

Core Document CD041

**FENLAND CORE STRATEGY LOCAL PLAN
PUBLIC EXAMINATION**

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

between

**Fenland District Council
and
Peterborough City Council**

in respect of

**Matter 2 – Overarching Strategy and Targets
(Question 2)**

22 November 2013

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- 1.1 This is a Statement of Common Ground prepared jointly and agreed by Fenland District Council (“FDC”) and Peterborough City Council (“PCC”). The areas administered by FDC and PCC adjoin one another and there is a close functional relationship (in social, economic and housing market terms) between the two, particularly towards the western side of Fenland.
- 1.2 The Statement addresses Question 2 of Matter 2 – Overarching Strategy and Targets – of the Matters and Issues for Examination. Question 2 reads:
- “Is there sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proportion of housing to be provided in Peterborough will be effective in addressing the housing requirements arising in Fenland both in terms of the quantum of housing and within appropriate timescales?”*
- 1.3 There is no difference of opinion between the two authorities, so that the “common ground” amounts to complete agreement. Both parties agree that there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate that:
- Peterborough, in its up to date adopted plans, is accommodating (in accordance with the agreed Cambridge HMA-wide Memorandum of Cooperation) a proportion of the need arising in the Cambridge HMA (within which is Fenland) to the value of 2,500 homes or around 10% of Peterborough’s overall adopted housing target within the appropriate timescale.
 - Peterborough, as a regional centre with infrastructure, service and job provision, is an effective place to accommodate some of the Cambridge HMA need.
 - Fenland, with its rural-based economy, limited infrastructure and service provision, should provide through its Local Plan a level of house building 8% below its identified SHMA ‘need’ (in accordance with the agreed Cambridge HMA-wide Memorandum of Cooperation).
- 1.4 To illustrate the evidence behind these assertions, please see the attached Evidence Report, which is added to the Core Document library as CD040. Both parties endorse the Evidence Report.
- 1.5 The Evidence Report explains the background to the issue, the co-operation that has taken place between the two local planning authorities (together with the other local planning authorities in the Cambridge Housing Market Area) and the plans that PCC has already put in place to deliver a proportion of the housing requirement arising from Fenland.

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