

Sheffield City Council Duty to Co-operate Statement of Common Ground Addendum with the Environment Agency – Proposed Additional Site Allocations 15.09.25

Further to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Environment Agency and Sheffield City Council (April 2024, EXAM 34), the following summarises the position reached between the Environment Agency and Sheffield City Council in respect to the consultation on the Sheffield Plan Proposed Additional Site Allocations (May – July 2025). Sheffield City Council has continued to positively engage with the Environment Agency in the lead up to the consultation period to gain feedback on the Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for land in the Green Belt being considered as potential additional site allocations.

The Level 2 SFRA carried out as part of the supporting evidence base for the Proposed Additional Site Allocations followed the same methodology which was agreed between both parties for the previously submitted site allocations within the Draft Sheffield Plan. The Environment Agency and the Council agree that there are no issues of soundness with regards the Proposed Additional Site Allocations.

During the course of the exercise to identify potential additional sites for allocation in the Sheffield Plan the NaFRA2 data packages were published. Both parties agree that it would be unreasonable to include the NaFRA2 dataset in this exercise.

Both parties agree with the conclusions of the SFRA for the Proposed Additional Site Allocations, and the approach used in applying the Sequential Test and the Exceptions Test.

The Council commits to updating the flood zone 3b extent at an appropriate time, post-adoption of the Sheffield Plan, using the best available data, in collaboration with the EA.

This document will accompany the previous SoCG (EXAM34). It confirms the position agreed between the Environment Agency and Sheffield City Council in relation to sites included within the Sheffield Plan Proposed Additional Site Allocations document.

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