

Blaby District Council

**DRAFT Blaby Local Plan
Duty to Co-operate
Statement of Compliance**

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Statement of Compliance

- 1.1.1 The Duty to Co-operate (DtC) Statement of Compliance (SoC) demonstrates how the Council has complied with the requirements of the DtC throughout the production and progression of the Plan.
- 1.1.2 This SoC sets out how the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with surrounding authorities and prescribed DtC bodies on strategic cross boundary matters during the preparation of the Plan, and the outcomes arising from this engagement. A timeline of DtC related activities is presented within Section 3 below.
- 1.1.3 The legal DtC is no longer required for the purposes of plan-making¹. This SoC therefore has effect in relation to the requirement for local plans to be 'sound', and in particular the requirement for local plans to be "based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters"².
- 1.1.4 This SoC will form part of the Plan's evidence base.

¹ Through Paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026

² Paragraph 36c), National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

1.2 Requirements of the Duty to Co-operate

- 1.2.1 The DtC, introduced by the Localism Act 2011, was a legal duty for local planning authorities, county councils and relevant bodies to ‘engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in any process’ including the preparation of development plan documents ‘so far as relating to a strategic matter’³.
- 1.2.2 The December 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that local planning authorities should engage with relevant bodies to meet the DtC, including elected Mayors and combined authorities, infrastructure providers, Local Nature Partnerships and the Marine Management Organisation, where relevant⁴. The NPPF highlights that ‘effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities and relevant bodies is integral to the production of a positively prepared and justified strategy’ and is essential in determining additional infrastructure needs and in addressing unmet development needs⁵.
- 1.2.3 Notwithstanding the removal of the legal DtC, to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, the NPPF recommends that authorities ‘prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these’⁶.
- 1.2.4 Local planning authorities should ‘identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans’⁷. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 defined strategic matters as ‘sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas’.

³ S33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

⁴ Paragraph 25, National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

⁵ Paragraph 26, National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

⁶ Paragraph 28, National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

⁷ Paragraph 25, National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

- 1.2.5 Paragraph 36 of the NPPF details the test of soundness, against which development plan documents are examined. To be ‘effective’ a local plan must be ‘based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters’, as evidenced by the statement(s) of common ground.
- 1.2.6 Further details on undertaking effective cooperation through the plan making process are included within the Planning Practice Guidance⁸ (PPG).
- 1.2.7 The Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations⁹ provides practical guidance on the procedural aspects of the examination of local plans. In relation to demonstrating compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, the Guide¹⁰ suggests that:
- “In order to demonstrate compliance with the duty to co-operate (section 33A of the PCPA), the most helpful approach is for the LPA to submit a statement of compliance with the duty. The statement of compliance should identify any relevant strategic matters and how they have been resolved – or if they have not, why not. It should detail who the LPA has co-operated with and on which strategic matter(s), the nature and timing of the co-operation (e.g. by including meeting notes), and the outcomes of the co-operation, including how it has influenced the plan. As part of this process, NPPF paragraph 27 advises that the LPA should prepare one or more statements of common ground with relevant bodies.”
- 1.2.8 The Government has abolished the legal DtC¹¹ ‘to help drive local plans to adoption as quickly as possible and progress towards our objective of universal local plan coverage’¹². Despite this, the Council has continued to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with relevant

⁸ Plan Making Planning Practice Guidance: Maintaining effective cooperation see Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 61-009-20190315 onwards

⁹ The Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations, 10th Edition, Planning Inspectorate (November 2025)

¹⁰ See Paragraph 1.22

¹¹ Through Paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026

¹² Reforming Local Plan-Making Written Ministerial Statement (27 November 2025)

bodies throughout the preparation of the Plan to comply with the test of soundness¹³.

¹³ Paragraph 36, National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

1.3 Prescribed Duty to Co-operate bodies

1.3.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set out the following prescribed bodies relevant to the Council to which the DtC applies:

- The Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- The Civil Aviation Authority
- Homes England
- NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board/National Health Service (NHS) England
- Integrated Transport Authority
- Office of Rail and Road
- National Highways
- Leicestershire County Council Highway Authority

1.3.2 The regulations also prescribe relevant local nature partnerships and local enterprise partnerships. For the avoidance of doubt, there are no operational local nature partnerships or local enterprise partnerships relevant to the Plan¹⁴.

1.3.3 In addition to the prescribed DtC bodies listed above, the Council has also engaged with the following local planning authorities and county councils:

- Leicester and Leicestershire authorities:
 - Charnwood Borough Council
 - Harborough District Council
 - Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
 - Leicester City Council
 - Leicestershire County Council
 - Melton Borough Council
 - North West Leicestershire District Council

¹⁴ Central Government funding for Local Enterprise Partnerships was withdrawn from April 2024 and their functions transferred to local and combined authorities

- Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
- Non-Leicestershire authorities:
 - West Northamptonshire Council
 - North Warwickshire Council
 - Rugby Borough Council
 - Warwickshire County Council

1.3.4 To support the production of the Plan, and to ensure a comprehensive approach to cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters, the Council has also engaged with a range of other organisations that may have an interest in the production of the Plan. The organisations with which the Council has engaged, and the type of engagement undertaken, are listed within Section 3 below.

2.0 Duty to Co-operate Activities

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 This section details the DtC related activities which the Council has undertaken, including meetings and consultation with relevant organisations.

2.2 Regular Duty to Co-operate meetings with Leicestershire local authorities and County Council

- Members' Advisory Group (MAG)

2.2.1 Councillors from each Leicestershire authority meet regularly to discuss joint strategic planning work.
- Strategic Planning Group (SPG)

2.2.2 Senior representatives responsible for overseeing strategic planning in each Leicestershire authority meet regularly to discuss strategic planning matters.
- Planning Officers' Forum (POF)

2.2.3 Chief Officers responsible for planning and transport services across Leicester and Leicestershire meet formally and provide professional advice to the Strategic Planning Group. The Planning Officers' Forum is supported by joint officer level meetings and includes managers responsible for planning and transportation policy in Leicester and Leicestershire.

2.3 Regulation 18 Issues and Options Local Plan Consultation (July - September 2019)

- 2.3.1 All surrounding local authorities and prescribed DtC bodies were made aware of the Regulation 18 Local Plan Issues and Options consultation and invited to make representations.
- 2.3.2 The following table presents a summary of Regulation 18 representations submitted to the Issues and Options Local Plan consultation in 2019 which make reference to strategic cross boundary matters.

