

### Additional Main Modifications in response to Inspectors Matter 2, question 3

Mod Ref	Part of Plan	Proposed Revision	Reason for change
	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Sub-heading 1.4</p>	<p>Amend section 1.4 to read:</p> <p><b>1.4 The ‘Duty to Co-operate’</b></p> <p>1.4.1 The duty to cooperate was introduced in the Localism Act 2011. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities to engage constructively and actively, and to address strategic cross-boundary matters in preparing Local Plans. The duty to co-operate is not a duty to agree but rather to engage in a meaningful and substantive way in respect of cross border issues.</p> <p>1.4.2 Wyre has actively and constructively engaged with all adjoining districts and other organisations and partners such as the <u>Integrated Care Partnership (formerly Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs))</u>, Lancashire County Council, <u>National Highways</u> (formerly Highways England) and the Environment Agency, throughout the preparation of the Local Plan. This has included co-operation on key strategic and cross boundary matters, the preparation of joint evidence and studies where appropriate.</p> <p>1.4.3 On the Fylde Coast, Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Council and Wyre Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding governing co-operation on strategic matters. Meetings are held at officer and Member level to discuss strategic matters. A number of joint studies have been commissioned to inform the respective Local Plans of the three district councils. The co-operation between the four authorities is long standing and ongoing. The Council has also engaged with the other three adjoining local authorities – Lancaster City Council, Preston City Council and Ribble Valley Borough Council.</p>	<p>Positively prepared</p>

1.4.4 Wyre has requested assistance from all adjoining authorities in meeting housing need arising in Wyre. No local authority has offered any assistance at present in accommodating the unmet housing need or any part of it. Fylde Borough Council has indicated that it will consider the matter when it reviews the adopted Fylde Local Plan. Lancaster City Council has asked Wyre for assistance in meeting Lancaster's housing needs but in view of Wyre's inability to meet its own housing needs has not offered any assistance to Lancaster.

During the preparation of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031), Wyre Council wrote to Fylde Council in May 2016 under the Duty-to-Co-operate to request that they assist Wyre Council in meeting its full objectively assessed housing need. Although at the time Fylde Council were unable to assist, the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 as adopted in October 2018 included a commitment to undertake an early partial review of the Plan (whether partial or full) to examine the issue of unmet need in Wyre, in the circumstances of such a need arising.

The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) was adopted in February 2019 and identified the objectively assessed need (OAN) for housing to be 479 net dwellings per annum, equating to 9,580 net dwellings over the plan period 2011-2031. The Local Plan delivered 9,200 dwellings (Policy SP1) or 460 dwellings per annum within the plan period. Therefore, at the point of adoption there was an unmet need of 380 net dwellings.

1.4.5 The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) included Policy LPR1 which required the early partial update of the adopted plan. Policy LPR1 set out that the update would be a partial update only, with the objective of updating and meeting in full the OAN for Housing. The partial update commenced in December 2019.

The establishment of the unmet need through the adoption of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) also triggered the review mechanism in the Fylde Local Plan to 2032. The Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (Incorporating Partial Review) was adopted in December 2021 and identifies a minimum housing requirement of 7,275 new homes.

This is sufficient to meet the identified housing needs in Fylde and accommodate Wyre's unmet housing need of 380 dwellings, the equivalent to 30 dwellings per annum for the period 2019-2032, as part of its housing requirement.

1.4.6 As required by Policy LPR1, the Wyre Council has considered the OAN for housing and in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, determining the minimum number of homes needed requires a housing needs assessment undertaken in accordance with the standard method. This gives a housing need figure of 296 dwellings per annum (net), equating to 7,232<sup>3</sup> dwellings over the plan period 2011-2031. Wyre Council can meet its housing needs in full through the Partial Update and there is no unmet need in Wyre that falls to be considered by neighbouring local authorities. Wyre has not been asked by any adjoining authority to consider accepting any unmet need.

~~1.4.5 1.4.7~~ The Duty to Cooperate Statement sets out Wyre's co-operation with various organisations in preparing the Local Plan. The Statement shows that Wyre has complied with the duty to cooperate. ~~Wyre is committed to cooperating with adjoining local authorities and other organisations in resolving issues and delivering the Local Plan.~~

~~1.4.6 Following the hearing sessions in May and June 2018, the Council proposed modifications to the Local Plan which brought the Local Plan housing land supply closer to the identified housing OAN. However due to the outstanding shortfall and the existing position that no adjoining authority is able to assist Wyre in meeting unmet needs, the Local Plan includes a review mechanism in Policy LPR1 which commits the Council to an early partial review commencing in 2019 with submission of the review for examination by early 2022.~~

Insert new footnote to read:

		<sup>3</sup> <u>Between 2011/2012 and 2018/2019, the housing requirement was 460 dwellings per annum; between 2019/20 and 2030/31, the housing requirement is 296 dwellings per annum, based upon the standard method.</u>	
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