

No problem Martin – it does seem reasonable that we just cooperate through AGMA.

I will take your comment about our HS2 policy as a formal representation on our Land Allocations Plan if that's ok?

Thanks, Matthew

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**Sent:** 10 March 2014 16:57

**To:** Wansborough, Matthew

**Cc:** Clarke, Nick

**Subject:** FW: Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate

Matthew,

Thanks for your response and I am grateful for your acknowledgement that your Council will continue to cooperate with Wigan on strategic issues across Greater Manchester through AGMA. Whilst not wishing to pre-empt the results of the current Duty to Cooperate exercise, I share your view that it is not necessary for Trafford and Wigan Councils to formally cooperate on any of the 10 strategic issues identified, other than within the wider GM context.

I have considered the policy in your draft Allocations Plan regarding HS2 and consider that it adequately protects Wigan's interests with regard to this proposal.

Regards

Martin

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**From:** Wansborough, Matthew [mailto:Matthew.Wansborough@trafford.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 06 March 2014 15:31

**To:** Cass, Janet

**Cc:** Clarke, Nick; Haslam, Rob; Taylor-Russell, Clare

**Subject:** RE: Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate

Dear Martin

Many thanks for your letter regarding your desire to cooperate on the Wigan Allocation and Development Management Local Plan.

As Trafford is not a neighbouring authority to Wigan, it is considered that the strategic issues arising from an allocations plan are unlikely to be so significant as to require formal cooperation between the two authorities. I would however, like to be clear that the Council will continue to cooperate with yourselves on strategic issues across Greater Manchester through AGMA. For example, AGMA authorities are collaborating on further work to identify the need and location of Traveller sites within GM.

Trafford Council is also currently consulting upon its draft Land Allocations Plan - <http://www.trafford.gov.uk/planning/strategic-planning/local-development-framework/trafford-local-plan-land-allocations.aspx>. Whilst we consider that there are limited strategic issues arising from this draft version of the plan, I would like to bring your attention to draft Policy TR2.6 which proposes to safeguard the High Speed 2 route alignment through Trafford, the western spur of which leads of course to Golborne in Wigan. You may wish to consider whether this draft policy is appropriate and supports your strategic objectives around HS2.

In conclusion, we consider that it is not necessary for Trafford and Wigan Councils to formally cooperate on any of the 10 strategic issues you have identified in your letter, other than within the wider GM context as organised through AGMA.

However, should you wish to have more detailed discussions around any of the potential strategic issues you have identified, we would be happy to meet in the future to discuss and cooperate, as necessary.

Kind Regards, Matthew

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**From:** Cutting, Damien **On Behalf Of** Strategic Planning

**Sent:** 20 February 2014 11:37

**To:** Cutting, Damien; Doow-Powell, Amarjit; Franklin, Lesley; Hanna, Christopher; Haslam, Rob; Hiorns, Rachel; Moss, Colin; Pickering, Helen; Taylor-Russell, Clare; Wansborough, Matthew

**Subject:** FW: Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate

FYI

**From:** Cass, Janet [mailto:[J.Cass@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:J.Cass@wigan.gov.uk)]

**Sent:** 20 February 2014 08:05

**Subject:** Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate

Dear Sir / Madam

### **Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate**

Wigan Council has commenced preparation of an Allocations and Development Management Local Plan. This will be prepared within the framework set by the adopted Core Strategy and will provide the detailed planning policy and land allocations to achieve the vision for the borough set out in the Core Strategy

The Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) created a duty on local planning authorities, county councils and other "Prescribed Bodies" to cooperate with each other to address strategic cross-boundary matters relevant to their areas, in the preparation of a Local Plan. I am writing to you, as the representative of one of the "Prescribed Bodies" (as set out in Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012), or as a representative of another body that may have a direct interest in the Local Plan. It is likely that we have previously liaised with you over the Wigan Core Strategy, which was adopted by the Council in September 2013 or over the Allocations and Development Management Plan itself, on which we recently carried out early consultation.

In order to initiate the necessary co-operation with the appropriate bodies therefore, we have prepared a list of potential cross-boundary strategic issues relevant to the Allocations Plan which are listed below:

#### Potential cross-boundary strategic issues

1. Identifying land to meet the need for all types of housing including any cross boundary transport implications.
2. Identifying land to meet the need for Traveller sites.
3. Identifying land to meet the need for employment sites including any cross boundary transport implications.
4. The need to identify a high quality strategic employment site close to the M6 motorway.
5. Existing and future cross-boundary commuting flows have implications for both the supply of employment sites and transport infrastructure between different parts of the region.
6. Retail provision and the sub-regional hierarchy of centres.
7. Transport infrastructure links across our boundaries. In particular, the Guided Busway and the M58 link road.
8. Water supply, drainage and flood risk issues frequently cross local authority boundaries. There is a need to co-ordinate our actions on these topics with adjoining authorities and with the Environment Agency and United Utilities.
9. Sporting, leisure, heath and cultural facilities are patronised on a greater than local level with implications for the levels of provision and transport linkages from/to them.
10. Where ecological habitats cross local authority boundaries, their protection and enhancement requires co-operation across those boundaries from all stakeholders.

Clearly, the degree to which any of these issues are or are not strategic ones with cross-boundary implications for the preparation of the Allocations Plan depends on the policies and proposals put forward in that document. At this early stage therefore I am seeking your views on what you consider to be the cross-boundary strategic issues for the plan which affect your interests and on which we need to co-operate. (Where you have raised such issues in response to our earlier consultation, they are included in the list above.)

Whilst I am happy to meet you or to have a telephone conversation at any time to discuss these matters, I am seeking to focus scarce resources at the moment on narrowing down the range of strategic issues to those which are genuinely likely to have cross-boundary implications and which require our co-operation. I would be obliged therefore if you would reply to let me know which of these potential issues you consider to be of relevance between ourselves over the preparation of this plan and whether you are prepared to enter into co-operation over them. Once the issues are finalised and agreed, I will contact you again, should it be necessary, to set up the appropriate methods for us to liaise over these issues.

Yours faithfully

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