

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORE STRATEGY DPD
STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HBC)

AND

THE FORESTRY COMMISSION (FC)

VERSION 1
3RD FEBRUARY 2012

INTRODUCTION

HBC has been in correspondence with FC (representor number: 1529) in respect of concerns raised in FC's representations with regard to the sections of HBC's Core Strategy DPD relating to the natural environment.

HBC considers that the approach to the natural environment set out in Chapter 5 and the Monitoring Framework of the Core Strategy is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. However, in order to address FC's concerns HBC has resolved to make a number of minor changes to the Core Strategy. These are:

- Adding another indicator to Table 17 (Monitoring Framework) and 'Nature Conservation – The protection of the Borough's environmental assets' to provide a more positive approach to protecting trees in the Borough.

HBC and FC have agreed these changes (as set out in detail below) through this statement of common ground. It was noted that greater detail on the protection of trees and the creation of woodland areas would be welcomed in forthcoming development management policies. FC 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Minor changes to Core Strategy:

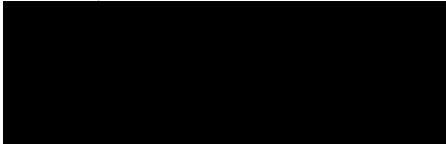
N.B.: Deletions are struck through; insertions are underlined.

- **Table 17 (Monitoring Framework) –**

Nature Conservation	The protection of the Borough's environmental assets	Number / area of designated environmental sites to remain at or in excess of the level of the previous year	CS12	Hertsmeire BC Hertfordshire County Council Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust Herts Biological Records Centre	Actions of wildlife trust and stakeholders. Green Infrastructure Strategy
		Number of trees subject to Preservation Orders felled or damaged			
		<u>Number of new or resurveyed TPOs</u>			

AGREEMENT

Signed by:



On behalf of Hertsmere Borough Council

Dated 3 FEBRUARY 2012



On behalf of the Forestry Commission

Dated 6th February 2012