

## AGENDA FOR HEARING SESSION 8:

### Matter 9 - Economic Development

Venue: Breckland Council, Dereham Time: 09.30 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Participants:**

Breckland Council  
David Barker (For Stapleford Group Thetford Ltd)  
Jon Jennings (For Goymour Properties Ltd)  
Neil Osborn (For Mr Justin Brookes)  
Andrew Thornton (Individual)  
Edward Keymer (For Snetterton Heath Ltd)  
Anthony Needham (For Dereham Town Council)

#### **Agenda**

1. Introduction by Inspector.
2. Is the need for additional employment land set out in Policy EC 01 justified and are the figures based on robust evidence? Is the Employment Growth Study (2013) up-of-date?
3. The Employment Growth Study (2013) only considers the period up to 2031. How has the Council considered need up to 2036?
4. The Employment Growth Study (2013) when considering different growth scenarios includes a labour supply scenario, based on a housing need estimate of 699 dpa, which is higher than that identified OAN in the Plan at 612 dpa. What is the justification for this? Does this have implications on the calculation of need?
5. How has an additional need figure of 64 hectares of employment land, as set out within Policy EC 01, been arrived at?
6. How many jobs is 64 hectares of additional employment land likely to generate? Does this correlate with the anticipated job growth set out in the SHMA?

7. Is the overall distribution and quantum set out in Policy EC 01 for each settlement justified?
8. To be effective should Policy EC 01 include safeguarding measures to control the loss of employment land?
9. Is the approach to Snetterton Heath in Policy EC 02 justified and effective?
10. Where is area LP[087]010 identified on the proposals map? Which area of land does Policy EC 02 relate to?
11. Is the approach of Policy EC 03 to safeguarding General Employment Areas (as shown on the proposals map) justified and effective? Could it lead to sites that are no longer suitable for employment uses lying derelict for long periods of time?
12. Is the approach to mixed-use development in Policy EC 03 justified and effective?
13. Is the approach to employment development outside General Employment Areas in Policy EC 04 justified and effective?
14. Is the approach to farm diversification in Policy EC 06 justified and effective?
15. Is the approach to tourism related development in Policy EC 07 justified and effective?
16. Is the approach to advertising and signs in Policy EC 08 justified and effective?
17. Any Other Matters?