

COUNCIL (ORDINARY MEETING) - 17TH MAY 2016

AGENDA ITEM (8)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN SUBMISSION DRAFT REG.19 - APRIL 2016

ADDENDUM

1. Appendix 1 - Paragraph 6.1.2 - Page 29

N.B. This relates to the Submission Draft Document circulated for the Special Cabinet Meeting on 21st April 2016.

As a result of a review of existing evidence, and reflecting on the need to ensure supporting policy text is accurate and provides clarity, it is recommended that the following text be deleted from the Local Plan. This recommendation is in addition to those listed in Appendix 5 to the Council Report.

*6.1.2 In order to achieve sustainable, balanced communities, the delivery of housing for the District needs to be accompanied by appropriate employment growth. In reaching conclusions on the amount of employment land to be provided, consideration has been taken of economic forecasts; historic rates of business development; market signals; and labour supply. The economic forecasts indicate that, over the plan period, total job growth will be between 10,500 and 11,900 over the period 2011-2031. ~~The updated OAN focuses on the economic forecasters' assessment of the likely changes once the economy has emerged from the economic downturn and after 2014. The economic forecasts indicate that total job growth will be between 4,700 and 6,000 over the period 2014-2031.~~ The Local Plan strategy seeks to support forecast job growth through a combination of specific land allocations and policies. In terms of B class job growth, historic take-up rates (including a five year buffer) indicate that there is a need to plan for about **24 hectares** of B class employment land over the plan period. Essentially, B class employment covers business (B1), general industry (B2) and storage and distribution (B8).*

2. Housing and Planning Act 2016

The Housing and Planning Act received Royal Assent¹ on Thursday 12th May 2016. Officers are currently assessing what impact this Act will have on the Regulation 19 Local Plan document. The introduction of Starter Homes as a new type of affordable housing is particularly significant, and further work is required to assess its impact on the Local Plan's Development Strategy and Housing Policies.

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¹ <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/housingandplanning.html>