

Update to Statement of Common Ground agreed between North Essex Authorities (Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council) and Uttlesford District Council

This statement is prepared by Uttlesford District Council ("Uttlesford") and Braintree District Council ("Braintree") and is supplemental to, and updates, the Statement of Common Ground agreed between Uttlesford and the North Essex Authorities (SCG/009) ("the SoCG")

As detailed on pages 7 – 9 of the Braintree District Council Duty to Cooperate Statement, the following strategic issues were discussed between Braintree and Uttlesford as part of the Duty to Cooperate:

- The West of Braintree Garden Community
- Strategic transport links along the A120 corridor
- Strategic employment links to London Stansted Airport

As noted on page 8 of the Duty to Cooperate Statement, regular meetings between officers and members of Braintree and Uttlesford have taken place approximately every quarter since later 2015 and much more frequently in 2017. Those meetings have taken place both formally and informally.

As part of that on-going engagement Uttlesford and Braintree discussed the progress of the emerging Section 1 Local Plan. Updates on Local Plan progress were included as specific agenda items for the almost every meeting with reports on progress given by both Braintree and Uttlesford.

Uttlesford kept themselves abreast of key stages of the Local Plan development, including responding to the Regulation 19 consultation and reviewing responses to that consultation.

After reviewing the Monks Wood proposal Braintree concluded that it did not justify any change to their proposed Local Plan Strategy. Uttlesford agree that the duty to co-operate raises no expectation on their part that Braintree should highlight rejected Local Plan options or objection sites to them.

Signed on behalf of Braintree District Council

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