

**Barton Willmore, now Stantec on behalf of Story Homes**

**Examination into the Lancaster District Local Plan (Climate Emergency Review of the Strategic Policies and Land Allocations Development Plan Document and the Climate Emergency Review of the Development Management Development Plan Document)**

**Hearing Statement**

**Matter 2 – Climate Change and Economic Prosperity**

**Q2.1. Is Policy CC1 justified, effective and consistent with national policy, including paragraph 16 of the Framework?**

1. No. Policy CC1 represents a vision, or mission statement, rather than a mean to aid a decision maker in the determination of planning applications.
2. As such, it is not consistent with limb d of paragraph 16 as it is not clear how it should be used to determine development proposals. In addition to this, it does not accord with limb f, as it does not serve a clear purpose and repeats the ambitions set out in the Spatial Vision for Lancaster and the Strategic Objectives.
3. In addition to this, points 1 to 7 within the policy merely serve to summarise detailed policies that are contained later in the Part 1 Local Plan or within Part 2. This represents further repetition.
4. Given the above, the policy is superfluous and does not accord with the provision of paragraph 16 of the NPPF and should be deleted. Where necessary, provisions within this should be incorporated into an updated Spatial Vision for Lancaster and / or the Strategic Objectives.