

# Planning Committee

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Agenda item number 9

## Great Yarmouth Borough Council Statement of Common Ground

Report by Planning Policy Officer

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### Summary

This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is between Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority for the purposes of:

- demonstrating compliance with the ‘duty to cooperate’;
- recognising joint working and evidence; and
- understanding and addressing cross-boundary planning issues.

### Recommendation

To endorse the Statement of Common Ground to form part of our approach to the Duty to Cooperate.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. For a Local Plan to be considered sound by an independent planning inspector during examination, one of the key legislative requirements is that the Authority will have to demonstrate its compliance with the ‘duty to cooperate’.
- 1.2. The duty to cooperate was introduced by Section 110 of the Localism Act and requires authorities to ‘engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis’ on all strategic and cross boundary planning matters. To demonstrate that local planning authorities have discharged this duty, the National Planning Policy Framework (where necessary) requires strategic policy-making authorities to prepare and maintain Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) to document the cross-boundary matters that have been addressed as well as any progress made in cooperating to address such matters.
- 1.3. The Authority maintains a Statement of Common Ground with the other Norfolk Planning Authorities through the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) SoCG. This document demonstrates how the Norfolk Local Planning Authorities have addressed strategic and cross-boundary matters across the County.
- 1.4. While the NSPF provides one of the principal mechanisms to demonstrate how the Council has complied with the ‘duty to cooperate’, a further SoCG between Great

Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority has been prepared (see Appendix 1). Both local planning authorities are at a similar advanced stage of preparing their new Local Plans, and there is a need to demonstrate how both authorities have continued to address specific cross-boundary matters relating to future housing and to gypsy and traveller needs across the borough.

## 2. What the SoCG covers

- 2.1. This SoCG is between Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority for the purposes of: demonstrating compliance with the duty to cooperate, recognising joint working and evidence, and understanding and addressing cross-boundary planning matters, pursuant to the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan and Local Plan for the Broads.
- 2.2. After explaining the geography and commonality between Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority, the SoCG provides evidence of current and historic joint working and notes other complementary agreements and joint working practices between the two authorities.
- 2.3. The SoCG identifies the strategic priorities for the two local authority areas, with each relevant topic or strategic matter having its own section and with an agreement or conclusion demonstrating the cooperation. The full SoCG is attached to Appendix 1.
- 2.4. In summary, to address strategic and cross-boundary planning issues, the authorities agree:
  - 1) That the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan is not reliant on the Broads Authority to deliver its part of its housing need to meet the full housing needs of the borough. Should any remaining housing needs within the Broads Authority area of the borough not be met within the emerging Broads Local Plan, both authorities agree that the full housing needs of the borough will be otherwise met through the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan.
  - 2) Each authority has identified its own gypsy and traveller needs and will plan to meet individual needs through their respective Local Plans in the first instance. In recognition of the special qualities and environmental constraints of the Broads, both authorities will continue to cooperate with each other to ensure that any remaining identified need is met within the borough of Great Yarmouth through an appropriate criteria-based policy approach or potential review of the Local Plan(s).
- 2.5. The final section is for the signatures to confirm the agreements. The portfolio holder for Economic Development and Growth at Great Yarmouth Borough Council will sign the documents and it is recommended that the Chair of Planning Committee signs it on behalf of the Broads Authority.

### 3. Next steps

- 3.1. Once signed, this SoCG will form part of the Broads Authority's Duty to Cooperate Statement which will come to a future Planning Committee for endorsement.
- 3.2. Of relevance, the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework is undergoing an update and this will be overseen by the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum before coming back to Planning Committee for endorsement.
- 3.3. As necessary, in order to support the Local Plan for the Broads, we may undertake bespoke Duty to Cooperate with our other districts.

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Appendix 1 – [SoCG between the Broads Authority and Great Yarmouth Borough Council](#)

**Statement of Common Ground  
between  
Great Yarmouth Borough Council  
and the Broads Authority  
on strategic planning matters that  
are cross-boundary**



## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is between Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the Broads Authority for the purposes of:
- demonstrating compliance with the ‘duty to cooperate’;
  - recognising joint working and evidence; and
  - understanding and addressing cross-boundary planning issues.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. Section 110 of the Localism Act sets out that local planning authorities have a ‘duty to cooperate’ in relation to planning of sustainable development. This duty requires authorities to ‘engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis’ on all cross-boundary strategic planning matters. The National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024), paragraph 28, requires policy-making authorities to prepare statements of common ground (SoCG’s) to document the cross-boundary matters that have been addressed as well as any progress made in cooperating to address such matters. National Planning Practice Guidance sets out further detailed guidance as to what may be included in a SoCG.

