

Section 4 Duty to Cooperate 2018-2019

- 1.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires local planning authorities to engage constructively with neighbouring local planning authorities and prescribed bodies on an ongoing basis on strategic planning matters that impact on more than one local planning area. Local planning authorities are required to give details of what action they have taken in relation to duty co-operate in their Authority Monitoring reports.
- 1.2 The Core Strategy was adopted in October 2015 and the Council’s role in Duty to Cooperate (DtC) was considered at the Examination of the Submission document. The Inspector concluded in her report that taking the plan as a whole, the Core Strategy complied with the legal DtC in the Act.
- 1.3 The Table below shows the DTC activity that has taken place between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 but it does refer to activity into the next monitoring period where appropriate.

Date	Issue / Plan	Organisation	Details	Outcomes / Proposed action
Ongoing throughout monitoring period	Travellers DPD	All neighbouring authorities Environment agency Highways England	As the DPD was at examination during this monitoring period there duty to cooperate activity was limited as this had all preceded the examination stage and this was considered by the Inspector as part of the examination process. The Council liaised with Highways England to resolve highways issues in relation to one of the proposed allocated sites.	Inspectors report published in June 2019 (outside of the monitoring period) which concluded the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an on-going basis in the preparation of the Plan and that the duty to cooperate enshrined in section 33A of the 2004 Act has therefore been met.
July 2018	Minerals	Regional Aggregates Working Party	This meeting includes the former West Midlands Regions and other interested parties, including representatives from the Environment Agency and industries. Meetings of each group are usually held twice a calendar year and allow a sharing of knowledge and experience, provide a forum for discussions and provide objective and authoritative technical advice, including comments on annual Local Aggregates Assessments.	Feed into ongoing work on the minerals and waste local plan.

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November 2018	Minerals and Waste Issues	Joint meeting with Gloucestershire and Worcestershire County Councils	To discuss duty to cooperate issues and agreeing to set up a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be followed by a statement of common ground in due course.	MoU signed June 2019 (outside of this monitoring period)
January to March 2019	Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation	All neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies were consulted.	Key issues raised in the representations included those from Historic England and the Environment Agency. Consequently, meetings were held following the consultation period between Herefordshire Council, Hendeca (consultants) and both Historic England and the Environment Agency to ensure that the Pre-submission MWLP addresses the matters raised and allay concerns.	Issues raised resolved in meetings to enable work to progress on the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
Ongoing	Waste and Minerals issues	West Midlands Resource Technical Advisory Body (WM RTAB) These comprise authorities of the former West Midlands Regions and other interested parties, including representatives from the	Herefordshire Council is an active member of the WM RTAB in relation to waste matters and the West Midlands Regional Aggregate Working Party (WM AWP) in relation to minerals. These comprise authorities of the former West Midlands Regions and other interested parties, including representatives from the Environment Agency and industries. Meetings of each group are held twice a year and allow a sharing of knowledge and experience, provide a forum for discussions and provide objective and authoritative technical advice, including comments on annual Local Aggregates Assessments	Ongoing and feeds into evidence base for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

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July 2018	Economic Development	Local Enterprise Partnership	Herefordshire is part of a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) with Shropshire and Telford Councils and continues to work closely in relation to its plan making functions. The Council attended a Marches LEP Infrastructure meeting to discuss priorities for future infrastructure requirements.	No specific actions raised. Further meetings to take place as required.
Ongoing with board meetings in June and December 2018. Joint Seminar in September 2018	Nutrient Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural England • Dwr Cymru - Welsh Water • Powys County Council (neighbouring planning authority) 	<p>Since the adoption of the Core strategy the Council has continued to fulfil DTC requirements in both the implementation of the Core Strategy, in relation to the Nutrient Management Plan, and in relation to the preparation of a number of Development Plans which, when adopted, will form part of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The NM Board is the responsible body for ensuring the delivery of the Conservation Objectives for the River Wye Special Area of Conservation which is essential for the implementation of the Core Strategy policies.</p> <p>Membership of the board consists of senior representatives from Natural England, Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Water, Herefordshire Council and Powys County Council and other relevant stakeholders. The board is supported by a Technical Group which is responsible for identifying and analysing options to deliver improvements to Water Quality and includes representatives from the same organisations as the board. Within this reporting period the Board met in June and December.</p> <p>Information about the board, updates to the NMP</p>	Ongoing partnership working to implement the nutrient management plan.

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			<p>action plan and monitoring dashboard and minutes of the meetings can be viewed here:</p> <p>https://environment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=1dc5b2adc99e48b095950055f2785d7a</p> <p>https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/102/nutrient_management_plan</p> <p>A joint Herefordshire/Powys seminar was held in September 2018 attended by members from both Herefordshire and Powys Council's and representatives from the organisations represented on the NMP Board. The purpose of the event was to update attendees of the development of the NMP and the role of various organisations in protecting the water quality of the River Wye.</p>	
December 2018	South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP)	South Worcestershire Councils	Meeting with South Worcestershire Council officers to discuss Statement of common Ground in relation to the SWDP review. No cross boundary issues identified. Formal response to South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Issues and Options consultation.	No specific issues raised. HC will respond to future consultation stage and meet as required.