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**Crawley Borough Council**  
**Councillor Peter Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development**



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**Horsham District Council**  
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<p>Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex are located within the county of West Sussex. Studies undertaken since 2009 have consistently confirmed the three district/borough authority areas form a close Housing Market Area (Northern West Sussex "NWS") and are part of wider Economic Functional Areas (Gatwick Diamond centred on Crawley/Gatwick Airport, and to the south of the Districts: Greater Brighton). The NWS authorities form part of the 'Coast to Capital' Local Enterprise Partnership, which stretches from</p>
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Chichester in the south west, along the coast to Brighton and Newhaven and Seaford through Mid Sussex and Crawley to Croydon on the outskirts of London.



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March 2020, and its subsequent Submission to the Secretary of State for Examination. However, the transport evidence base is not yet in place and, until an agreed position on transport is reached, it is recognised this will have an impact on the timetable for the Plan. The draft Crawley Borough Local Plan 2020 – 2035 identifies sufficient sites (and windfalls) to meet 5,285 dwellings over the 15-year Plan period (2020 – 2035), against the total housing need of 11,281 (based on 15-year multiple of the Standard Methodology:  $752 \times 15 = 11,281$ ). This leaves \_\_\_\_\_ arising from Crawley's projected population growth, over the Plan period to 2035, unmet.

The Horsham Local Plan review has commenced and has undergone two rounds of consultation under Regulation 18 (Apr-May 2018 and Feb-Mar 2020). The Mid Sussex District Plan review is due to commence in 2021, with submission to the Secretary of State in 2023. Therefore, it is not possible to confirm any changes to the housing requirement in these areas and the extent to which this can be met, at this time. Evidence work for the Horsham and Mid Sussex plans will confirm future housing requirements and will be set out in future iterations of this SoCG.

- 3. The authorities agree to continue to work positively together to seek to address the future housing needs of the Housing Market Area as far as possible, taking into account local constraints, and the need for sustainable development.***
- 4. The authorities will explore the potential opportunities and mechanisms for meeting the housing needs for different groups in the community across the Housing Market Area.***

The Northern West Sussex Authorities are in agreement that transport infrastructure required to deliver development in the north of the area is a significant constraint over the lifetime of the respective plans. The three councils will continue to share information as transport studies are updated and will work together where necessary to resolve any cross-boundary issues alongside the LEP, West Sussex County Council or the Highways Agency.

The Northern West Sussex Authorities are in agreement that waste water capacity is a constraint to development in the area, over the lifetime of the respective plans. For the adopted Plans, the water companies confirmed they could manage capacity through improvements to technology. However, in respect of the Plan reviews, additional work may2 Tw 0Tc 0 Tw - (a)2..1 (emd.1 (es) e( a (ac)-1.9 (it)7)2.3 (W8 (

of demand for secondary school places is in the short and medium term and there will be issues from Sept 2021. In the longer term numbers are expected to reduce as entry to primary schools is now falling after a rapid rise from 2012. When the Crawley Borough Local Plan 2030 was adopted (December 2015), it was anticipated by WSCC that they would explore options for the extension of existing secondary schools within the Borough, although the Infrastructure Delivery Plan recognised the need for places might be supplied by a new school. In 2017 the DfE announced a new 6 form entry plus a sixth form Secondary Free School, 'Forge Wood High', to be sponsored by a high performing multi-academy trust. However, given Crawley's constrained land supply, no suitable site has been found to build the school. Therefore, the potential to provide additional secondary school places, to serve Crawley's needs, will be considered on sites close to Crawley. If new strategic development on Crawley's boundaries could provide this opportunity, the DfE will seek to bring forward a school as early as possible. In the meantime, WSCC will look to existing schools in and outside the Borough to cater for places on a temporary basis until a new school can be delivered.

5. *Transport: including with reference to maximising opportunities for sustainable and active travel: Public Transport – rail station, Metrobus extensions, cycling, walking, equestrian, public rights of*

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preparation phase and beyond. This co-operation and collaboration takes place at senior Member, Chief Executive and senior officer as well as at technical officer level.

**13. It has been agreed between the Authorities that:**

- a. A joint Local Plan does not need to be produced at this stage, although an adopted local Joint Area Action Plan exists between Crawley Borough and Horsham District Councils, and the need for a Joint Plan, Area Action Plan or Policies, between some or all of the Authorities, will be kept under review and considered if circumstances warrant this;**
- b. Each authority will determine its own employment and housing targets but in so doing will consider them in the context of the key strategic issues and the particular circumstances of the other authorities, prioritising the needs of the Housing Market Area; and,**
- c. They will continue to work with the other Gatwick Diamond and West Sussex and Greater Brighton authorities on housing, employment and other strategic issues affecting the Gatwick Diamond and West Sussex and Greater Brighton as a whole.**

**14. To work collaboratively on Plan preparation and evidence whilst acknowledging others' timetables and timescales. To respect each other's right to develop their own (i)1 ie.6 (e)6.9 (t)11 i 15.1 (a)**