### *Geography*

- 2.2. The two local planning authorities represented in this SoCG are Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) and the Broads Authority, as mapped in Appendix 1.
- 2.3. The Broads Authority is the local planning authority for the whole of the designated Broads Area, part of which lies within Great Yarmouth Borough. Great Yarmouth Borough Council is the local planning authority for the Borough excepting that part within the designated Broads area. The Borough Council is also the local housing authority for the whole of the Borough, including the areas of the Broads Authority that lie within it.

### *Great Yarmouth Borough*

- 2.4. The Great Yarmouth Borough Council plan area includes a centrally positioned urban conurbation comprising the towns of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea and the parish of Bradwell. The area extends northwards along the coast to Winterton-on-Sea and southwards to Hopton-on-Sea. Inland, the plan area spans to Repps with Bastwick and Thurne in the northwest, Stokesby and Burgh Castle in the west, and Fritton and St Olaves in the southwest.
- 2.5. Inland, the majority of the western extent of Great Yarmouth directly interfaces with the Broads Area. Elsewhere, the majority of the villages and smaller hamlets within the rural part of the planning area are closely linked with the Broads, and in some cases, such as Stokesby, Thurne, Filby and Ormesby St Michael, part of the settlement lies within the Broads planning area.

### *Broads Area*

- 2.6. The Broads is an internationally important wetland and designated protected landscape of the highest order, with a status equivalent to that of a National Park and one of Europe's finest and most important wetlands for nature conservation. Its rich mosaic of habitats comprises, among other things, saltmarshes, intertidal mudflats, shallow lakes, fens, drained marshland, wet woodland, relict estuary and coastal dunes. The Broads' iconic features include 125 miles of lock free waterways, over 25% of the UK's conservation priority wildlife, and more than 60 drainage mills that are still intact.
- 2.7. The Broads Authority Executive Area covers parts of 6 Council areas: Broadland District, East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth Borough, North Norfolk District, Norwich City and South Norfolk District. Generally, the part of settlements and parishes that fall within the Broads tends to be rural in nature. There are some areas where part of the urban areas falls within the Broads, for example in Great Yarmouth, Norwich, Beccles, Horning, Wroxham, Hoveton and Filby. There are two settlements whose urban area falls entirely within the Broads; Stokesby and Thurne, both in Great Yarmouth Borough.

### *Historic evidence of joint working*

- 2.8. There is extensive history of joint working between GYBC and the Broads Authority over a range of strategic planning issues including regular cooperation throughout the preparation of their respective local plans.
- 2.9. This has most recently included the preparation of joint evidence base documents to inform the emerging Local Plans for each authority, such as the 'Great Yarmouth Borough Council and The Broads Authority Local Housing Needs Assessment' (2022) and the 'Great Yarmouth Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update (2024).
- 2.10. Strategic planning officers from the two authorities also meet quarterly to discuss strategic planning and cross-boundary matters and to consider the timelines for emerging evidence, policies and plans.
- 2.11. In 2017, a formal Duty to Cooperate Agreement was signed and adopted by the two authorities to summarise that the Borough Council will meet the full housing needs of the Borough and that any dwellings delivered within the Broads area of the Borough will be counted towards meeting that need.
- 2.12. Since 2017, all the Norfolk Local Planning Authorities (including the Broads Authority) have collaborated to produce and endorse the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF). The NSPF fulfils the requirement for the Norfolk Local Planning Authorities to produce a statement of common ground setting out the effective and

on-going joint working across the county on strategic planning matters. The most recent version of the NSPF was adopted in 2021 and endorses 31 agreements. The most relevant agreements to this statement are explored further in the section below.

- 2.13. The preparation and review of the NSPF is overseen by a member forum which is made up of councillors from each Norfolk authority and a member of the Broads Authority. The member forum is supported by the Norfolk Strategic Planning Officers Group (NSPG) which comprises strategic planning officers from the respective Norfolk Planning Authorities and meets monthly to review the progress of the NSPF.
- 2.14. It is the intention of this document to ensure that previous agreements between the two authorities are updated in line with the latest legislative requirements and to address any remaining cross-boundary issues relevant to the new Local Plan for the borough of Great Yarmouth.

