

Shropshire Council and Association of Black Country Authorities (ABCA) Duty to Cooperate Activity 2020

****this Duty to Cooperate activity supplements the Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area (GBBCHMA) discussions, which the four Black Country Authorities and Shropshire attend. (note – Shropshire is not within the GBBC Housing Market Area, but has attended since 2018 as a closely related authority)***

Date	Activity	Evidence
28 th April 2020	Duty to Cooperate ‘virtual’ catch up meeting Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Cully	Scheduled in diary. Appendix 1a and 1b
21 st May 2020	Duty to Cooperate ‘virtual’ catch up meeting Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Cully	Scheduled in diary. Appendix 1a and 1b
7 th July 2020	<p>E-mail correspondence with Letter from Eddie West to Ian Culley.</p> <p>E-mail states: <i>“Further to our recent conversations please see attached letter outlining the Council’s offer of assistance to support unmet need in the emerging Black Country Plan.”</i></p> <p>Letter states that <i>“On the basis of our constructive discussions, and having given due consideration to the evidence provided regarding the ongoing challenges with the Black Country’s ability to meet all their needs within their area, subject to Cabinet approval on 20th July, the principle for Shropshire to formally accept up to 1,500 dwellings of the Black Country’s housing need over the period to 2038 is supported by Shropshire Council. If agreed, it is proposed that this additional housing need will be incorporated into Shropshire’s overall emerging housing requirement of 30,800 dwellings between 2016 and 2038, and delivered in accordance with the overall strategic approach to the distribution of growth. This additional housing need would not therefore be proposed to be accommodated on any single site allocation, and it is therefore not anticipated this will require any further release of Shropshire’s Green Belt.”</i></p>	<p>Appendix 1a) e-mail from Eddie West to Ian Culley 7th July</p> <p>Appendix 1b) Letter from Eddie West to Ian Culley 7th July</p>

4 th August 2020	<p>Duty to Cooperate letter from ABCA to neighbouring and closely related authorities (including Shropshire Council)</p> <p>Confirms SC offer of 1500 dwellings towards Black Country unmet need, but as yet no proposed employment land offer. Requests authorities to confirm if their existing or emerging Local Plan is seeking to deliver levels of housing or employment land in excess of local development needs on land currently designated as green belt, and if so whether any particular sites are being promoted that, due to their location and accessibility, could reasonably be attributed to meeting part of the housing or employment land needs of the Black Country up to 2039.</p>	See Appendix 2
12 th August 2020	E-mail from Ian Culley to Eddie West requesting a Duty to Cooperate meeting to discuss the 4 th August ABCA letter	See Appendix 3
17 th August 2020	<p>Duty to Cooperate 'virtual' meeting</p> <p>Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Culley</p>	<p>Scheduled in diary</p> <p>29th Sept e-mail from Eddie West to Ian Culley</p>
22 nd September	E-mail from Ian Culley to Eddie West requesting a Duty to Cooperate meeting	See e-mail Appendix 4
24 th September 2020	<p>Duty to Cooperate 'virtual' meeting</p> <p>Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Cully</p> <p>Purpose of meeting to discuss finalisation of report to ABCA leaders (see Appendix 4)</p>	Scheduled in diary
29 th September 2020	E-mail with extract of proposed letter from Eddie West to Ian Culley responding to ABCA 4 th August 2020 DtC Correspondence regarding in principle offer of support from Shropshire Council to accept an element of Black Country's employment needs.	Appendix 5
30 th September 2020	<p>ABCA response to SC's Reg 18 pre-submission consultation</p> <p>Note the following request for additional discussions: "We request further engagement with the Council through the Duty to Cooperate to explore how the Local Plan can respond to these issue (employment land provision)"</p>	Appendix 6

22 nd October 2020	Duty to Cooperate 'virtual' meeting Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Culley Arranged to discuss DtC Letter setting out in principle agreement to accept an element of employment need (referenced in Appendix 5)	Scheduled in diary
13 th November 2020	Duty to Cooperate 'virtual' meeting Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Culley	Scheduled in diary
14 th December 2020	E-mail exchange between Ian Culley and Eddie West setting out request to meet in early 2021 to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ABCA response to SC Reg 19 consultation within the context of an ABCA Leaders meeting; and - Progress the Statement of Common Ground 	Appendix 7
11 th January 2022	Duty to Cooperate 'virtual' meeting Attendees: Eddie West and Ian Culley to discuss the items set out in Appendix 7.	Scheduled in diary