## <u>Duty to Cooperate - Inspector's Interim Note</u>

During the Hearing sessions that commenced on 9 December 2013, representations were made to the Inspector suggesting that Fenland District Council had failed to satisfy the Duty to Cooperate in respect of matters relating to Wisbech and flooding considerations. The Inspector indicated that she would inform interested parties promptly should she have any specific concerns in relation to the Duty to Cooperate.

Notwithstanding and without prejudice to her report, at this stage of the examination, the Inspector is of the view that Fenland District Council have engaged constructively, actively and on an on-going basis during the preparation of the Core Strategy Local Plan and have had regard to the activities of others, including Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council. It is therefore the Inspector's view at this stage that the Core Strategy Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate set out in s33A of the Act.

This matter will be addressed and considered fully in the Inspector's report.

Claire Sherratt Inspector

19 December 2013