

Bath and North East Somerset Council and
Historic England

Bath and North East Somerset Local Plan
Partial Update

Statement of Common Ground

May 2022

1. Introduction and Context

- 1.1 In accordance with the Duty to Co-operate Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES) and Historic England (HE) have engaged constructively and on an on-going basis in respect of the Local Plan Partial Update (LPPU). As part of this engagement B&NES formally consulted HE on the LPPU at various stages of its preparation, including on the Draft Plan under Regulation (Reg) 19. HE articulated its broad support for the LPPU in its representations on the Reg 19 Draft Plan but did raise an issue which has been outstanding since that time. This SoCG addresses that issue.

2. HE Representation on the Reg 19 Draft Plan and Information on the Historic Environment

- 2.1 In response to consultation on the LPPU (Draft Plan, under Reg 19) HE raised the point that in relation to the LPPU *“Previous correspondence also highlighted the importance of you (B&NES) sharing the evidence that you have gathered and applied to demonstrate that the historic environment has informed the LPPU. Proposed allocations and policy are caveated with heritage conditions to help to ensure future applications positively respond to historic interest; however, the aforementioned evidence does not appear to be available. This is likely to be easily clarified/addressed.”*
- 2.2 B&NES has submitted its Assessment of Historic Environments, Site Allocations document (CD-HIS001) to the examination which records the historic environment assessment work relating to site allocations that was undertaken in preparing the Reg 19 Draft Plan. HE confirms that the information submitted as core document CD-HIS001 satisfactorily addresses the issue raised in their representations on the Reg 19 Draft Plan and that they do not intend to submit any further representations challenging the soundness of the LPPU.

3. Signatories

- 3.1 This statement of common ground is agreed on 20th May 2022 by B&NES Council and Historic Environment.

Signed: **Richard Daone, Deputy Head of Planning**
On behalf of Bath and North East Somerset Council

Signed : **Rohan Torkildsen, Historic Environment Planning Advisor South West**
On behalf of Historic England