



RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN (2025 – 2042)

**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN RUGBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL AND HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

FEBRUARY 2026

1. Organisations

- Rugby Borough Council (RBC)
- Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC)

2. Introduction

2.1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) identifies areas of agreement and disagreement between RBC and HBBC in relation to the Rugby Borough Local Plan (2025-2042) and supporting evidence base. This statement has been prepared to assist the examination of RBC's local plan and covers the administrative area of RBC.

2.2. The borough is located to the east of Coventry on the eastern edge of Warwickshire and borders the counties of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. Appendix 1 shows the geographical relationship of the local authorities.

2.4 RBC has fully engaged with HBBC on the development of the councils' respective local plans from the outset. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, HBBC has been formally consulted at every stage of consultation on RBC's local plan together with its accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitat Regulations Assessment. HBBC made representations to the Regulation 18 stage of consultation on RBC's local plan.

2.5 RBC's Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement outlines in detail the engagement activities and outcomes, together with the joint evidence base studies undertaken during the plan's preparation.

3. Strategic Matters

Areas of agreement

- **That RBC has worked collaboratively to ensure that all cross boundary strategic issues have been properly considered and where appropriate reflected in the proposed Submission Local Plan. Effective and ongoing joint working will continue to be undertaken.**

3.1 The strategic matters addressed in this SoCG are:

- Strategic employment and the A5 corridor
- Strategic housing
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

Strategic Employment and the A5 corridor

3.2 It is agreed that RBC and HBBC are in different functional economic areas. Neither authority has unmet needs for employment land that it is asking the other to accommodate.

3.3 RBC's strategy for employment land focuses on delivery on the edges of Coventry and Rugby. Large new employment allocations proposed are predominantly located on the western side of the borough, away from the administrative boundary with HBBC.

3.4 It is agreed that Rugby's strategy minimises cumulative impact on the A5 corridor and the Gibbet Hill junction.

Strategic Housing

It is agreed that RBC and HBBC are in separate housing market areas. It is agreed that neither authority has unmet needs for housing that it is asking the other to accommodate.

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

3.5 It is agreed that in March 2025 RBC published a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment which identifies a need for 94 pitches in the period 2024 to 2042. RBC has identified supply sufficient to accommodate 64 pitches. RBC wrote to all its neighbouring local authorities in Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire requesting assistance with accommodating the remaining shortfall.

3.6 HBBC responded to RBC's request, stating that the evidence base for gypsy and traveller accommodation was yet to be developed. It is agreed that at the time of writing HBBC's evidence is still in development, and that discussions on this matter will continue under the Duty to Cooperate.

Areas of disagreement

- **No areas of disagreement are identified.**

4. Further Joint Working



4.1. This Statement of Common Ground will be kept up to date through continuous engagement and cooperation between RBC and HBBC.

5. Monitoring

5.1 This Statement will be maintained by RBC and updated as necessary with HBBC.

5.2 RBC will continue to work with HBBC beyond the adoption of the RBC's local plan for the monitoring and implementation of the plan.

6. Signatories

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| Date: 18/02/26 | Date: 18.02.26 |

Appendix 1 – Map of Rugby and neighbouring authorities



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