DtC Body	Representation summary relevant to strategic cross boundary matters
Charnwood Borough Council	• Standard methodology and ongoing work with L&L authorities around Leicester's unmet need will influence housing need. • Joint evidence base to inform different types of employment land need across L&L • Retain Green Wedge, Area of Separation and Countryside designations in principle • Support a L&L wide approach to providing public transit pitches for Gypsies and Travellers
Harborough District Council (HDC)	• Merit in aligning Local Plan dates • Support principle of new settlements / strategic sites to deliver homes. • Consider cross boundary implications of options including impact on natural, built and heritage assets, landscape, Green Wedges • Cross boundary implications for delivery effective strategic transport solutions and essential infrastructure to support development including utility infrastructure. • Prepare an up to date evidence base for HMA for housing need, mix and needs of specific groups on a joint basis, local and regional employment
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC)	• Support a joint approach to cross boundary housing matters including approach to apportioning unmet need across L&L • Support for cross boundary co-operation on employment matters including strategic B8 • Welcome opportunity to discuss cross boundary implications of HNRFI

DtC Body	Representation summary relevant to strategic cross boundary matters
Leicester City Council (Leicester CC)	• Request specific reference to unmet need across the HMA • Align start and end dates of the Plan across the HMA • Locational options will have cross boundary implications for infrastructure - schools, roads etc and continuous engagement between Councils and other partners is required. • Request a consistent approach to Green Wedges, Areas of Separation and Countryside where these are cross boundary • Request Western Park Golf Course, a potential cross boundary site, is not designated as Green Wedge • Work jointly on cross boundary open space matters • Update retail evidence on a joint basis given relationship of Fosse Park and Leicester City Centre • Consider cross boundary transport issues

2.4 Regulation 18 Options Local Plan Consultation (January – February 2021)

2.4.1 All surrounding local authorities and prescribed DtC bodies were made aware of the Regulation 18 Local Plan Options Consultation and invited to make representations.

2.4.2 The following table presents a summary of Regulation 18 representations submitted to the Options Local Plan consultation in 2021 which make reference to strategic cross boundary matters.

DtC Body	Representation summary relevant to strategic cross boundary matters
Harborough District Council (HDC)	Assessment of locational strategy options - HDC requested to work closely on strategic sites that have cross boundary implications to ensure development is planned comprehensively.
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC)	- Assessment of locational strategy options - HBBC requested to work closely on strategic sites that have cross boundary implications to ensure development is planned comprehensively. - The need for joint working to consider potential site allocations at Elmesthorpe, Glenfield, and Leicester Forest East.
Leicester City Council (Leicester CC)	Support for joint working between authorities (Blaby, Charnwood, and Leicester CC) to bring forward a potential site allocation in Glenfield which could provide a strategic opportunity for growth within each authority.

2.4.3 In addition to the above specific matters raised, general comments were submitted relating to:

- The consideration of cross-boundary environmental issues.
- Joint working arrangements to support the delivery of cross-boundary infrastructure where needed.

2.5 Meetings with prescribed Duty to Cooperate bodies (2019-ongoing)

2.5.1 The Council has invited all prescribed DtC bodies to participate in the production of the Plan. All prescribed bodies were invited to attend DtC workshops in June 2025 and March 2026, and where required ongoing engagement has taken place throughout the production of the Plan in addition to the regular Leicestershire local authority DtC meetings detailed in Section 3.1.

2.6 Engagement with Infrastructure Providers (2019-ongoing)

2.6.1 Meetings between infrastructure providers and Council planning officers have been held throughout the preparation of the Plan, as detailed in Section 3 below. At these meetings discussions have tended to focus on the evolution of the Plan in relation to its emerging evidence base.

2.7 Duty to Co-operate Workshop 1 (24 June 2025)

2.7.1 A DtC workshop was held on 24 June 2025 virtually using MS Teams with infrastructure providers, surrounding local authorities and other prescribed DtC bodies. The workshop was guided by a presentation which:

- Provided an update on the emerging draft Plan, including the emerging spatial strategy
- Provided an update on Plan evidence base production
- Identified strategic cross boundary matters
- Summarised outputs from the DtC Scoping Report and presented the DtC approach and timetable of next steps for DtC engagement
- Discussed the production of Statement(s) of Common Ground

2.7.2 Invitations to the DtC workshop were circulated to all relevant local authorities, prescribed Duty to Cooperate bodies, and other key stakeholders likely to be involved in the production and progression of the Local Plan.

2.8 Duty to Co-operate Workshop 2 (12 March 2026)

2.8.1 A DtC workshop was held on 12 March 2026 virtually using MS Teams with infrastructure providers, surrounding local authorities and other prescribed DtC bodies. The workshop was guided by a presentation which:

- Provided an update on the emerging draft Plan, including the draft spatial strategy and draft site allocations
- Detailed the current position in relation to strategic cross boundary matters
- Set out the Council's approach to meeting requirements of the soon to be abolished DtC and the need to maintain effective cooperation
- Noted the production of Statement(s) of Common Ground
- Noted the finalisation of the DtC Statement of Compliance

2.8.2 Invitations to the DtC workshop were circulated to all relevant local authorities, prescribed Duty to Cooperate bodies, and other key stakeholders likely to be involved in the production and progression of the Local Plan.

3.0 Duty to Co-operate engagement with surrounding local authorities and prescribed Duty to Co-operate bodies

3.1 Engagement with Leicestershire local authorities

- 3.1.1 The Council and the wider Leicestershire local authorities have a proven history of joint working in the formulation of development plan and other related documents.
- 3.1.2 The following tables provide a summary of engagement activities undertaken with Leicestershire local authorities throughout the production of the Plan.

