

Suffolk County Council Hearing Statement**Matter 1 – Duty to Cooperate and Legal Compliance**Authors

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Issue 1a: Whether the Council has complied with the Duty to Co-operate (DtC) in preparing the ILPR?

1. How has the Council engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with all of the relevant authorities and prescribed bodies on the ‘strategic matters’ applicable to the ILPR?

Suffolk County Council is content that the Borough Council has met its Duty to Cooperate and has engaged on strategic matters throughout the plan making process.

2. How has this engagement maximised the effectiveness of the preparation of the ILPR?

Engagement with the County Council and neighbouring authorities has identified the infrastructure needs of Ipswich resulting from the Local Plan growth and growth throughout the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area as a whole, where strategic infrastructure priorities have been shared by the ISPA Local Planning Authorities and the County Council.

3. Have the ‘strategic matters’ been resolved through the DtC or do any remain outstanding?

Activity through the Duty to Cooperate has been productive and has resulted in agreed strategies for addressing the strategic issues.

4. Is this adequately evidenced by the Statement of Compliance with the DtC and the related Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and other documents submitted in support of them?

The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Cooperate and the Statements of Common Ground set out how the strategic matters have been addressed.

5. Are there any ‘strategic matters’ on which the DtC has not been met? If so, what is the evidence to support this?

The Duty to Cooperate has met the ‘strategic matters’.