

**STATEMENT A**

**DUTY TO CO-OPERATE**

***1.0 Has the Council satisfactorily fulfilled its requirements under the Duty to Cooperate?***

- 1.1 It is considered that the Council has fulfilled their Duty to Cooperate requirements on the basis of the discussions and identification of cross boundary issues with neighbouring authorities as set out in the Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance (August 2015) (SD016).
- 1.2 Story Homes considers that further evidence illustrating as to how main cross boundary issues have been addressed, particularly in relation to whether the Local Plan delivers the level of job growth required across the sub-region should be provided.
- 1.3 Only a limited assessment has been undertaken of the Cumbria LEP, particularly with regard to the economic growth aspirations. It is unclear of the extent of Eden District's contribution to the 15,000 jobs and 30,000 new homes that the Cumbria LEP requires (of which the Council is part of). The Council instead simply summaries that it will allocate sufficient land (SD016 - Appendix 9).
- 1.4 This additional evidence is required of the Council to demonstrate that the Local Plan can meet the tests of Soundness.