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Dear Mr Legg,

Examination of Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030

Matter 1- legal requirements and procedural matters, Q6- Duty to Cooperate

As set in the Council's representations on the Carlisle Local Plan preferred option consultation dated 19 September 2013 (ref reference 0589) there has been continual dialogue between the two Local Authorities in the preparation of both Local Plans.

In particular this co-operation has led to a clear understanding of the housing requirements, an agreement of housing market areas and the infrastructure to deliver the growth aspirations of both Local Authorities. As set out at the preferred options stage it is acknowledged that Carlisle acts as a sub-regional centre but that role does not undermine the Allerdale Local Plan strategy for north Allerdale. The market town of Wigton, which is the nearest key service centre in the north of Allerdale, provides a strong local focus to meet local housing, employment and retail needs for the town and its rural hinterland and as such has a complementary role to Carlisle.

Allerdale and Carlisle do not share a housing market area and joint working has not identified any cross boundary issues that require to be addressed to deliver our respective growth agendas. Allerdale successfully demonstrated that position during the examination of the Allerdale Local Plan (part 1) in July 2014.

Other cross boundaries issues considered by both Local Authorities are the Solway Coast AONB and Hadrian's Wall World Heritage site. Both Councils have worked closely to ensure there is a consistent policy approach in both local plans.



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Cumbria has a good track record of undertaking joint evidence base work which includes Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment, Cumbria Renewable Energy Capacity and Deployment Study.

Yours sincerely

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