

Matter 2: Role and scope of the AAP

Issue: Is the Plan consistent with other National and Local Policy in light of Regulation 8(4) and 8(5)?

1. *Is the Plan sufficiently clear and effective in establishing its relationship to the wider development plan?*

2. *Is the Plan consistent with the Local Plan?*

2.1. The HBF notes that some of the policies contained in the AAP are not consistent with the Local Plan, in particular those in relation to the use of the M4 standards and the housing mix. More detail is provided in the HBF response to Matter 3.

3. *Is the Plan required by policy in the Local Plan to deliver a particular amount of housing to assist with the delivery of the Local Plan aims?*

3.1. The Local Plan proposes 11,520 new homes in Sefton and 1,655 new homes (net of demolitions) for Bootle and Netherton in the period 2012 to 2030. The HBF is not aware of any requirement in the Plan for the preparation of the Bootle Area Action Plan, or for it to deliver these homes. The Authority Monitoring Report (2023/24) identifies that 5,868 dwellings have been completed in Sefton between 2012/13 and 2023/24, it does not identify what proportion of this has occurred in Bootle.

3.2. The area within the Bootle Area Action Plan is estimated to contribute approximately 1,500 dwellings between 2024 and 2040 to Sefton's housing supply.

3.3. The HBF notes that the People's Site, Linacre Lane, Bootle is allocated in the Local Plan and the AAP for 110 dwellings in both documents.

3.4. The HBF would suggest that the Bootle AAP will make a limited contribution to the housing needs of Sefton going forward, however, it will still be important to ensure that these homes are delivered.