#### *Complementary agreements in place*

- 2.15. There are a number of existing agreements and working arrangements in place that support cross-boundary matters beyond just the two authorities. These include:
- The [Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework SoCG \(2021\)](#)
  - [Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Authorities SoCG Coastal Zone Planning \(2018\)](#)
  - [Planning in Health – Protocol \(2024\)](#)
- 2.16. The Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) lies at the heart of ensuring that the Borough Council and the Broads Authority (alongside the other Norfolk Local Planning Authorities) demonstrate on-going working and cooperation on strategic cross boundary planning matters. Of the 31 agreements included within the current NSPF, the ones of most relevant to this SoCG are:
- Agreement 1 – That when preparing new Local Plans which seek to identify levels of Objectively Assessed need for housing the Norfolk Planning Authorities will produce documents which provide for the development needs of their areas until at least 2036.
  - Agreement 3 - By 2036, through co-operation between the Norfolk Authorities and preparation of Development Plans, Norfolk will seek to maximise the delivery of the following objectives (in no particular order):
    - To realise the economic potential of Norfolk and its people\*
    - To reduce Norfolk’s greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality as well as reducing the impact from, exposure to, and effects of climate change\*
    - To address housing needs in Norfolk\*
    - To improve the quality of life and health for all the population of Norfolk\*
    - To improve and conserve Norfolk’s rich and biodiverse environment\*

- Agreement 4 – To produce and maintain an assessment of housing needs covering the three contiguous and non-overlapping broad market areas of **Great Yarmouth**, Central Norfolk and West Norfolk
- Agreement 5 – That **Great Yarmouth** and King’s Lynn and West Norfolk will continue to prepare separate Local Plans for their areas.
- Agreement 7 – That, in view of the very distinct issues facing the Broads Authority Area, spatial planning matters will continue to be best addressed by way of a standalone **Broads** Local Plan
- Agreement 11 – When determining their respective Local Plan housing targets each Norfolk Authority, working together where desirable, will aim to deliver at least the local housing need in the most up to date evidence. Where this would result in unsustainable development, agreement will be sought with other authorities, initially within the same Housing Market Area, to ensure sufficient homes are provided to meet identified needs and demands in the area until at least 2036.
- Agreement 12 – The **Broads Authority** will meet its calculated portion of the wider housing requirement as far as is compatible with the protection of the Broad’s landscape and special qualities.
- Agreement 13 – South Norfolk, Norwich City, Broadland, North Norfolk and **Great Yarmouth Councils** will seek to include appropriate provision within their Local Plans to address the housing needs arising from the parts of the Broads Authority area overlapping their administrative boundaries if these cannot be within the Broads Local Plan.
- Agreement 15 – The Norfolk Planning Authorities will quantify the need for, and plan to provide for, the specialist accommodation needs of the elderly, students, **gypsy and travelling Show People**, and those residing in other specialist types of accommodation and working together will ensure that the distribution of provision responds to locally identified needs.

2.17. The current NSPF was endorsed by the Norfolk Planning Authorities in 2021, and work is currently underway to review the NSPF. This is expected to be completed by Spring 2025.

### 3. Strategic priorities

3.1. Each of the local planning authorities have identified strategic priorities for their areas. The local plans seek to address these, and in preparing their plans the authorities have engaged positively to ensure that any cross-boundary matters are addressed in their respective plans.

#### *Emerging Great Yarmouth (Draft) Local Plan (2024)*

3.2. The emerging Local Plan sets out the following priorities through its objectives:

- To ensure at least 38 hectares of land is available in the right locations to support the economic growth of the borough



- To enhance the vitality and viability of the borough’s town centre as important community and cultural hubs where people live, work, shop, learn and undertaken leisure activities
- To revitalise the waterfront of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston through new housing and commercial development and maximise the use of previously development land to meet development needs
- To improve and grow the year-round tourist offer of the Borough, including the enhancement of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston seafronts
- To encourage efficient patterns of movement and the use of sustainable transport options
- To improve the quality and provision of all types of infrastructure
- To improve the health and wellbeing and education opportunities for the whole population
- To ensure sufficient land is available to deliver at least 6,640 new homes by 2041 and maximise the delivery of affordable housing and specialist housing to meet specific needs
- To reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions on the pathway to net zero by 2050 and support adaptation to minimise the risks from climate change
- To deliver net-gains for biodiversity and protect and enhance designated habitat sites
- To protect and enhance the landscape and the built and historic environment of the borough
- To significantly improve the quality of urban design

