Milton Keynes Council response to:

Milton Keynes Core Strategy Public Examination

Issue of Conformity with South East Plan

Suggested Text for Modification (Employment)

The Council's amendments are set out as tracked changes to the document below which was originally submitted by Mr Sellwood on behalf of Berkeley Strategic.

Modify paragraphs 5.21 to 5.23 (employment land supply)

“5.21 MK has a key role as an employment centre within the South East Midlands LEP. As with housing supply, there is a substantial existing supply of employment land in the Borough, however, there are some significant qualitative deficiencies in this portfolio of employment land which may need to be remedied in the medium to long to achieve all of the objectives of the Council’s Economic Development Strategy including to support local and inward investment. As well as the jobs created in firms occupying developed employment land, other jobs will be created in retail, education, health and other services. Potential job creation from these sources is identified in Table 3 ‘Jobs potential of existing and new employment locations’.”

5.22 Paragraph unchanged.
“5.23 The proposed review of the Core Strategy (Plan:MK) will reassess the adequacy
(both quantitative and qualitative) of the existing portfolio of employment land
and take forward the *pressing* need if evidenced for new strategic employment
allocations to meet the economic and housing growth potential of MK including
the development needs of business, by providing locations to support clusters of
knowledge driven and high technology industries. If monitoring shows …” (rest
of paragraph 5.23 unchanged).

**Explanatory Note**

The above wording is intended to complement the new policy in respect of conformity with
the South East Plan. It is without prejudice to the need to make additional strategic
employment allocations in the current Plan. This issue of the identification of land for a
strategic employment allocation is an issue for discussion under Matter 4.