

Statement of Common Ground

Dover District Council and the Marine Management Organisation

1. Overview

1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the jointly agreed position between the parties, Dover District Council (DDC) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), in relation to the Dover District Local Plan (DDLDP) as of September 2023.

1.2 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters raised by the MMO in response to the Dover District Local Plan Regulation 19 Submission and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.

1.3 The MMO formally responded to the Reg 18 DDLDP consultation which took place between January to March 2021 and to the Regulation 19 Submission DDLP. A summary of activity is set out in the Duty-to-Cooperate Statement.

1.4 This Statement of Common Ground, without prejudice, relates to the representations made by the Marine Management Organisation to the Regulation 19 DDLP.

2. Regulation 19 Submission Dover District Local Plan

2.1 The MMO made formal representation on the Regulation 19 Submission Dover District Local Plan which took place between 21 October and 9 December 2022.

2.2 In compliance with Regulation 22 (1) (c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 a summary of the main issues arising from all representations received during this consultation is provided in the Regulation 22 Statement which accompanies the Submission Local Plan.

3. Current agreed position

3.1 This Statement of Common Ground, relates to two matters raised by the MMO, with a view to aiding the Examination process by arriving at an agreed position in respect of:

Paragraph 1.15 and Paragraph 3.267.


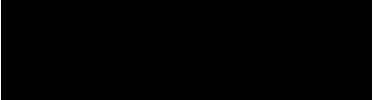
If the Inspectors are supportive of the view of the MMO on these matters, the Council would accept amendments and as such the following textual amendments have been agreed, without prejudice, by both parties for this purpose:

Local Plan Representations			
Policy/ paragraph	Rep numbers	Summary of Marine Management Organisation representations	Latest Agreed position/AM reference
SP13,Para 3.267	779	The inspector may seek to see that the plan lay out the statutory duty of the Local Authority to take account of Marine Plans and Marine Planning documents when developing local plans in accordance with the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The current reference to Marine Plans in section 3.267 correctly refers to the marine plans but does not explicitly demonstrate this requirement being met. A simple fix, we would hope to see reference to this in this section.	The following Additional Modification (AM22) has been submitted to the Examination: Amend second sentence of 3.267: “ <u>In accordance with</u> Under the Marine and Coastal Act <u>2009, the development of this Local Plan has taken account of the South East Marine Plan, the Marine Plan</u> which provides a policy framework to inform decision-making regarding [...]”
Paragraph 1.14 and 1.15	1306	In addition, the Marine Management Organisation would hope to be included as a consulted body in the duty to cooperate section under sections 1.14 and 1.15 due to the jurisdictional overlap between the terrestrial and marine planning systems. The MMO is keen to maintain strategic cooperation with colleagues in Dover District Council to support an integrated planning system.	The following Additional Modification (AM2) has been submitted to the Examination: Amend second phrase of paragraph 1.15 as follows: “[...] in addition to other organisations, agencies and bodies, including National Highways, Natural England, Historic England, the Environment Agency, the <u>Marine Management Organisation</u> and the NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group.”

4. Conclusions

4.1 It is agreed by both parties that all matters have been addressed through the proposed additional modifications (SD06) set out in the table above.

5. Signatories

Signed on behalf of Dover District Council:  Name: Sarah Platts Position: Head of Planning and Development Date:	Signed on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation  Name: Clare Kavanagh Position: Marine Planning Manager Date: 04/10/2023
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