#### *Emerging Broads Authority (Draft) Local Plan (2024)*

3.3. The emerging Local Plan sets out the following priorities through its objectives:

- The Broads remains a key national and international asset and a special place to live, work and visit
- There are areas of true tranquillity and wildness and dark skies, giving a real sense of remoteness
- The Broads is a unique, highly valued and attractive environment where the landscape character and setting is protected, maintained and enhanced
- The rich and varied natural environment is conserved, maintained, enhanced and sustainably managed. Nature can recover (more, bigger, better, joined)
- The coastal section of the Broads is used and managed in a beneficial and integrated way for people and wildlife using nature-based solutions.
- Water quality is improved, and water is managed using appropriate measures to increase capture and efficiency, prevent pollution and reduce nutrients. Flood risk to people, property and landscapes is managed effectively.
- ‘Climate-smart thinking’ minimises future adverse impacts and makes use of opportunities in an area vulnerable to a changing climate and sea level rise. The Local Plan helps the path to net zero, adaptation and resilience.

- The area's historic environment, archaeology and cultural heritage are protected, maintained and enhanced. Local cultural traditions are kept alive
- The housing needs of the community are met including safe, warm, energy efficient homes in the right place. The Local Plan address the issue of second homes.
- Development and change are managed to protect and enhance the special qualities of the Broads as well as the needs of those who live in, work in and visit the area. The Broads Authority maintains close cooperation with the Local Planning Authorities adjoining its executive area.
- The Broads offers communities and visitors opportunities for a healthy and active lifestyle and a 'breathing space for the cure of souls'
- There is a buoyant and successful rural economy
- The Broads is renowned for sustainable tourism and supports a prosperous tourism industry.
- People enjoy the special qualities of the Broads on land and on water. Access and recreation are managed in ways that maximise opportunities for enjoyment without degrading the natural, heritage or cultural resource. Navigation is protected, maintained and appropriately enhanced, and people enjoy the waterways safely.
- The Broads continues to be important for the function, identity and recreation of the local community as well as over a wider area.
- Waste is managed effectively so there is no detriment to the environment.

## 4. Housing Needs

### *Great Yarmouth Borough's Housing Need*

- 4.1. The NSPF (2021) has established that the borough of Great Yarmouth constitutes its own housing market area and requires the authority to produce and maintain an assessment of local housing need within its area.
- 4.2. The Great Yarmouth and Broads Local Housing Needs Assessment (2021) derives the overall housing requirement for the borough. This includes the area of the Broads Authority which lies within it. The study also includes an assessment of need for affordable housing provision across the whole borough.
- 4.3. The 2021 assessment was based upon the previous government's 'standard method' approach under the 2023 National Planning Policy Framework and previous (2020) Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). Whilst it is recognised that the most recently published 2024 NPPF and PPG derives a different housing requirement for the borough, the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan appropriately uses the former 'standard method' approach under the transitional provisions of the paragraph 235 of the 2024 NPPF.

- 4.4. Under the ‘standard method’ (in the 2020 version of the PPG) the borough’s calculated housing need figure is 6,001 homes (353 homes per annum) between the plan period 2024 and 2041. However, this housing requirement would be lower than that provided through the current adopted Great Yarmouth Local Plan at 363 homes per annum.
- 4.5. Therefore, Policy OSS1 of the emerging Local Plan sets out a housing requirement of 380 per annum (6,640 homes overall) which provides for a 5% uplift on the previous housing requirement figure to ensure that housing delivery is boosted as per national planning policy. It is important to note that the housing need figures for the Broads Authority are part of the housing need figures for the six councils and not additional to. That is to say that this housing requirement also accommodates the need generated from the Broads Authority part of the borough only, which is very small at approximately 3 per annum over the plan period.
- 4.6. The emerging Local Plan seeks to provide 6,640 homes over the plan period, providing a small uplift on the calculated housing requirement to provide resilience in housing delivery should sites not come forward. The emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan does not rely upon the Broads Authority to deliver their part of their calculated housing need in their own emerging Local Plan as there are sufficient homes planned through the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan to meet this need.

