Sunderland Local Plan Examination
Story Homes and Mr Norman Elliott - Springwell
Matter Statement 1 - Introduction to the Hearings, Legal Compliance, Procedural Requirements and the Duty to Cooperate

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1.0 Compliance with procedural requirements including consultation/participation procedures

(1.1) Is there any evidence that the Council has not complied with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) or otherwise not met the minimum requirements for consultation or that consultation and publicity has otherwise been inadequate at various stages of the LP process?

1.1 The Sunderland City Council SCI (2015) (SD.16) sets out the processes that the Council has committed to follow in the engagement and consultation with local communities and key stakeholders in the preparation, including submission of Local Plan documents.

1.2 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 provide the legislative requirements that the Council must adhere to in the preparation of Local Plan documents.

1.3 The Council's Consultation Statement (SD.7) sets out how the consultation and publicity requirements of the Local Planning Regulations 2012 and SCI have been met.

1.4 Story Homes and Mr Norman Elliott ("our Client") considers that the Council has complied with the SCI and has met the minimum legislative requirements for consultation and publicity throughout the preparation, including submission, of the Core Strategy and Development Plan (CSDP).

2.0 Compliance with the DtC, particularly in relation to consideration of housing needs

(2.1) Is there evidence that the Council has cooperated effectively with adjoining authorities in exploring whether any of Sunderland's housing land needs can be met elsewhere in the Housing Market Area (HMA)?

2.1 The Council's Duty to Cooperate Statement (SD.11) sets out how the Council has met its DtC obligations, including with respect to housing. Our client has no comment on the cooperation between Sunderland and adjoining authorities with respect to meeting housing need.

(2.2) Is there evidence that the Council has cooperated effectively with infrastructure providers and technical consultees on relevant issues such as transport, education, waste, minerals and flood risk?

2.2 Our Client considers that the DtC statement (SD.11), relevant Statements of Common Ground (SD.8k), the CSDP Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SD.59) and the Joint Local Aggregates Assessment (SD.57) provide evidence of effective cooperation with infrastructure providers and technical consultees on relevant issues such as transport, education, waste, minerals and flood risk.

3.0 The SA and its consideration of reasonable alternatives

(3.1) Does the SA meet statutory and legal requirements in relation to the assessment of reasonable alternatives?

3.1 This is a matter for the Council to respond to.

4.0 Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

(4.1) Will the mitigation measures proposed within the HRA ensure that there will be no significant effects on the integrity of the Coastal Sites of European importance?

4.1 Our Client supports the conclusions of the Report to inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (EX1.014) which are that *'When the proposed mitigation measures are adopted (and the requirements of the Statement of Common Ground implemented) no residual effects are anticipated, and therefore it is concluded that the Core Strategy will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the Northumbria Coast SPA/Ramsar sites or Durham Coast SAC. There will be no residual effects on any European sites.'*

(4.2) Has the evidence base for HGA7 (North Hylton) and HGA8 (Fulwell) been updated to demonstrate that mitigation measures will ensure there will be no significant effects on the integrity of the European Coastal Sites?

4.2 Our Client does not have any comments on this question.

5.0 The Local Plan Timeframe

(5.1) Is the timeframe of the LP appropriate (2015-2033) or should it be extended to provide a 15-year period upon adoption?

5.1 Our Client does not have any comments on this question.

(5.2) Is the start date of 2015 consistent with the evidence base?

5.2 This is a matter for the Council to respond to.