Charnwood Borough Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key outputs
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
20/01/2020	BDC / CBC DtC meeting	Discussions on Local Plan progress and unmet need across Leicester and Leicestershire authorities
10/09/2020	BDC / CBC DtC meeting	Discussions on Local Plan progress and unmet need across Leicester and Leicestershire authorities
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key outputs
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller needs
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council / Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies - The Council attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Charnwood BC responded on 12.03.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key outputs
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base

Harborough District Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key outputs
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
01/09/2020	BDC and HDC DtC meeting	Discussions on continued engagement with L&L authorities, including in relation to: • Meeting housing need, including any unmet need • B8 employment needs • Transport evidence, including infrastructure capacity, modelling and mitigation • Cross boundary strategic sites • Community facilities
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
14/10/2021	BDC / HDC DtC meeting	Discussions on Local Plan progress, emerging HENA findings and consider housing distributional implications, ongoing discussions needed for specialist and older persons housing, transport infrastructure, strategic B8, and strategic sites including Whetstone Pastures
05/01/2023	BDC / HDC / HBBC / OWBC meeting	Discussion of joint Water Cycle Study progress
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet GT needs

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key outputs
	Leicestershire Police meeting	
24/05/2023	BDC/ HDC transport evidence meeting	Discussions focused on potential options for Harborough District and Blaby District and understanding potential cross-boundary transport movements/ mitigation
06/07/2023	BDC / HDC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership meeting	Discussions focussed on potential strategic sites in emerging Local Plan, including Whetstone Pastures Garden Community, and implications for both Blaby and Harborough Local Plans
12/10/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Regular meeting to discuss potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller need
19/04/2024	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies organised by HDC.	• All attendees were provided with updates on: • The Regulation 18 Issues and Options Consultation responses • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of a DtC SoCG • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
03/06/2024	South Leicestershire Authorities meeting (BDC, HDC, OWBC, Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership)	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, further engagement with relevant partners, joint and aligned evidence preparation and associated timescales including transport modelling and IDP, housing need including unmet need, statements of common ground
05/08/2024	South Leicestershire Authorities meeting (BDC, HDC, OWBC, Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership)	Discussions focussed on maintaining effective cooperation, including in relation to cross boundary matters regarding land supply, transport evidence, and education capacity and requirements

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key outputs
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council / Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. - The Council attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
29/01/2026	BDC / HDC meeting	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, transport evidence, Whetstone Pastures Garden Community, and Gypsy and Traveller need
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Harborough DC responded on 18.02.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies - The Council attended the workshop - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements - Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters - The Local Plan evidence base

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
26/08/2020	BDC / HBBC DtC meeting	Discussion of cross boundary issues. The discussion also covered: • working with L&L authorities on housing and employment requirements and distribution, including strategic B8 • monitoring retail issues and PD rights, and housing need, including Gypsy and Traveller needs • and site specific issues in terms of water, infrastructure, Green Wedge and natural environment.
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
05/05/2021	BDC / HBBC DtC meeting	Discussion of Local Plan updates and cross boundary issues. The discussion also covered: • working with L&L authorities on housing and employment requirements and distribution, including strategic B8 • monitoring emerging evidence base studies and housing need, including Gypsy and Traveller needs

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		• and site specific issues in terms of water, infrastructure and natural environment
05/01/2023	BDC / HDC / HBBC / OWBC meeting	Discussion of joint Water Cycle Study progress
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet GT needs
21/08/2023	BDC / HBBC DtC meeting	Discussion of Local Plan updates and cross boundary issues. The discussion also covered: • working with L&L authorities on housing and employment requirements and distribution, including strategic B8 • monitoring emerging evidence base studies and housing need, including Gypsy and Traveller needs • and site specific issues in terms of water, infrastructure and natural environment

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. • The Council attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were sent to the Council for review and comment.	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of a DtC SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
27/08/2025	BDC / HBBC DtC meeting	Discussion of Local Plan updates and cross boundary issues. The discussion also covered: • Key site locations with cross boundary issues • Joint Transport Evidence • Education cross boundary • Gypsy and Traveller need and provision.
14/01/2026	BDC / HBBC DtC meeting	Discussions of Local Plan updates and cross boundary issues. The discussions also covered: • strategic B8 safeguarded land • education cross boundary catchments at Land West of Stoney Stanton • Gypsy and Traveller sites need • draft SoCG between BDC and HBBC.
02/02/2026	BDC / HBBC / LCC Education DtC meeting	Discussions around cross boundary secondary education provision in terms of strategic site Land West of Stoney Stanton and sites in HBBC.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. HBBC responded on 27.02.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base

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Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
25/07/2022	BDC and Leicester City Council	Discussion of Local Plan updates, Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan, Leicester Western Golf Course cross boundary site and emerging evidence base studies
19/12/2022	BDC and Leicester City Council	Discussion of approach to LCCs review of SHLAA sites and South Leicestershire joint transport evidence.
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
22/02/2023	BDC and Leicester City Council	Discussion of cross boundary issues from emerging Local Plans
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet GT needs
12/07/2023	BDC and Leicester City Council	Discussion of Local Plan updates, Leicester Reg 19 consultation and education provision. Also, discussion of densities and viability, Western Park Golf Course site, Central Development

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		Areas and Glenfield Neighbourhood Plan update
12/10/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Regular meeting to discuss potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller need
15/05/2024	BDC and Leicester City Council	Updates on respective Local Plans, Former Western Park Golf Course, cross boundary infrastructure, North of Leicester transport study and SoCG matters
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council / Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. - The Council attended the workshop - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Leicester CC responded on 25.02.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.
17/02/2026	BDC / Leicester City Council	Discussion focussed on commitments and allocations across emerging Local Plans, draft retail policy, Gypsy and

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		Traveller need and sites, education capacity and requirements, and transport evidence and mitigation

Leicestershire County Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
Recurring	Regularised meeting with LCC LHA to discuss & engage scope of Blaby LP Transport evidence and initial outputs of work	Brief LCC LHA, amend approach to reflect LCC LHA where, work through disagreements where possible and provide further reasoning for approach taken.
08/11/2018	Transport evidence meeting	Consideration of emerging transport evidence, including in relation to the implications of growth on the A47 corridor
14/05/2019	Education evidence meeting	Discussions regarding education evidence to inform the Local Plan, including a joint understanding of existing and forecast school capacity
04/07/2019	Transport evidence meeting	Discussions regarding the need for updated transport evidence, and the potential transport implications across a range of potential growth scenarios
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
21/01/2020	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on the need for educational provisions, the progress of the local plan, and the implications of new growth options
11/08/2020	Education meeting	Discussion of educational need for strategic sites and growth options
19/08/2020	Transport meeting	Discussion of potential for joint transport evidence

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		with other LPAs, and approach to transport modelling
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
25/03/2021	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on updates to education yield rates and location specific education capacity information
15/04/2021	Transport meeting	Discussions on transportation modelling report and future work, including: • Consideration of certain junctions in analysis • Key stakeholders to be involved in next phase of modelling • Next phase to also consider public transport and active travel
28/10/2021	BDC / LCC / National Highways meeting	Discussions on progress with transport evidence, including 'business as usual' scenarios, involvement of WCC and LCC in modelling, and agree approach to gathering further transport evidence and developing the brief
15/06/2022	Archaeology and landscape meeting	Discussions focussed on site specific archaeology and landscape matters, and continued engagement relating to further evidence and Historic England's responses on the emerging Local Plan

