

**EXAMINATION OF THE GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF TERRA STRATEGIC – ID 24244
LAND OFF BAWBURGH LANE, COSTESSEY**

MATTER 1 – COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY PROCEDURES AND LEGAL MATTERS

This Statement is made on behalf of Terra Strategic in respect of Land off Bawburgh Lane, Costessey. Terra Strategic control the majority of the site, with the remainder controlled by Norwich City Council, who are supportive of the development proposal and have agreed for Terra Strategic to take the lead with promotion of the Site through the Local Plan process.

The site forms a contingency allocation within the draft GNLP Sites Document as part of Policy GNLP0581/2043. This contingency site allocation is identified on Submission Policies Map – South Norfolk for approximately 800 homes plus other infrastructure including a primary school and sixth form provision.

A Promotional Document is appended to our Matter 2 Statement, which sets out how the site responds to its context, and how it could be developed within the Plan period.

ISSUE 1

Has the Partnership met the statutory duty to co-operate as set out under sections 20 (5) (c) and 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004?

QUESTIONS

1) Has the Council submitted robust evidence to demonstrate that the duty to cooperate has been met?

1.1 Yes. The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Cooperate [A9.1] is comprehensive and we agree that the Plan complies with the relevant statutory procedures and legal matters. The Plan represents a continuation of the cooperation between the authorities (including partners such as Norfolk County Council and the Broads Authority) demonstrated through the Joint Core Strategy and we commend the approach.

2) Have all relevant strategic matters been identified and has the process for identification been robust?

1.2 Yes. The list identified at 2.10 of [A9.1] reflects the strategic priorities within paragraph 156 of the NPPF, and of the Plan area.

3) Has the Council carried out effective engagement with neighbouring local authorities and other prescribed bodies on all relevant strategic matters? In particular, has effective engagement taken place in respect of development within the Cambridge – Norwich corridor and the impact on infrastructure requirements?

1.3 Yes. As set out at 3.23 of [A9.1], there has been engagement with the relevant authorities and LEAs to ensure coordination at the regional scale.