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Dear Strategy Team

Thank you for providing South Somerset District Council the opportunity to comment on the Local Plan Issues & Options document. We consider that continued engagement with the Local Plan process will be a factor of our joint approach to developing our respective evidence bases in preparation of our Local Plans and through the Duty to Co-operate. We will be responding to the strategic cross-boundary matters identified through the Duty to Co-operate process and will be looking to develop the Statement of Common Ground with the Council going forward.

Whilst we have no specific comments to make on the Issues & Options document, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight both our Council's positive actions in respect of the 'Climate Change Emergency' and through the development of the Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy. As adjoining authorities, we would welcome opportunities to explore common policy approaches and sharing of evidence around this key issue.

Kind regards

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