

Day 1 Issue 2

Can a note be provided in relation to why the full employment need identified in the Employment Land Review is not being met?

The Adur Employment Land Review 2014 recommends that the Local Plan should make provision for 50,000sqm to 60,000sqm of employment (B-class) floorspace over the plan period. A significant amount of this recommended provision will come through strategic allocations in the Local Plan – Shoreham Airport, New Monks Farm and Shoreham Harbour (although it is recognised that not all of this employment will fall within B classes). As per the Council's response to Homework Issue 6 (Day 1), Policies 4 (Planning for Economic Growth), 5 (New Monks Farm, Lancing), 7 (Shoreham Airport) and 8 (Shoreham Harbour) will be amended to refer to 'minimum' employment floorspace amounts which should also help maximise employment provision in Adur.

In addition, a significant amount of B class employment floorspace will come through existing business parks / employment areas. Over the last five years, such areas (Shoreham Airport, Lancing Business Park, Dolphin Road Industrial Estate and Shoreham Harbour (outside the western arm)) have together delivered just over 26,000sqm of employment floorspace.

It is therefore considered that there is significant potential to meet Adur's full floorspace requirements over the plan period. However, the Council cannot allocate additional employment sites to ensure that full needs are met due to environmental constraints (landscape and coalescence issues as well as flood risk).