#### *Broads Authority Housing Need*

- 4.7. The Broads Authority’s assessment of housing needs is also derived through the Great Yarmouth and Broads Local Housing Needs Assessment (2021) which sets a housing need of 358 homes between 2021 and 2041.
- 4.8. This overall housing need figure is inclusive of need identified within all areas of the Broads Authority which overlap with Norwich City, South Norfolk, Broadland, North Norfolk and Great Yarmouth Councils. Disaggregated, the Broads Authority’s housing need within the borough of Great Yarmouth is 59 dwellings. Since 2021, 14 new homes have either been consented or completed within the Broads Area of Great Yarmouth.
- 4.9. The majority of the Broads Area which lies with the borough of Great Yarmouth is very rural in nature and either separate from existing settlements or includes settlements that reflect this rural nature, which little or no services and amenities, and where it is unlikely that further future housing development could appropriately take place.
- 4.10. Consideration is being given through the emerging Broads Local Plan to add a new development limit around a part of Filby which lies within the Broads Area. Whilst this may increase potential for future windfall development, there is unlikely to be

other significant opportunities to meet the future housing needs of the Broads Authority within its own area.

- 4.11. As indicated previously, the housing need for the Broads is part of, and not additional to, the need for whole borough of Great Yarmouth. As the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan seeks to deliver more than its overall housing requirement, it is considered that the remaining Broads Authority housing need can be accommodated through the Great Yarmouth Local Plan.
- 4.12. The above approach is therefore consistent with Agreements 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13 of the NSPF (2021).

#### *Housing Needs Agreement*

**Each authority agrees that the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan is not reliant upon the Broads Authority to deliver their part of their housing need to meet the housing full needs for the Borough of Great Yarmouth.**

**Should any remaining housing needs within the Broads Authority area of the borough not be met within the emerging Broads Local Plan, both authorities agree that the full housing needs of the borough will be otherwise met through the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan.**

## 5. Provision for Gypsy and Traveller Needs

- 5.1. The Great Yarmouth Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment (GTAA) Update derives the assessment of need for gypsies and travellers within the borough of Great Yarmouth, disaggregating this future need between the respective local planning authority areas of Great Yarmouth and the Broads Authority.
- 5.2. The GTAA was published in 2024 and prepared in line with the requirements of 2023 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS). In that, it assessed the future needs of gypsies and travellers which either met the 2023 PPTS definition of ‘gypsies and travellers’ and those that did not.
- 5.3. On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the government published a new PPTS (2024 PPTS) which redefined the definition of ‘Gypsies and Travellers’ for the purposes of planning. This change occurred after Great Yarmouth Borough Council had commenced its Regulation 19 (pre-submission) consultation on the Final Draft Local Plan.
- 5.4. Paragraphs 29-30 of the 2024 PPTS include implementation arrangements for the policy, and set out that the implementation policies within the National Planning Framework will also apply to plan-making and decision-taking for traveller sites. Therefore, under these transitional arrangements, the Great Yarmouth Local Plan will be assessed under the 2023 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS).

- 5.5. The Local Plan for the Broads will be assessed under the December 2024 NPPF and December 2024 PPTS.

