

**HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**CORE STRATEGY DPD**  
**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN**

**HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HBC)**

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**AND**

**RPS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (RPS) ON BEHALF OF BOWMANS  
LEISURE LTD**

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**VERSION 1**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012**

## INTRODUCTION

HBC has been in correspondence with RPS (representor number: 4552) in respect of concerns raised in RPS' representations with regard to the sections of HBC's Core Strategy DPD relating to tourism and out of center retail facilities.

HBC considers that the approach to visitor attractions in rural areas, and to retail and shopping facilities as set out in the Core Strategy is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. In order to address RPS' concerns HBC has resolved to make a minor amendment to the Core Strategy. This relates to:

- Additional wording making reference to tourism initiatives in the Borough, together with reference to the support for extension, upgrade and improvement of visitor attractions.

HBC and RPS have agreed these changes (as set out in detail below) through this statement of common ground. RPS has confirmed that they no longer have any objections in relation to HBC's Core Strategy DPD on the provision that these changes are made. HBC anticipate that there will be more specific policies in relation to rural visitor attractions and access gateway sites in the Site Allocations and Development Management DPD.

## RESOLUTIONS

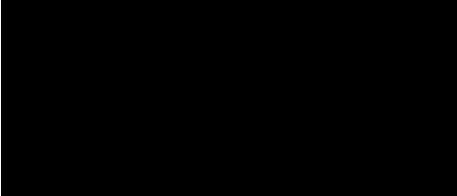
### Minor changes to Core Strategy:

*N.B.: Deletions are struck through; insertions are underlined.*

- **Paragraph 5.25** – So long as this is consistent with Green Belt objectives, this can ensure the Core Strategy helps to deliver he facilities and opportunities to engage in a healthy, active lifestyle as sought in the Council's Community Strategy. The Council is keen to support tourism initiatives, such as proposals for the extension, upgrade and improvement of existing rural visitor attractions.

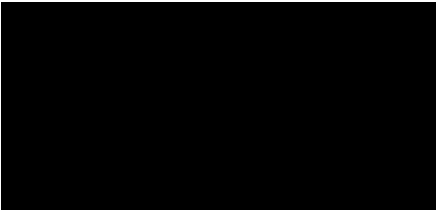
**AGREEMENT**

Signed by:



On behalf of Hertsmere Borough Council

Dated 12/03/2012



On behalf of RPS

Dated 13/03/2012