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
13/07/2022	South Leicestershire transport evidence meeting (LCC, OWBC, HBBC, HDC)	Update on Strategic Transport Assessment and discussions on scope of the joint transport evidence and the brief including approach to options testing.
19/07/2022	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on site specific educational capacity and requirements, engagement through preparation of IDP and draft policy wording
01/08/2022	South Leicestershire transport evidence meeting	Update on Strategic Transport Assessment and discussions on the potential impacts for the scope of the joint transport evidence. Sub-group established to take this work forward.
01/09/2022	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Discussions focused on the methodology and assumptions.
20/09/2022	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Discussions focused on the methodology and assumptions.
24/10/2022	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Discussions focused on the assumptions and options testing.
28/11/2022	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Discussions focused on options testing.
19/12/2022	Transport evidence and site assessments meeting (LCC/ BDC)	Discussions regarding emerging transport evidence, and LCC involvement in SHLAA site assessments
22/12/2022	Transport meeting	Discussions on emerging transport evidence
11/01/2023	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Discussion focused on progress to date, outcomes and next steps.
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership /	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
	LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
13/02/2023	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Discussion focused on progress to date, options and next steps.
28/03/2023	South Leicestershire transport evidence sub-group meeting	Options for discussion at South Leicestershire Councils transport evidence workshop
14/04/2023	South Leicestershire joint transport evidence meeting/ workshop	Discussion of transport evidence including options
19/04/2023	South Leicestershire transport evidence meeting/ workshop	Further discussion of transport evidence including options
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller needs
19/05/2023	South Leicestershire transport evidence meeting	Discussion focused on progress to date and next steps
08/08/2023	Joint Transport Evidence (JTE) Scoping Meeting	Meeting to discuss the preparation of a joint transport evidence base for the South Leicestershire Authorities
08/09/2023	Optioneering meeting to inform discussions on preparation of a joint evidence based for transport	Further Meeting to discuss the preparation of a joint transport evidence base for the South Leicestershire Authorities
15/08/2023	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, district wide and site specific education capacity and requirements, policy wording relating to education, engagement with IDP
27/09/2023	Joint Transport Evidence (JTE) Further Scoping Discussion	Meeting to discuss the scope of JTE with all partners

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
12/10/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Regular meeting to discuss potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller need
01/11/2023	JTE inception Meeting	Meeting with transport consultants commencing JTE stage 1
15/01/2024	JTE inputs meeting at LCC	Meeting to discuss technical issues associated with JTE (half day meeting at LCC)
19/02/2024	BDC/ LCC Infrastructure planning meeting	Discussions focused on the IDP methodology and engagement with LCC services
06/03/2024	BDC / LCoC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership education meeting	Discussions regarding the education implications of the emerging key strategic growth options
11/04/2024	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, district wide and site specific education capacity and requirements, input into IDP
17/06/2024	South Leicestershire Joint Transport Evidence Base: Workshop 2	Evidence discussion regarding high level strategic mitigation
26/06/2024	South Leicestershire Joint Transport Evidence Base - Stage 1 Progress Update and Stage 2 Inception	Inception meeting for Stage 2 of JTE (further meeting then twice monthly for the duration of stage 2 of the work)
17/07/2024	BDC/ LCC meeting	Discussions regarding transport evidence, input into draft policies, technical specialist input into evidence and policies, workshop to brief LCC officers and discuss SHLAA sites/ potential LP allocations/ infrastructure
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council /	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
	Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
15/11/2024	Workshop with Leicestershire County Council service and infrastructure providers: Strategy and Policy (Highways and Transportation), Highways Development Management, Strategic Planning, Public Health, Minerals and Waste, Local Lead Flood Authority, Ecology, Landscape, Archaeology, Education, Waste, and Digital Communications	Workshop included an update from BDC officers on Local Plan progress, emerging spatial strategy and SHLAA sites. It is included roundtable discussion and feedback on existing constraints, potential mitigation, the impact on services and infrastructure, and the provision of new services and infrastructure. This feedback has informed the IDP as well as the drafting of the emerging Local Plan.
19/03/2025	LCC LLFA (email discussion)	Informal consultation of flood risk policies and sites response received 14/05/2025
27/03/2025	South Leicestershire Joint Transport Evidence Base: Revised Workshop 1: Discussion	Presentation by transport consultants on initial finding of JTE stage 1
03/06/2025	Inception Meeting with BDC and LCC (LHA) - Blaby Transport Evidence Workshop	Transport Evidence Workshop - Discuss production of transport evidence and potential site options informing this work
05/06/2025	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, site specific education capacity and requirements, input into IDP.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. - The Council attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
07/08/2025	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, district wide and site specific education capacity and requirements, policy wording relating to education, input into IDP.
08/08/2025	Meeting with BDC and LCC (LHA) Transport Meeting	Blaby Local Transport Evidence Discussion regarding for District specific transport evidence preparation
09/08/20265	Meeting with BDC and LCC Blaby Modelling Discussion*	Blaby Local Transport Evidence Discussion regarding for District specific transport evidence preparation with LCC (modelling team)
24/09/2025	Education meeting	Discussions focused on site specific education requirements and input into IDP.
05/11/2025	Education meeting	Discussions focused on site specific education requirements and input into IDP.
05/11/2025	Transport Meeting*	Meeting with BDC and LCC (LHA and Modelling)

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		Blaby Local Transport Evidence Meeting
17/11/2025	Transport Meeting	Meeting with BDC and LCC (LHA and Modelling) Blaby Local Transport Evidence Meeting County Hall
03/12/2025	Education meeting	Discussions focused on site specific education requirements and input into IDP.
03/12/2025	Transport meeting	Inception meeting with BDC & LCC (LHA and Modelling) after updated stage 1 request to AECOM submitted
09/12/2025	LCC / BDC ecology meeting	Discussion of approach to biodiversity in general and at sites including Hayes Gardens, Western Park.
10/12/2025	Transport meeting*	Meeting with BDC and LCC (Modelling team) PRTM Model Outputs
07/01/2026	LCC / BDC meeting	Discussion of emerging evidence base documents and Local Plan updates, as well strategic infrastructure, strategic B8 needs and 5YHLS
14/01/2026	LCC / BDC heritage meeting	Local Plan Heritage Assessment (consultation on initial screening results and further work)
21/01/2026	BDC/LCC LTA	Discussion around approach to evidence, ongoing LCC& BDC & transport consultants working arrangements and timescales
26/01/2026	LCC / BDC heritage meeting	Discussion focussed on the broad findings of the heritage screening evidence