*Great Yarmouth Borough's Gypsy and Traveller Needs*

- 5.6. The 2024 GTNAA identifies a need for 3 additional pitches (which met the 2023 PPTS definition) within the Great Yarmouth planning authority part of the borough, by 2029. No additional need is identified over the remaining plan period.
- 5.7. Policy GYT2 of the emerging Local Plan safeguards the existing authorised Gypsy and Traveller Site located off Gapton Hall Road, which provides for 18 permanent pitches and 6 transit pitches. At present, 6 of the permanent pitches are currently vacant on the site, therefore there is sufficient vacant pitches available to meet the (2023 PPTS) identified need.
- 5.8. The GTNAA also identifies a need for 8 additional pitches (which did not meet the 2023 PPTS definition) by 2041. Of this need, 5 pitches are required within the first five years of the plan to 2029. By deducting the remaining existing 3 vacant pitches at Gapton Hall from this immediate need, there would remain a balance of 2 pitches to be met within the first five years of the plan, with a further 3 pitches required between 2029 and 2041. Therefore, under the provisions of the 2024 PPTS, the Borough Council would have a remaining total unmet need of 5 pitches, of which 2 pitches would be required in the first five years of the Local Plan.
- 5.9. During the preparation of the emerging Local Plan, no sites were expressly put forward for potential gypsy and traveller use, despite opportunities to submit during two rounds of 'call for sites' and at any other time during the plan's preparation.
- 5.10. Policy GYT3 of the emerging Local Plan provides a criteria-based approach to assess any future planning applications for gypsy and traveller uses which may come forward as windfall sites during the plan. The above policy also lends support to potential intensification or extension proposals of the existing safeguarded Gapton Hall Gypsy and Traveller Site, which is recognised as being in an area of high flood risk, requiring both Sequential Testing and being subject to a site-specific flood risk assessment.
- 5.11. In summary, there would be no unmet need within the Great Yarmouth planning area under the 2023 PPTS provisions. Under the 2024 PPTS, a very small, immediate need (of two pitches) remain within the first five years of the plan. However, it is considered that if required, this could be met through the provisions of emerging Policies GYT2 and GYT3.

*Broads Authority Gypsy and Traveller Needs*

- 5.12. The 2024 GTNAA identifies a need for 20 additional pitches (which met the 2023 PPTS definition) within the Broads Authority part of the borough of Great Yarmouth, by 2029. It also identified an additional (2023 PPTS) need for 4 pitches between 2029 and 2034 arising from new household formation.

- 5.13. The 2024 GTNAA furthermore identified a very small need of 2 additional pitches (which did not meet the 2023 PPTS definition) between 2024 and 2029. Therefore, to reflect the changes in the 2024 PPTS, the Gypsy and Traveller need for the Broads Authority is 26 pitches.
- 5.14. All of the above need within the Broads Authority part of the borough of Great Yarmouth arises from the Cobholm Island area where there have been historical unauthorised residential uses of caravans. The Broads Authority has been recently investigating the unauthorised residential uses of caravans with the help of a representative from Cobholm Island and has established that at least 11 pitches are immune from enforcement action by way of the length of time they have been in place and occupied.
- 5.15. Further work is being undertaken to ascertain the status of the remaining pitches on Cobholm Island and potential for regularising their existing use over the plan period of the emerging Broads Local Plan.
- 5.16. The Broads Authority has undertaken a ‘call for sites’ on a number of occasions as part of the emerging Local Plan review, most recently between November and December 2024. No expressions of interest for potential gypsy and traveller use has been received to date.

#### *Gypsy and Traveller Needs Agreement*

**Each authority has identified its own gypsy and traveller needs and will plan to meet individual needs through their respective Local Plans in the first instance.**

**In recognition of the special qualities and environmental constraints of the Broads, both authorities will continue to co-operate with each other to ensure that any remaining identified need is met within the borough of Great Yarmouth through an appropriate criteria-based policy approach or potential review of the Local Plans.**

## 6. Review

- 6.1. This SoCG will be kept under regular review and will be discussed as an agenda item at the quarterly meetings.

## 7. Summary of Agreements

- 7.1. To address strategic and cross-boundary planning issues, the authorities agree:
1. Each authority agrees that the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan is not reliant upon the Broads Authority to deliver their own housing need to meet the full housing needs for the borough of Great Yarmouth. Should any remaining housing needs within the Broads Authority area of the borough not be met within the emerging Broads Local plan, both authorities agree that the full housing needs of

the borough will otherwise be met through the emerging Great Yarmouth Local Plan.

2. Each authority has identified its own gypsy and traveller needs and will plan to meet individual needs through their respective Local Plans in the first instance. In recognition of the special qualities and environmental constraints of the Broads, both authorities will continue to cooperate with each other to ensure that any remaining identified need is met within the borough of Great Yarmouth through an appropriate criteria-based policy approach or potential review of the Local Plans.

- 7.2. As a result of the needs met and agreed, there are no strategic matters of unmet needs or disagreements between the two authorities.

## 8. Signatories

<b>On behalf of Great Yarmouth Borough Council</b>	<b>On behalf of Broads Authority</b>
<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Signed:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>



## Appendix 1 – Map of administrative areas

For the purpose of this SoCG, the areas coloured red and green (within the Great Yarmouth Borough Boundary) are the areas subject to the addressed strategic planning matters

