

**YORK LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**  
**THE CITY OF YORK COUNCIL & THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK**  
**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

1. The University of York and the City of York Council agree as follows:
  - (1) That the future success of the University is very important 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 (including need for student accommodation);
  - (3) Amendments are proposed to policies ED1, ED2, ED3 and SS22, including the removal of the general 23% built footprint limitation, which are agreed save for those matters set out below.
  - (4) That, based upon current understanding of future requirements, 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.
2. Areas of disagreement:
  - (1) Safeguarded land -
    - (a) 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.
    - (b) 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 and that safeguarding that land is not consistent with the protection of the Green Belt.
  - (2) Essential facilities for Sport and Recreation -
    - (a) UoY consider that the plan should expressly recognise that where sport and recreation is brought forward in the green belt that essential facilities associated with such facilities, could include small scale changing facilities and where justified external lighting
    - (b) CYC consider that this is unnecessary given the proposed amendments to ED1 and can be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

7 September 2022

Signed:



**For City of York Council**

**For the University of York**