

Inspector's Question 103:

I note that the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement of Compliance concludes that "In time AVDC will issue a schedule of DtC bodies that no longer have a strategic issue with the VALP." From the Statement of Compliance and from the report of Representations, I am able to identify contact with a number of bodies relevant to the Duty to Cooperate. These include the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, the Chiltern and Aylesbury Vale Clinical Commissioning Groups, the immediately adjoining and some more distant local authorities and I can read the representations which they have made to the submitted plan. But although the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEP is included in a signed Memorandum of Understanding, I have not yet found any evidence of that body's contribution to, involvement in, or view of the plan making process. Likewise, although there are references in the Statement of Compliance to contacts with the Mayor of London, I have yet to find any evidence of that body's contribution to, involvement in, or view of the plan making process.

Additionally, I have yet to find any evidence of contact with other bodies or organisations prescribed in Regulation 4 of the 2012 regulations for the purposes of section 33A(1)(c) of the Act in connection with the duty to cooperate, namely the Civil Aviation Authority, the Homes and Communities Agency, the Office of Road and Rail, Transport for London, or the Marine Management Organisation. I need to have that evidence as soon as possible.

AVDC Responses:

Contribution/involvement/view of the plan making process

- Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEP – have been directly involved in discussions with AVDC at the Buckinghamshire Planning Officers Group (BPOG). These discussions and workshops have informed the methodology used for the HELAA and HEDNA work therefore fully informing key elements of evidence to support site allocations, quantum and growth distribution. In the case of the HEDNA the BTVLEP are in the list of workshop attendees in the Buckinghamshire HEDNA (ORS and Atkins, December 2016 -Appendices) CD/HOU/004a Appendix B: Stakeholder workshop meeting notes. In the case of the HELAA the LEPs are regarded as key stakeholders as set out in paragraph 1.21 of the HELAA Methodology CD/HOU/006. The BTVLEP was also the source for [Buckinghamshire HEDNA Update Addendum \(September 2017\)](#) Appendix A: Buckinghamshire Office and Industrial Floor Space Market Review - A report by Chandler Garvey for the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership
- Mayor of London (MoL)

Through BPOG AVDC have provided input in the London Plan consultation undertaken by the MoL. The below table identifies previous engagement and interaction with MoL through BPOG. Since these interactions the MoL office has not identified any strategic issues that AVDC will need to consider through BPOG.

London			
Ref	Meeting	Issue	Progress/Outcome
1	29/1/14	<p>Previously BPOG had agreed to be the formal DtC link with the Mayor of London and GLA and had sent representatives with a Bucks mandate to Mayor/GLA organised workshops and meetings.</p> <p>Alison Bailey of SBDC was now leading collectively for BCC, AVDC, WDC, CDC, SBDC and MKC and co-ordinating a response to the Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan with the South East England Councils.</p> <p>Authorities to support Alison in coming to an agreed position prior to the 10/4/14 consultation deadline.</p>	<p>29/1/14 – Agreement that Alison Bailey is to lead.</p> <p>9/4/14 – Agreed draft South East England Councils response and Alison to submit making it clear that this is the view of the Bucks authorities.</p> <p>10/04/14 – Response submitted to GLA by Alison Bailey.</p> <p>Issue closed 11/06/14</p>
2	11/06/14	<p>Alison represents Bucks for the FALP (Further Alterations to the London Plan). Examination September 2014. Offer from group from the GLC to talk to a County Group about FALP and the Mayor's 2050 Infrastructure Plan and complete review of the London Plan. Could we do this through BPOG?</p> <p>Chris Williams has volunteered to give evidence for South East Council's.</p>	<p>11/06/14 – Check Alison is attending 11th July meeting – technical seminar and housing supply/SHMA. CM (AVDC) to email Alison.</p> <p>11/06/14 – To set up GLC talk to BPOG on FALP, Mayor's 2050 Infrastructure Plan and London Plan Review. CM (AVDC) to email Alison.</p>
3	15/10/14	<p>London Infrastructure Plan concerns about the way its shows potential growth area linked to infrastructure in the wider southeast.</p>	<p>15/10/14 Agreed to sign up to the Bedford 51 letter expressing concerns.</p>

Contact:

- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

On the proposed VALP October 2017 mail merge the following contact was used infoservices@caa.co.uk. The CAA has not raised any objection or indeed made any representation to the proposed VALP.

- Homes and Communities Agency (now Homes England (HE))

The following contact were used during the Reg 18 consultation in the October 2017 mail merge:

- Mr Steve Collins
- Mr Terry Fuller
- Mr Craig Johns
- Mr Andrew Pearson
- Alexander Pelling
- Jane Webster

The CAA has not raised any objection or indeed made any representation to the proposed VALP.

- The Office of Road and Rail (ORR)

On the proposed VALP October 2017 mail merge the following contact was used dutytocooperate@orr.gsi.gov.uk. The ORR has not raised any objection or indeed made any representation to the proposed VALP.

- Transport for London (TfL)

Mr Donald Thompson was consulted on the proposed VALP via a mail merge in October 2017. TfL has not raised any objection or indeed made any representation to the proposed VALP.

- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

The MMO license, regulate and plan marine activities in the seas around England so that they're carried out in a sustainable way. The MMO planning areas are split into 6 costal regions. The proposed VALP does not propose any policies that would be affected by the MMO and AVDC feel that a pragmatic approach to this part of the question needs to take place.