

Adoption Statement

Supplementary Planning Document:

Demonstrating Genuine Redundancy of Employment Sites

A key aim of the adopted Adur Local Plan (2017) is to ensure that the local economy continues to grow. This requires a variety of good quality land and premises provided in the right place and supported with the right infrastructure. This is a significant challenge as land supply is heavily constrained and competition for available sites increases, particularly given the national drive to significantly increase housing delivery. The Plan aims to address this necessary economic growth through the allocation of new employment sites, and the protection of existing ones.

However, at the same time the Council recognises the need for flexibility, and that in some, limited circumstances, there may be a genuine case for loss of part of an existing employment site to another use. This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) supports, and expands on Policy 25 of the Adur Local Plan 2017. It provides clarity on the circumstances where change of use or redevelopment to alternative uses may be appropriate and the criteria which would have to be satisfied in order to obtain planning permission for these alternative uses. This SPD has been prepared to help people, particularly prospective applicants, to better understand the intentions of the policy; the steps they will need to go through, and the information they will need to supply to support any planning application which would result in loss of employment floorspace.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which the SPD was adopted (26th March 2019).

The SPD may be viewed at the following locations:

- All libraries within Adur
- Adur and Worthing Council offices, Portland House, Richmond Road, Worthing
- The Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea.

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