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
28/01/2026	Education meeting	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, site specific education requirements, policy wording relating to education, input into IDP.
18/02/2026	Transport Meeting*	Meeting with BDC and LCC (modelling) Blaby Local Plan
18/02/2026	BDC/LCC LTA	Discussion around scope, timescales and limitation of transport evidence
23/02/2026	Education meeting	Discussions focused on site specific education requirements and input into IDP.
23/02/2026	BDC/LCC LTA	LP timetable update Progress transport evidence, including model runs
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies - The Council attended the workshop - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements - Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters - The Local Plan evidence base
25/03/2026	BDC/LCC LTA	Local Plan and Joint Evidence Meeting. Progress update to LCC on modelling work.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
14/04/2026	BDC/LCC LTA	BDC provided update on LP timetable
20/05/2026	BDC / LCC LHA / NA	SLR presentation overview of progress of transport evidence so far to LCC and NH
15/06/2026	BDC/ LCC LTA	Discussion on the draft Strategic Transport Assessment and LCC initial observations.

* Denotes a meeting with LCC modelling team where the Local Highways Authority may not have been present.

Melton Borough Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller needs
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council / Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. - The Council attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. MBC responded on 25.02.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base

North West Leicestershire District Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet GT needs
12/10/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Regular meeting to discuss potential transit site locations to meet Gypsy and Traveller need
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council / Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. • The Council attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. NWLDC responded on 03.03.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	Regular MAG, SPG and POF local plan	Regular Blaby Local Plan updates
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
10/08/2022	BDC / OWBC	Discussion of Water Cycle Study approach and production, and discussion of joint work on WCS
05/01/2023	BDC / HDC / HBBC / OWBC meeting	Discussion of joint Water Cycle Study progress
12/01/2023	Strategic Planning Group (CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding the emerging Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire
20/04/2023	Leicestershire local authorities and Leicestershire Police meeting	Discussion of potential transit site locations to meet GT needs
11/07/2023	BDC / OWBC DtC meetings	Discussion of Local Plan progress and Leicester's unmet need. Also discussed was the approach to producing joint viability and infrastructure evidence base studies, and a developer contributions joint policy.
07/05/2024	BDC / OWBC DtC meetings	Discussion of Local Plan progress and joint/individual evidence base studies. Discussion of county wide work group to address wider infrastructure concerns. Discussion of a joint statement/MOU
03/06/2024	South Leicestershire Authorities meeting (BDC, HDC, OWBC, Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership)	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, further engagement with relevant partners, joint and aligned evidence preparation and associated timescales including transport modelling and IDP, housing need including unmet need,

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		statements of common ground
05/08/2024	South Leicestershire Authorities meeting (BDC, HDC, OWBC, Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership)	Discussions focussed on maintaining effective cooperation, including in relation to cross boundary matters regarding land supply, transport evidence, and education capacity and requirements
19/08/2024	Leicestershire authorities plan making meeting (BDC / CBC / HDC / Leicester City Council / Leicestershire County Council / MDC / NWLDC / OWBC)	Discussions regarding each authority's emerging Local Plan (and Minerals and Waste Local Plan for the County Council), focussing on key progress updates and timescales, alongside associated evidence preparation
20/11/2024	BDC / O&WBC DtC meetings	Discussion of Local Plan progress and joint/individual evidence base studies. Discussion of interim MOU and SoCG
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. - The Council attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
08/08/2025	BDC / O&WBC DtC meetings	Discussion of Local Plan progress and joint/individual evidence base studies. Discussion of cross boundary impact of cumulative growth, and infrastructure impact of Hospital Lane site

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
07/11/2025	Planning Officers Forum	Oadby and Wigston indicate will need to declare unmet housing need in region of 149 dpa
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. OWBC responded on 13.03.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.
04/03/2026	Meeting of Leicester and Leicestershire Heads of Planning	Oadby and Wigston make a declaration of unmet housing need of 149dpa
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base
16/04/2026	Meeting of Leicester and Leicestershire Heads of Planning	Oadby and Wigston BC to draft a SoCG in relation to unmet housing need
29/06/2026	Meeting of Leicester and Leicestershire Partnership	Discussion of SoCG drafted by Oadby and Wigston BC. Further revisions required.

3.2 Engagement with non-Leicestershire local authorities

3.2.1 The Council shares its western boundary with Warwickshire authorities. To support the production of the Plan, the Council has sought to engage on a regular basis with surrounding non-Leicestershire local authorities.

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	A5 Member Partnership. Quarterly meetings to discuss strategic matters associated with the A5 for all authorities on the route which includes adjoining Leicestershire and Warwickshire authorities	Discussions relating to potential highway mitigation and safety issues.
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base

Rugby Borough Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	A5 Member Partnership. Quarterly meetings to discuss strategic matters associated with the A5 for all authorities on the route which includes adjoining Leicestershire and Warwickshire authorities	Discussions relating to potential highway mitigation and safety issues.
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. • The Council attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
11/02/2026	Letter to Leicestershire local authorities and neighbouring authorities	Letter requests assistance in meeting needs for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. RBC responded on 25.02.2026 to indicate it cannot assist.
25/02/2026	Request from RBC to sign Statement of Common Ground	SoCG to cover strategic cross boundary matters on housing, Employment and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. Agreed and signed 21/04/2026.
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The Council attended the workshop • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		abolished DtC requirements - Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters - The Local Plan evidence base

Warwickshire County Council

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Recurring	A5 Member Partnership. Quarterly meetings to discuss strategic matters associated with the A5 for all authorities on the route which includes adjoining Leicestershire and Warwickshire authorities	Discussions relating to potential highway mitigation and safety issues.
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
07/02/2024	Attended JTE Workshop 1	Consultation on scope of JTE

