

YORK LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

[DRAFT] STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND between:

THE CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

-and-

THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

AUGUST 2022

AGREEMENT

The University of York and the City of York Council agree as follows:

- (1) That the future success of the University is crucial to the future economic and cultural life of the City;
- (2) That the local plan should facilitate an appropriate policy context to facilitate the reasonable growth requirements of the University within the plan period;
- (3) Amendments are proposed to policies ED1, ED2, ED3 and SS22, which are agreed save:
 - a. ED1 final paragraph – the extent to which essential operational development (including lighting) to facilitate sport and recreation in the green belt adjacent to ST27 should be expressly endorsed in policy;
 - b. Paragraph 7.2a, a sentence should be added to make it clear that 23% is henceforth not to be regarded as a ‘rule’, but rather that applications should be judged on their merits in the light of the suite of policies relating to UoY
- (4) That the area of ST27, together with the prospect of additional future development within Heslington East and West would be sufficient to accommodate the probable future development needs of the University within the plan period.

DISAGREEMENT

- (1) The University proposes that an area of land to the west of ST27 amounting to 9.9Ha should be identified as safeguarded land so as to enable the inner boundary of the green belt to endure well beyond the plan period.
The City Council does not consider that there is an evidential justification to provide for safeguarded land to meet the needs of the University beyond the plan period
- (2) The final paragraph of proposed amended policy ED1, final paragraph, and the need for an additional sentence at the end of paragraph 7.2a.