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The logo for Eden District Council features the word "Eden" in a large, elegant serif font. A stylized, wavy line representing a river or landscape element is positioned behind the letter 'E' and extends to the left.

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## **Carlisle Draft Local Plan**

### **Written Representation.**

#### **Matter 1 – legal requirements and procedural matters, Q 6 – Duty to Cooperate.**

1. This representation has been prepared to confirm that in the opinion of Eden District Council Carlisle City Council has met its Duty to Co-operate requirements in respect of working with ourselves to identify and address any cross boundary issues.
2. There has been both formal and informal dialogue throughout production of both the draft Eden and Carlisle Local Plans. This included formal Duty to Co-operate meetings on 7 November 2012 and 19 May 2014. At these meetings possible common issues were identified and discussed to scope out the need for any joint working. These are shown in the appendix to this written representation which is taken from our own Duty to Co-operate compliance statement. We also liaise with other Cumbrian Authorities as part of a Development Planning Officers Group.
3. I can confirm that our Strategic Housing Market Assessment work has identified Eden as a single and distinct housing market area and the district council is planning to meet its own housing needs within its own area. We are aware that this is also the case with Carlisle. A pre-submission draft Eden Local Plan and accompanying SHMA was published on 19 October 2015.

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## Appendix - Carlisle City/Eden District Council. Results of Duty to Co-operate Meetings

Strategic Issue	Conclusions
<p><b>North Pennines AONB - Nationally important landscape covering five LPA areas.</b></p>	<p>Partnership working already exists through the North Pennines Partnership. Potential for common Local Plan policy discussed, although recognition that may need to have locally specific elements. It was concluded that such a policy was not required.</p>
<p><b>Gypsies and Travellers</b></p>	<p>Neither district has a significant issue with unauthorised encampments. It was acknowledged that the annual Appleby Horse Fair in EDC has implications for Carlisle with travellers passing through the district. However, it was agreed that this is unlikely to have a significant impact. The jointly produced Gypsy and Traveller Assessment (2013) provides an up-to-date evidence base, and the identified need within both districts can be met within their own areas.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Housing Allocations</b></p>	<p>We discussed how each district would meet its housing need. Carlisle approach is for a strategic allocation to the south to meet a range of needs over the next 20 + years. Within Eden, Persimmon are looking to develop a 550 unit site at Carleton. Therefore, there is no requirement to meet housing need of one district in the other.</p> <p>However, a potential issue arising from housing growth is secondary school capacity. It is anticipated that all secondary schools in Carlisle District will be full by 2020. The strategic housing allocation to the south of Carlisle, whilst required to provide a secondary school, may generate children who choose to access secondary provision in Penrith rather than Carlisle. This may have travel implications, and may impact on capacity in Penrith schools.</p>
<p><b>University of Cumbria and Askham Bryan College (Newton Rigg)</b></p>	<p>Links were identified between the two colleges. Before a proper assessment can be made of any strategic issues that may arise out of the relationship between the two institutions there is a need to find out what their plans are for the future.</p>
<p><b>Travel and Transport Routes</b></p>	<p>M6, A6, West Coast Mainline and Carlisle/Settle railway all identified as strategic transport infrastructure routes, important for commuters, business, freight and tourism.</p>

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	None of the routes currently have any capacity issues.
<b>Wind Turbines</b>	A6 corridor between Penrith and Carlisle identified as an area where domestic scale (farm based) wind turbines have been erected. Discussion about whether this is likely to be an issue in landscape impact terms, as parts of the A6, especially around High and Low Hesket are elevated with open views to the LDNP. Agreed that domestic scale of turbines and type (mainly lattice tower) are unlikely to be a strategic issue, but review over time.
<b>River Eden - Site of European importance (SAC).</b>	Flows through Eden and Carlisle, out to the Solway. Appropriate Assessment may be required under the Habitat Regulations of both Carlisle and Eden's site allocations, and policies.