. In the light of this, the Inspector has requested for a brief factual update to the Council's statement on the Duty to Cooperate (WBC/01) regarding the list of prescribed bodies which the Regulations now contain and how the requirements of Section 33A of the 2004 Act (as amended) have been met.

The table below provides the factual update. However, it is important that it is read in conjunction with the Council's document WBC/01 to gain a full understanding of how the entire requirements for the Duty to Cooperate have been met.

Prescribed body	Strategic issues that the body has been engaged on	Mechanism and methods of cooperation used	Outcome	Core Strategy policy that has been influenced as a result of the process
Environment Agency	Flooding and water management, including surface water run off.  Conservation of biodiversity.	Informal and formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.  Meetings.  Workshops.  E-mails.  Letters.  Telephone.  Appearing as witness at the Core Strategy Examination Hearings.	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.  SA Report of the Core Strategy.  Statement of Common Ground.  Woking and Byfleet Surface Water Management Plan.  Consultation responses with proposed modifications to the Core Strategy.	Policy CS9: Flooding  CS7: Biodiversity and nature conservation

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English Heritage	Conservation of the historic environment, including the Heritage Assets of the Borough.	Informal and formal consultations at all stages of the Core Strategy process.  Meetings.	Statement of Common Ground.  Proposed modification to the Core Strategy.	Policy CS20: Heritage and conservation
Natural England	Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas.  Conservation of biodiversity	Partnership working as part of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Areas Joint Strategic Partnership Board.  E-mails.  Meetings  Letters.  Telephone.  Formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.	Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).  Proposed modifications to the Core Strategy.  Confirmation of satisfaction with the relevant policies of the Core Strategy.  Thames Basin Heaths Delivery Strategy.  Thames Basin Heaths SPA Avoidance Strategy.  SA Report of the Core Strategy Publication Document.	Policies CS7 and CS8.  The HRA has informed all the policies of the Core Strategy.

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Mayor of London	No strategic issues of common concern have been identified at this stage. However, the Council has had a discussion with the Mayor's office with the view to identify issues of common strategic concern and has requested to be a consultee on transport matters.	E-mail.  Telephone	No identifiable outcome.	No specific policy is directly influenced.
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	No strategic issues of common concern. CAA act as an independent aviation regulator and provider of air traffic services, which are not identified issues for the Core Strategy. However, the Council had worked with British Airport Authority and British Airways as part of the Airtrack Forum to improve rail access from Woking to Heathrow.	Not consulted.  However, it should be emphasised that Fairoaks Airport Ltd was consulted at all stages of the Core Strategy process.  Woking is also part of the Fairoaks Meeting Panel.	No identifiable outcome.	No specific policy is directly influenced.

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Homes and Communities Agency	Housing, including affordable housing.	<p>The Housing Section of the Council leads on a quarterly meeting with the Agency on matters of affordable housing provision, including the new affordable rent model.</p> <p>Formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.</p> <p>Quarterly meetings.</p>	Housing Strategy.	CS10, CS12.
Primary Health Trust	Strategic Health infrastructure	<p>As part of Woking Partnership.</p> <p>E-mails</p> <p>Telephone.</p> <p>Formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Surrey Infrastructure Capacity Study.</p>	CS16,

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Office of the Rail Regulation	One of key responsibilities of the Office of the Rail Regulation is to ensure that network rail manages the network efficiently. Whilst the Office of the Rail Regulation has not been consulted directly, network rail has been consulted at all stages of the Core Strategy process and in the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.	<p>Not consulted directly.</p> <p>However, Network Rail has been consulted as part of the Core Strategy process, including:</p> <p>Partnership working as part of Transport for Woking.</p> <p>Formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.</p> <p>Meetings.</p>	Safegusrded land for transport infrastructure and the identification of sites for residential development.	Policies CS10 and CS18.
Transport for London	No strategic issues of common concern.	Not consulted.	No identifiable outcome.	No specific policy is directly influenced.

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Highway Authority	Transport.  Education.  Flooding and water management.	Surrey County Council is the Highway Authority for the area.  Informal and formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.  Meetings.  Workshops.  Telephone.  E-mails.  As part of Transport for Woking.  As part of Transport for Surrey.  Appearing as witness at the Core Strategy Examination Hearing.	Transport Assessment.  Transport and Accessibility Topic Paper.  Infrastructure Delivery Plan.  Technical Note: Transport measures to support growth identified in the Woking Borough Core Strategy.  Cycle Woking end of programme report.  Surrey Infrastructure Capacity Project.  Cumulative assessment of the future development impacts on the highways network.  Woking and Byfleet Surface Water Management Plan.	Policy CS18, CS1, CS2, CS3, CS4, CS5, CS10.

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Integrated Transport Authorities	Surrey is not part of an Integrated Transport Authority.  No strategy issue of common concern.	Not applicable.	No identifiable outcome.	No specific policy is directly influenced.
Highways Agency	Transport	As part of Transport for Woking.  Informal and formal consultation at all stages of the Core Strategy process.  Meetings.	Transport Assessment.	Policy CS18.
Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	No strategic issues of common concern. MMO is responsible for the clean, healthy, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas. These are not identified issues for the Core Strategy. However, the Council has worked with the Environment Agency to develop a policy framework to improve water quality in the area.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

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Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Infrastructure.  Economic development	Working is part of the Enterprise M3 Local Economic Partnership  Partnership working as part of the Enterprise M3 LEP.  Workshop.  Meetings	Enterprise M3 LEP is at an early stage of its development and there are no substantive outcomes achieved. However, the Council is an active member of the LEP and will continue to play its role to ensure that the purpose of the LEP is achieved.	Not applicable.