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Hartlepool Local Plan 2017 Examination in Public – Matter 1 Legal and Procedural Matters, Including Duty to Co- Operate

Response on behalf of Wynyard Park
Ltd

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1. **Issue 1 - Statutory Procedures and Regulations - Duty to Co-Operate**

Question 4 – In relation to Wynyard, has the Duty to Co-operate been met?

- 1.1 Yes. Wynyard Park Ltd (WPL) understands that a Statement of Common Ground is being prepared between both Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC) and Stockton Borough Council (SBC) and Highways England with regard to this matter, sustainability of the Wynyard housing allocations mindful of the necessary highways mitigation. However, WPL has also taken part in two Steering Group Meetings attended by senior Officers of both Councils and Highways England dated 5th September 2016 and 10th October 2016. The purpose of the Steering Group was to ensure a collaborative approach to the long term development of Wynyard Park (WP) both during the current plan period and beyond. During the first meeting in September 2016 it was agreed by all parties that 732 dwellings in Hartlepool combined with the draft allocation of 1,100 dwellings in Stockton would ensure a critical mass of development sufficient to deliver a sustainable development inclusive of the delivery of community facilities and highways infrastructure improvements at WP and thereby to deliver a sustainable development. Agreement on the scope of the highways improvements and their indicative costs was also reached in principle during these meetings subject to review by Highways England.