LOCAL PLAN FOR BOLSOVER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

AS AGREED BETWEEN

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

AND

NATIONAL FARMERS’ UNION
1) Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this Statement of Common Ground is to inform the Inspector and other parties about the areas of agreement between Bolsover District Council and National Farmers' Union on policy SS3: Spatial Strategy and Distribution of Development of the Local Plan for Bolsover District submitted to the Secretary of State on the 31st August 2018.

2) Background


2.2 National Farmers' Union’s representations raised objections about the soundness of the wording of policy SS3 which can be summarised as:

- policy SS3: Spatial Strategy and Distribution of Development should have the words “to employment uses where appropriate” deleted from the end of the penultimate paragraph of the policy (representation ref. 8394).

Note: Representation references refer to the unique reference within the Council’s JDi consultation database system.

2.3 The Council has considered this representation and has discussed a proposed modification to the policy referred to above with the National Farmers’ Union to address their objection.

2.4 Based on these discussions, agreement between the Council and the National Farmers’ Union has been reached on the following modification (as relevant text to be deleted shown as strikethrough and new text to be inserted shown as underlined):

- policy SS3: Spatial Strategy and Distribution of Development (fourth paragraph)

The Small Settlements in the Countryside are considered to not be sustainable settlements and the Local Plan will not support urban forms of development beyond infill development on single plots and conversion of agricultural buildings to employment uses where appropriate.

3) Areas of Common Ground

3.1 Bolsover District Council and National Farmers’ Union agree that:

- the modification proposed by Bolsover District Council stated above addresses the concerns of the National Farmers’ Union raised in their representation ref. 8394.
4) Conclusion

4.1 Based on the stated areas of common ground, National Farmers’ Union agree that their representation ref. 8394 to the Publication Local Plan for Bolsover District has been addressed and can be withdrawn subject to the modification stated above being made to the Plan.

AGREEMENT

Signed:

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