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Memorandum of Understanding between Aylesbury Vale District Council and South Northamptonshire District Council

Position regarding current and future working arrangements on strategic cross border planning issues between Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and South Northamptonshire District Council (SNDC)

Context

AVDC have produced a proposed submission Local Plan (The Plan) which will be placed on deposit under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Plan was approved by Council on Wednesday 18 October and underwent a statutory 6 week consultation from Thursday 2 November – Thursday 14 December 2017. Following this, responses were collated and will be submitted along with the Plan and supporting documents including this Memorandum of Understanding MoU for examination by an independent planning inspector.

The Plan will help to accommodate national housing growth demand and bring more investment, employment and opportunity, thus helping the district to thrive. It meets the need for over 27,000 new homes in the Vale by 2033, half of which are either already built or have planning permission.

The West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee adopted the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) on 15 December 2014. The adopted Joint Core Strategy covers the administrative areas of Daventry District, Northampton Borough and South Northamptonshire District.

The Joint Core Strategy was considered by an independent Inspector as part of Public Examination with hearings held in April/ May 2013 and March 2014. The Inspector's Report was received on 2 October 2014 and concluded that the Plan was "sound", subject to Main Modifications. The Adopted Joint Core Strategy incorporates the Modifications recommended by the Inspector.

The Joint Core Strategy sets out the long-term vision and objectives for the whole of the West Northamptonshire area for the plan period up to 2029, and includes strategic policies to steer and shape development.

The Local Plan Part 2 will build on the Joint Core Strategy and include a detailed and wide variety of policies to guide the decision making process for future planning applications across the district. This has included key consultation stages for issues on October 2014, Options, June 2016 and Preferred Options consultation in July 2017 with Regulation 22 submission proposed for Spring 2018, examination in public following in Summer 2018 and a proposed adoption of November 2018.

Area of Agreement

Following discussions under the Duty to Cooperate regarding the impacts of each council's developing local plans the two councils agree that the:

- Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan does not raise any significant strategic cross border planning issues with Cherwell which need to be addressed through the Duty to Cooperate
- South Northamptonshire District Council Local Plan (Part 2) does not raise any significant strategic cross border planning issues with Aylesbury Vale which need to be addressed through the Duty to Cooperate

The two councils further agree that they will continue work cooperatively in relation to strategic cross border planning issues which arise in relation to committed development arising from existing local plans or planning permissions and in relation to relevant planning applications.

This MoU is not a legally binding agreement but a document setting out the current position on strategic issues in relation to the Duty to Co-operate on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, and identifies areas of agreement/outcomes resulting from that cooperation.

Signed by the following Council representatives

Signature



Name

TRACEY ALDWORTH
DIRECTOR
27/2/2018

Signature



Name

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PLACE AND GROWTH.
23/2/018.

For Aylesbury Vale District Council

For South Northamptonshire District
Council

Agreement Dated - 27/2/2018