Engagement with prescribed Duty to Co-operate bodies

3.2.2 The following section provides a summary of engagement activities undertaken with relevant prescribed DtC bodies.

Environment Agency

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
24/05/2022	BDC / Environment Agency / LLFA meeting	Discussion of Local Plan progress and evidence base, and potential strategic sites.
10/08/2022	BDC / Environment Agency / Severn Trent Water / OWBC	Discussion of Water Cycle Study approach and production, and discussion of joint work on WCS
29/02/2024	Flood Risk Evidence Update Meeting	Requirements related to updates in flood risk evidence. Confirmation of intention to update SFRA
31/10/2024	Environment Agency Local Plan (email discussion)	Informal consultation on policies relevant to the Environment Agency in emerging Plan and potential allocations (RAG rated). Response received 10/11/25)
21/01/2025	Environment Agency consultation on SFRA work (email only)	Discussion and confirmation of methodology to update the Council's SFRA. Response received 2 May
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. The Environment Agency attended the workshop.	All attendees were provided with updates on: The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
	All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	- Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements - Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters - Emerging evidence base studies
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies - The Environment Agency attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements - Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters - The Local Plan evidence base

Historic England

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
30/01/2023	Historic England	Discussion of Local Plan progress and positive approach to historic environment, and SHELAA sites
17/01/2024	Historic England	Discussion of approach to systematic appraisal of SHELAA sites, and sites near Kirby Muxloe
20/09/2024	Historic England	Comments on emerging draft local plan (received 01/11/2024)

Natural England

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
25/07/2022	Natural England	Discussions focussed on Green Infrastructure Framework, Natural Capital Atlas, Information on Biodiversity Net Gain and BNG trainings
03/07/24	Natural England	Blaby Local Plan Update
20/09/2024	Natural England (email discussion)	Informal consultation on policies relevant to Natural England in emerging Plan and potential allocations (RAG rated). Response received 24/10/24)
25/09/2024	Natural England (email discussion)	Discussion of potential amendments to policies and mitigations to sites discussed
14/05/2025	Natural England (email discussion)	Discussion regarding air quality assessment work and scope (need to include air quality impacts on sssi's in scope) response received 15/05/2025
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. - Natural England attended the workshop. - All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: - The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy - Proposed DtC engagement activities - Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
		approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies

The Civil Aviation Authority

3.2.3 No engagement with the Civil Aviation Authority has taken place regarding the emerging Plan.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Civil Aviation Authority were consulted.

Homes England

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Monthly	Strategic Planning Group. Homes England is an attendee of these meeting	HE engagement at those meetings to discuss strategic planning for each member authority area.
20/12/2019	BDC / Homes England / Eversheds meeting	Discussion of Local Plan project management and strategic sites.
05/02/2025	BDC / Homes England	Discussion of latest HE support and evidence work in terms of strategic sites. All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. • Homes England attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • Homes England attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board/ National Health Service (NHS) England

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Reoccurring	Quarterly meeting between BDC and ICB	Updates to Local Plan timetable and progress of evidence in respect of site selection and impact on health infrastructure.
31/10/2018	BDC / West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group meeting	Discussion of the emerging Local Plan, healthcare infrastructure facility capacity and resource issues, and expansion through extensions of existing facilities, including Ratby Surgery. Discussion of joint work to secure adequate primary care
29/11/2018	BDC / East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group meeting	Discussion of the emerging Local Plan, healthcare infrastructure facility capacity, and expansion through extensions of existing facilities
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided by NHS England & NHS Improvement - Midlands relating to the proposed options and related issues
17/11/2020	BDC / East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group meeting	Discussion of new Local Plan progress, capacity constraints in existing primary care facilities and potential extensions to existing facilities

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided by Leicester & Leicestershire Rutland CCGs relating to the proposed options and related issues
20/02/2023	BDC / Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion on Local Plan progress, strategic site selection process and emerging evidence base
17/04/2023	BDC / Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion of GP practice capacity by settlement
15/04/2024	BDC / Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion of Local Plan progress, capacity constraints in existing primary care facilities and potential extensions to existing facilities from potential growth
21/05/2024	BDC/ NHS Leicestershire Partnership Trust meeting	Discussion of NHS Leicestershire Partnership Trust's role, existing services, capacity and potential future needs, input into IDP
19/06/2025	BDC/ Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion of Local Plan progress, delivery of new healthcare facilities, SHLAA sites/ potential LP allocations and their healthcare needs, input into IDP

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. • The ICB attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
05/08/2025	BDC / Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion of site specific requirements and healthcare facilities costs and input into IDP
12/11/2025	BDC / Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion of site specific requirements and input into IDP
22/01/2026	BDC/ Integrated Care Board meeting	Discussion of site specific requirements and input into IDP
12/03/2026	Online DtC workshop with prescribed DtC bodies • The NHS attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Approach to the production of SoC and SoCG, and to meeting the abolished DtC requirements • Identified current position in relation to strategic cross-boundary matters • The Local Plan evidence base

Office of Rail and Road

3.2.4 No engagement with the Office of Rail and Road has taken place regarding the emerging Plan.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	ORR were formally consulted.

National Highways (formerly Highways England)

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
31/01/2019	BDC / National Highways meeting	Discussion of Local Plan production, transport evidence gathering, transport modelling and Major SRN projects.
July-September 2019	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
January-March 2021	Blaby Local Plan Regulation 18 Options consultation	Consultation response provided relating to the proposed options and related issues
28/10/2021	BDC / Leicestershire County Council Transport / National Highways meeting	Discussions on transport modelling of growth options being considered in the Local Plan.
21/03/2024	JTE workshop Meeting	Discussion on scope of JTE work
23/09/2024	JTE workshop Meeting	Discussion regarding scope and findings of JTE including initial discussion on mitigation
14/11/2025	JTE workshop Meeting	Discussion regarding strategic infrastructure and likely impact reduction
24/03/2025	BDC / National Highways meeting	Discussion of Local Plan production and timetable, updates on transport evidence and approach, strategic sites. Agreed to work towards a SoCG.

