

Policy No.**Employment Policy 2: Strategic Employment Sites****Summary of Issues**

1. Objection to the retention of the table in the policy (against the EIP Panel's recommendations) referring to the minimum land take for Strategic Employment Sites within each District, within the Central Leicestershire Policy Area and within two time phases.
2. Changes to the table called for, deletion of 25 hectare Blaby allocation, 5 hectares in Harborough to be brought forward to the first time phase and an additional 20 hectares in the Central Leicestershire Policy Area of Hinckley and Bosworth.
3. Objection to the retention of a reference to two Strategic Employment Sites within Charnwood.
4. Suggested changes to the Strategic Employment Sites definition; include B1 uses, specify appropriate locations for B8 and detail rail connection opportunities and employment densities.

One Representation of Support

Reasoned Response

1. Not accepted. The table is necessary to ensure the provision of strategic sites in sustainable locations. This is supported by the subsequent findings of the Quality Employment Lands study, which identified particular employment land shortages in the Three Cities Leicester Sub-area over the next 10 years.
2. Not accepted. These Strategic Employment Sites allocations in the table have not been modified. The EIP Panel endorsed the scale and distribution of employment land in the policy. The Strategic Employment Sites allocations address the identified shortfall in the policy.
3. Not accepted. The Strategic Employment Sites requirements in all the other districts are contained either within the Central Leicestershire Policy Area (CLPA) or outside it. Charnwood is the only district where there is an identified need for an Strategic Employment Sites in the CLPA and for one outside it, specifically close to Loughborough. The reference to two Strategic Employment Sites is therefore necessary to ensure provision within these two distinct locations.
4. Not accepted. B1 uses "as appropriate" are included within the Strategic Employment Sites definition. Acceptable locations for B1 offices and B8 uses (including rail connections) are set out in Employment Policy 3 and Employment Policy 8. Directing different B Class uses to appropriate locations will control employment densities

Proposed Policy Action

No change to Proposed Modification.

List of Respondents

Blaby District Council, Gazeley Properties Ltd., Andrew Granger & Co., Cawrey Ltd., Miller Homes East Midlands and Clowes Developments, Wheatcroft and Son Ltd., Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Borough of Charnwood

Mr A. Brooks

<u>Policy No.</u> Employment Policy 4: Science and Technology Parks
<u>Summary of Issues</u> No representations
<u>Reasoned Response</u> None
<u>Proposed Policy Action</u> No change to Proposed Modification.
<u>List of Respondents</u> None

<u>Policy No.</u> Employment Policy 5: Expansion and Relocation of Existing Employment Sites
<u>Summary of Issues</u> No representations
<u>Reasoned Response</u> None
<u>Proposed Policy Action</u> No change to the Proposed Modification.
<u>List of Respondents</u> None

<u>Policy No.</u>
Employment Policy 6: Review and Protection of Employment Land and Buildings
<u>Summary of Issues</u>
1. There is a drafting error. Criterion b) should read “no longer suitable” rather than “unfit” Four Representations of Support
<u>Reasoned Response</u>
1. Accepted. This was an editing error.
<u>Proposed Policy Action</u>
Amend criterion b) to read “the land and buildings are unfit <i>no longer suitable</i> for employment purposes”.
<u>List of Respondents</u>
GOEM, Gazeley Properties Ltd., NW Leics. District Council, Persimmon Homes (Midlands) Ltd., Revelan Group, Harborough District Council Mr A Brooks

<u>Policy No.</u>
Employment Policy 7: Safeguarding High Quality Employment Sites
<u>Summary of Issues</u>
One Representation of Support.
<u>Reasoned Response</u>
None
<u>Proposed Policy Action</u>
No change to Proposed Modification.
<u>List of Respondents</u>
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<p><u>Policy No.</u></p> <p>Employment Policy 8: Storage and Distribution</p>
<p><u>Summary of Issues</u></p> <p>1. The term “Principal Road Network” is vague. (Raised also in connection with Employment Policy 11: Hazardous Installations)</p> <p>2. The policy is not sustainable</p> <p>3. The policy is too restrictive</p> <p>Two Representations of Support</p>
<p><u>Reasoned Response</u></p> <p>1. Not accepted. It is not appropriate to define Principal Road Network within the policy, however this will be defined in the Glossary, Appendix 1.</p> <p>2. Not accepted. The policy is in line with national and regional guidance.</p> <p>3. Not accepted. The policy is in line with national and regional guidance.</p>
<p><u>Proposed Policy Action</u></p> <p>No change to Proposed Modification.</p>
<p><u>List of Respondents</u></p> <p>GOEM, G L Hearn, Gazeley Properties Ltd, Railtrack PLC.</p> <p>Mr A Brooks.</p>

<p><u>Policy No.</u></p> <p>Employment Policy 9: Employment in Rural Settlements</p>
<p><u>Summary of Issues</u></p> <p>Five Representations of Support.</p>
<p><u>Reasoned Response</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>Proposed Policy Action</u></p> <p>No change to Proposed Modification.</p>
<p><u>List of Respondents</u></p> <p>Carlton Parish Council, Cawrey Ltd., Friends of Ratby Action Group, Northamptonshire County Council, Wheatcroft & Son Ltd.</p>

<p><u>Policy No.</u></p> <p>Employment Policy 10: Provision of a sub-Regional Exhibition and Conference Centre</p>
<p><u>Summary of Issues</u></p> <p>No representations</p>
<p><u>Reasoned Response</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>Proposed Policy Action</u></p> <p>No changes to Proposed Modification.</p>
<p><u>List of Respondents</u></p> <p>None</p>

<p><u>Policy No.</u></p> <p>Employment Policy 11: Hazardous Installations</p>
<p><u>Summary of Issues</u></p> <p>1. The term “Principle Road Network” is vague. It is not clear whether it refers to the “Primary Route Network”, which includes trunk and strategic local authority roads or to “Principal Roads”, which are the major local authority roads.</p>
<p><u>Reasoned Response</u></p> <p>1. Not accepted. It is not appropriate to define Principal Road Network within the policy, however this will be defined in the Glossary, Appendix 1.</p>
<p><u>Proposed Policy Action</u></p> <p>No change to Proposed Modification.</p>
<p><u>List of Respondents</u></p> <p>Government Office for the East Midlands.</p>

