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Dear Tracy,

## **St Albans City and District Council Strategic Local Plan (SLP) Duty to Co-operate Issues**

On behalf of the South West Herts Authorities (Dacorum, Hertsmere, Three Rivers and Watford Councils), I would like to thank you for your response to our letter dated 11 April 2016 in which we requested a meeting to discuss the concerns raised in our individual representations on the Publication Draft of your Strategic Local Plan.

The SW Herts Authorities have been seeking effective joint working with St Albans City and District Council on key strategic cross boundary issues for a number of years. As your approach has come just a little over a week before the deadline for Written Representations are due, we feel it would be more appropriate to await the Inspector's consideration of the Duty to Co-operate issues before arranging a meeting. As you acknowledged in your response, the Duty to Co-operate session will give all the authorities concerned the opportunity to pursue their concerns in depth and for the Inspector to provide guidance on how to progress future joint working.

I would again like to re-iterate that the South West Herts authorities continue to be keen to ensure that St. Albans has an up-to-date Local Plan in place and will continue to seek to work proactively with you in order to achieve this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Messere'.

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On behalf of Dacorum Borough Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, Three Rivers District Council and Watford Borough Council



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