

# Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership

The NEP wishes to make a written statement to note the following in relation to the matters, issues and questions raised by the Inspector of the Wycombe District Local Plan Examination.

NB This statement refers to a Statement of Common Ground between the NEP and Wycombe District Council, the substance of which was agreed on 28 June 2018. The Statement itself will be submitted formally by Wycombe District Council shortly.

## **Written Statement in relation to Matter 1, Legal Compliance and the Duty to Cooperate**

Matter 1, Question 14 – *“Will the Plan be supported by Supplementary Planning Documents?”*

The NEP and Wycombe District Council have agreed a Statement of Common Ground, subsequent to the Regulation 19 version of the Plan.

In respect of biodiversity accounting, the NEP and Wycombe District Council have agreed that a forthcoming SPD will set out the details of the biodiversity accounting mechanism to be used to help achieve net biodiversity gain. This point is noted in the Statement of Common Ground at Paragraph 1.7.