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
24/06/2025	Online DtC workshop with all prescribed DtC bodies. • National Highways attended the workshop. • All workshop materials were circulated for review and comment	All attendees were provided with updates on: • The emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy • Proposed DtC engagement activities • Approach to the production of SoCG and proposed approach to meeting DtC requirements • Identified potential strategic cross-boundary matters • Emerging evidence base studies
02/12/2025	BDC / National Highways meeting	Discussion of Local Plan production and timetable, South Leicestershire Joint Transport evidence and Blaby transport evidence updates
11/03/2026	BDC / National Highways meeting	Discussion on Local Plan progress, transport evidence and implications for the Strategic Road Network

Leicester and Leicestershire Joint Strategic Partnership

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
Monthly	Strategic Planning Group (BDC/CBC / HDC / HBBC / LCiC / LCoC / MBC / NWLDC / OWBC / Joint Strategic Planning Manager (JSPM) and from January 2026 - Rutland CC, together with Homes England as regular attendees)	Discussions regarding: the Strategic Growth Plan and its relationship with the emerging Local Plans across Leicester and Leicestershire; strategic cross-boundary planning and infrastructure issues; public health matters.
05/09/2023	Leicester & Leicestershire Partnership Meeting (all L&L LPAs and JSPM) – Strategic Transport Assessment	Establishing a way forward to complete the L&L Strategic Transport Assessment Stage 1
11/01/2024	Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Infrastructure Planning Workshop	Discussion around how to add value through IDPs
07/05/2024	L&L wide meeting – Leicestershire Collaborate to Accelerate Net Zero User Needs Workshop	User needs for the Local Area Energy Plan
03/06/2024	South Leicestershire Authorities meeting (BDC, HDC, OWBC, JSPM)	Discussions focussed on Local Plan progress, further engagement with relevant partners, joint and aligned evidence preparation and associated timescales including transport modelling and IDP, housing need including unmet need, statements of common ground
05/08/2024	South Leicestershire Authorities meeting (BDC, HDC, OWBC, JSPM)	Discussions focussed on maintaining effective cooperation, including in relation to cross boundary matters regarding land supply, transport evidence, and education capacity and requirements
26/09/2024	Leicester & Leicestershire Strategic Planning and Utilities Infrastructure Workshop (All L&L LPAs together)	Engagement with emerging Local Area Energy Plan; sharing of

Date	Brief Description of the activity	Key output
	with National Grid DSO, Severn Trent and Homes England)	key strategic sites with infrastructure providers; understanding of challenges for infrastructure providers and; established contacts.
24/02/2026	BDC and JSPM meeting	Discussion/information sharing regarding emerging local plan allocations.

4.0 Strategic and cross-boundary matters

4.1 Identification of strategic cross boundary matters

- 4.1.1 Through the engagement activities listed within section 3 above, strategic cross boundary matters relevant to the production of the Plan have been identified with prescribed DtC bodies.
- 4.1.2 The following table summarises the strategic cross boundary matters identified with relevant authorities and organisations throughout the production of the Plan, and the activities undertaken to ensure that appropriate cooperation has taken place to support the production of the Plan.

Table 1: Strategic cross boundary matters considered with prescribed Duty to Cooperate bodies

Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
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• Unmet housing need • Providing a growth strategy which appropriately provides for Blaby's contribution to meeting Leicester's unmet housing needs, in accordance with the Housing and Economic Needs Assessment and the Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities' Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (December 2025) • Consideration of a post-2036 position across the Housing Market Area in relation to Leicester's unmet needs	• Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council • Melton Borough Council • North West Leicestershire District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council	• Participation in regular Members Advisory Group, Strategic Planning Group, Planning Officers' Forum meetings • Attendance at Leicester and Leicestershire Partnership meetings • Production of joint evidence base documents relating to housing needs, including housing mix and specialist housing. • Agreement of a strategic SoCG with Leicester and Leicestershire authorities regarding unmet housing needs (January 2026) • Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • DtC meetings	• The Leicester and Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (December 2025) • Updated Housing Distribution paper apportions Leicester City's unmet housing need, including an increased housing requirement for the emerging Blaby Local Plan Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan
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Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
Oadby and Wigston Declaration: Oadby and Wigston Borough Council formally declared an unmet housing need of 149 (March 2026) and Published a Regulation 19 Local Plan on that basis (April 2026). Blaby District Council has formally objected (May 2026).	- Charnwood Borough Council - Harborough District Council - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Leicester City Council - Melton Borough Council - North West Leicestershire District Council - Oadby & Wigston Borough Council	- Participation in regular Members Advisory Group, Strategic Planning Group, Planning Officers' Forum meetings - Formal communication by OWBC CE advising of likely declaration and BDC response - DtC workshops, including one facilitated by PAS. - Regulation 19 publication - Agreement to engage with SoCG as drafted by OWBC on the matter	- BDC formal objection to OWBC Regulation 19 Local Plan on soundness. - OWBC have submitted their Local Plan to Government for Examination in Public. Next steps - Continued engagement, including through BDC Regulation 19 Publication and OWBC EiP

• Planning for growth in the logistics sector (strategic B8 storage) • Providing a Local Plan that is informed by robust evidence of the need for strategic B8 within the wider region, and making appropriate provision of strategic B8 in suitable locations	• Leicestershire County Council • Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council • Melton Borough Council • North West Leicestershire District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council • Rugby Borough Council	• Participation in regular Members Advisory Group, Strategic Planning Group, Planning Officers' Forum, and highways and transport modelling meetings • Attendance at Leicester and Leicestershire Partnership meetings • Production of joint evidence base documents relating to employment needs across study period up to 2046, apportioned to Areas of Opportunity across local authority areas • Agreement of a Strategic Warehousing SoCG (June 2026 TBC) • Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • DtC meetings	• Strategic Warehousing SoCG apportions B8 need across FEMA (Leicestershire) • No further strategic B8 apportioned to Blaby in the study period • Strategic Warehousing SoCG agreed. BDC anticipate taking this to April Council for approval to sign • Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan
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Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
• Highways and transport • Identifying a spatial strategy informed by robust and up to date joint transport evidence that seeks to implement a vision led approach to transport interventions whilst avoiding severe impacts on the local and strategic transport network	• Leicestershire County Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council • Leicester City Council • Rugby Borough Council • National Highways	• Participation in regular Members Advisory Group, Strategic Planning Group, Planning Officers' Forum, and highways and transport modelling meetings • Attendance at Leicester and Leicestershire Partnership meetings • Production of joint evidence base documents relating to transport, including South Leicestershire Joint Transport Evidence Stage 1 (2025) & 2 (2026) • Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • DtC meetings	• South Leicestershire Joint Transport Evidence Stage One • South Leicestershire Joint Transport Evidence Stage • Interim Blaby Strategic Transport Assessment, June 2026 Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan, and in particular with LCoC and National Highways to refine interim Strategic Transport Assessment in advance of Submission of the Local Plan

Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
• Cross boundary/close boundary site allocations • Strategic site allocations are being considered on or close to authority boundaries, including: ○ Land West Stoney Stanton, Stoney Stanton ○ Whetstone Pastures ○ Land north of Glenfield ○ Land rear of County Hall, Glenfield	• Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council • Homes England	• Participation in regular Members Advisory Group, Strategic Planning Group, Planning Officers' Forum meetings • Attendance at Leicester and Leicestershire Partnership meetings • Production of evidence base documents relating to site assessments and site specific evidence • Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • DtC meetings	• The Regulation 19 Local Plan will contain proposed allocations: • Land West Stoney Stanton, Stoney Stanton • Whetstone Pastures • Land north of Glenfield • Land rear of County Hall, Glenfield - Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan

Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
• Retail/leisure/other commercial development • Providing a Local Plan that is informed by robust and up to date evidence of retail, leisure and other commercial development needs and plans to meet these needs so far as reasonably possible	• Leicester City Council	• Production of evidence base documents, including Retail, Town Centre and Leisure Study • Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • DtC meetings	• Retail, Town Centre and Leisure Study informs policy approach of continued protection of local centres and managed growth of identified Motorway Retail Area. Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan
• Local Services and Community Uses • Providing a Local Plan that is based on an assessment of the capacity of existing local services and community facilities, and the need for new and/or improvements to such facilities, supported by delivery through development opportunities	• Leicestershire County Council • NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	• Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • Meetings with the relevant authorities	• Infrastructure Delivery Plan assesses capacity of existing services and facilities, and identifies requirements for new and/or improved infrastructure. Informed viability assessment and policy formulation Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan

Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
• Green Wedges • Consideration of the appropriate approach to Green Wedges within Blaby and neighbouring authorities	• Charnwood Borough Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council	• Production of evidence base documents, including Green Wedge Review • Regulation 18 consultation • Two DtC workshops • Meetings with the relevant authorities • Sharing Green Wedge Review with adjacent LPAs	• Green Wedge Review undertaken, moved towards joint methodology • Development proposals will result in the loss of some Green Wedge Next steps • Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan

Strategic cross boundary matter	Relevant DtC and other bodies	DtC activities undertaken where the matter was considered	Current position and next steps
- Gypsy and Traveller needs - Preparing a Local Plan that is cognisant of and meets, so far as reasonably possible, evidenced Gypsy and Traveller needs	- Charnwood Borough Council - Harborough District Council - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Leicester City Council - Oadby & Wigston Borough Council - Rugby Borough Council	- Regulation 18 consultation - Two DtC workshops - Meetings with the relevant authorities - Declaring unmet need and writing to adjacent LPAs for assistance in meeting the need.	- High level of need identified in GTAA (December 2022) - Site provision opportunities work, including focused call for sites. Next steps - Continued engagement, including through Regulation 19 Local Plan

5.0 Duty to Cooperate Statements of Common Ground

- 5.1.1 The Planning Practice Guidance¹⁵ (PPG) recommends that authorities should make 'SoCG available on their website by the time they publish their draft plan, in order to provide communities and other stakeholders with a transparent picture of how they have collaborated'. The Council will be drafting a number of SoCG with the prescribed DtC bodies presented in the table below.
- 5.1.2 DtC SoCG that are agreed after publication of the Local Plan will be presented within future updates to this SoC.
- 5.1.3 Where considered necessary to support the examination of the Local Plan, the Council will produce updates to the agreed DtC SoCG with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the SoCG are up to date and appropriately reflect recent and ongoing cooperation and engagement with relevant organisations.

¹⁵ PPG, Plan Making, Paragraph: 020 Reference ID: 61-020-20190315

5.1.4

Strategic cross boundary matter	Statement of Common Ground	Signatories
Unmet housing need	Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - SoCG relating to Housing Distribution following NPPF and new Standard Method published December 2024 (December 2025)	• Blaby District Council • Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council (Unitary) • Melton Borough Council • North West Leicestershire District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council • Leicestershire County Council
Unmet housing and employment needs	Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (June 2022)	• Blaby District Council • Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council (Unitary) • Melton Borough Council • North West Leicestershire District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council • Leicestershire County Council

Planning for growth in the logistics sector (strategic B8 storage)		• Blaby District Council • Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council (Unitary) • Melton Borough Council • North West Leicestershire District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council • Leicestershire County Council
Planning for growth in the logistics sector (strategic B8 storage)	Leicester & Leicestershire Authorities - SoCG relating to Strategic Distribution Floorspace Needs Update and Apportionment (April 2026)	• Blaby District Council • Charnwood Borough Council • Harborough District Council • Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council • Leicester City Council (Unitary) • Melton Borough Council • North West Leicestershire District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council • Leicestershire County Council
Joint working and plan making in	South Leicestershire Local Plan Making	• Blaby District Council • Harborough District Council • Oadby & Wigston Borough Council

south Leicestershire	Statement of Common Ground (November 2021)	• Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Site specific cross boundary allocation		• Charnwood Borough Council • Leicester city council

Strategic cross boundary matters for inclusion in a SoCG

Duty to Cooperate body	Unmet housing needs – addressing Leicester's unmet needs beyond 2036.	Unmet housing needs – addressing Leicester's unmet needs beyond 2036.	Planning for growth in the logistics sector (strategic B8 storage)	Green wedges	Impacts of site allocations within the emerging Local Plan	Meeting Gypsy and Traveller Needs	Status of SoCG
Leicestershire County Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Leicester City Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Charnwood Borough Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Harborough District Council	✓						Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Melton Borough Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body

Duty to Cooperate body	Unmet housing needs – addressing Leicester's unmet needs beyond 2036.	Unmet housing needs – addressing Leicester's unmet needs beyond 2036.	Planning for growth in the logistics sector (strategic B8 storage)	Green wedges	Impacts of site allocations within the emerging Local Plan	Meeting Gypsy and Traveller Needs	Status of SoCG
North West Leicestershire District Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council	✓	✓					Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Warwickshire County Council							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Rugby Borough Council							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Environment Agency							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Historic England							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body

Duty to Cooperate body	Unmet housing needs – addressing Leicester's unmet needs beyond 2036.	Unmet housing needs – addressing Leicester's unmet needs beyond 2036.	Planning for growth in the logistics sector (strategic B8 storage)	Green wedges	Impacts of site allocations within the emerging Local Plan	Meeting Gypsy and Traveller Needs	Status of SoCG
Natural England							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Homes England							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
National Highways							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB)							Drafted, not yet shared with relevant body
Civil Aviation Authority							

6.0 Conclusion

6.1.1 This SoC provides a comprehensive and transparent account of how the Council has collaborated to date with all relevant organisations throughout the production of the Plan. This SoC demonstrates that, through the range of activities undertaken by the Council, the production of the Plan has satisfied the test of soundness and met the former requirements of the DtC.