

**Statement of Common Ground  
as agreed between Barton Willmore  
(on behalf of the Harworth Group)  
and the Joint Plan authorities**

**Minerals and Waste Joint Plan**

November 2017

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared jointly between Barton Willmore (acting on behalf of the Harworth Group) and North Yorkshire County Council, the City of York Council and the North York Moors National Park Authority, hereafter referred to as the Joint Plan authorities.
- 1.2 This SoCG sets out matters which are now agreed between both parties following the publication of the Minerals and Waste Joint Local Plan: Pre-submission Changes document (entitled Addendum of Proposed Changes to Publication Draft) in July 2017. This SoCG is intended to assist the Inspector during the formal examination of the Plan.

### **Background**

- 1.3 The Harworth Group have made representations during previous stages of consultation on the Joint Plan and have raised concerns regarding the current wording of some of the proposed policies and supporting text. These concerns led to strong objections being made to the Publication Draft of the Joint Plan, published for consultation in November 2016.
- 1.4 Throughout April – July 2017, Barton Willmore and the Harworth Group have worked closely with the Joint Plan authorities to discuss the concerns and reach common ground on these matters. This has led to a number of additions/revisions to the Addendum of Proposed Changes to Publication Draft which are proposed to address the concerns and satisfy both parties. This SoCG sets out the proposed revisions/additions.
- 1.5 Subject to these revisions/additions being made to the Joint Plan, the Harworth Group would be satisfied that the Plan has been developed on a sound basis and would therefore be willing to withdraw their objections.

## 2.0 AGREED MATTERS

### ***Agreed Matter 1***

2.1 It was agreed that, as drafted, Policy S03 and its supporting text was too restrictive and did not take account of the fact that waste uses may prove unviable. Likewise, a waste proposal use may not fully reflect the aspirations at a local level where there is a two-tier authority, such as Selby District Council.

2.2 Agreed revision:

Supporting text at paragraph 8.29 is to be amended to include the following text before the final sentence:

***"Where a site is not in use, viability issues will be relevant to considering whether there is a reasonable prospect of the site being used for waste management in the foreseeable future."*** This will be particularly important in the two-tier parts of the Plan area, where many development decisions are not taken by the waste planning authority.

### ***Agreed Matter 2 – PC85***

2.3 Proposed Change No. PC85 to be amended as follows:

*It is acknowledged that in some cases, including at the former mine sites in the Plan area, there are other ~~extant~~ proposals for redevelopment which are matters for determination by the relevant local planning authority and that such proposals could overlap with land proposed for safeguarding in the Joint Plan. In these circumstances the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority will seek to work constructively with the relevant local planning authority and developers to ensure that a proportionate approach to implementing safeguarding of minerals and waste infrastructure requirements is taken.*

### ***Agreed Matter 3***

2.4 It is proposed to add the following additional supporting text at the end of paragraph 8.34:

***"Where a site is not in use, viability issues will be relevant to considering whether there is a reasonable prospect of the site being used for minerals or waste transport in the foreseeable future"***.

**Agreed Matter 4 – PC88**

- 2.5 Concerns were raised that the Joint Plan failed to fully acknowledge the aspirations of the district authorities in particular in relation to Selby District Council where they are currently progressing their emerging Local Plan including allocations.
- 2.6 It was therefore agreed to add the following amendment to the exemption criteria listed at paragraph 8.47:

*"Applications for development on land which is already allocated in an adopted local plan where the plan took account of minerals, ~~and waste~~ **and minerals and waste transport infrastructure** safeguarding requirements, **or, in the case of an emerging local plan allocations, where the Minerals and waste Planning Authority has raised no safeguarding concerns during consultation on the emerging plan allocation**".*

**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**



**Signed on Behalf of the Haworth Group (Barton Willmore)**

Name and Position Claire Kent - Planning Director

Date 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Signed by North Yorkshire County Council on behalf of the Joint Plan Authorities**



Name and Position Vicky Perkin - Head of Planning Services

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