

**DtC Meeting
Three Rivers and Watford Borough Councils**

25/02/21
Via Teams

Attendees



Agenda

1. TRDC Local Plan update

- More work has been undertake on sites to identify land to meet housing need. This involves looking at contingency sites, including land in the Green Belt.
- Likely to have a split housing trajectory with higher housing completions later in the plan period.
- Reg 18 consultation after May elections, with Reg 19 in Nov 2021

2. WBC Local Plan Update

- Consultation until March 18 2021
- Report to be taken to cabinet on July 5 and Council 20 July

3. Housing

- Both authorities anticipate meeting their need within the administrative boundaries
- TRDC recognises WBC's request to consider potential to cover a proportion of the windfall set out in Watford's local plan if required in the future but consider this challenging given TRDC will dependent on Green Belt release to meet their own housing targets.

4. Employment Provision

- WBC have offered to accept most of Dacorum BC's unmet office need.
- WBC unable to meet its industrial floorspace requirements.
- TRDC should be able to meet its industrial and office land use requirements but land in these areas is constrained and is unlikely to help meet Watford's unmet need for industrial land.

5. Education Provision

- WBC unabe to meet its need for secondary school provision within its own boundaries.

- TRDC has a large secondary school site to be included in the emerging Local Plan located in Carpenders Park that should be able to support Watford. This should form part of a strategic approach to education which the County Council is responsible for. How the site is brought forward and how large it is to meet need in the area will be up to HCC.
- TRDC suggested that the cost of providing 'free-schools' should be explored as part of local plan viability work as they use different cost models than HCC as education provider (free schools often have less costs associated with them to deliver).

6. Other cross boundary matters

- WBC has published the Herts Water Study with the permission of HCC.
- HCC has not informed other Herts authorities that the study has now been amended to reflect concerns raised by Chiltern (now Buckinghamshire District Council) and approved.

7. SoCG update

- TRDC and WBC agree to progress a SoCG.
- WBC has been working on a SoCG with Dacorum BC and it is hoped this will form a template to use with others. ■ will complete and forward to TRDC.

8. AOB

- None