



# East Cambridgeshire Local Plan Single Issue Review

## **Matter 1 – Procedural/legal requirements**

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## MATTER 1 – PROCEDURAL/LLEGAL REQUIREMENTS

### Duty to Cooperate (DtC)

Question 1: What, if any, are the strategic cross boundary matters raised by the Plan for which necessary cooperation should have been secured before it was submitted for examination?

- 1.1.1 The provision of housing is considered to be the key strategic cross boundary matter for the Single Issue Review. Usually this would be in relation to the impacts proposed housing may have on neighbouring authorities but in the context of the Single Issue Review it is the implications of housing that was previously planned for no longer being planned for.
- 1.1.2 The proposed amended housing requirement is around 2,000 dwellings short of that which was previously planned for in the Local Plan. Whilst there are significant housing commitments in East Cambridgeshire that will *nearly* deliver the previously planned for housing requirement, Gladman would have expected discussions on potential implications with neighbouring authorities including Peterborough. This need does not simply disappear and will likely lead to increased migration between authorities if, households needs are not being met within East Cambridgeshire.

Question 2: If the DtC was engaged, is there clear evidence that the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies in accordance with section 33A of the 2004 Act in respect of any such strategic matters with cross-boundary impacts through the preparation of the Plan?

- 1.1.3 Gladman have seen no evidence of constructive engagement between authorities. It is not sufficient to say that the policy manager previously covered both areas, this instead raises concerns regarding the level of scrutiny around the issue.

Question 3: If the DtC was engaged, what are the specific outcomes of the DtC?

- 1.1.4 There do not appear to be any outcomes.

