

APPENDIX C – POLICY Ec1 (EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY)

REG. 18 CONSULTATION COMMENTS AND PROPOSED RESPONSES

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| CHAPTER: 7 | POLICY NUMBER: Ec1 | POLICY NAME: Employment Strategy |
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| Support for the principle of the policy. | Support welcomed | No change | 233 | MAG Property |
| The policy should NOT be changed (Ec 1 and 2) with regards to development in the countryside. | The adopted Local Plan does not contain an equivalent policy. This is the first time such a policy has been proposed. Policy S4 – Countryside is the lead policy for considering development proposals in the countryside. | No change. | 103 401 503 | Judith Billington Mr Wykes Helen Warren |
| Policies Ec1 [and Ec2] are undefined. This is unacceptable. | Policy Ec1 as proposed draws directly from other policies in the plan. It was therefore sensible to wait for the other policies to have progressed (including any changes resulting from consultation) before drafting the policy. The policy will be subject to full consultation at Reg 19 stage. | No change. | 115 255 225 229 | Protect Diseworth; Johnathan Aust; St Modwen Logistics; P W C R Redfern |
| As the policy will only be included in the next (Regulation 19) version of the plan, will consultees have opportunity to comment on or suggest changes to the Policy wording without the | | | 404 | Environment Agency |

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| need to 'object' or find it 'unsound' as such. | | | | |
| <p>Policy Ec1 is a critical part of any local plan as sufficient land and premises must be provided to meet needs to facilitate inward investment and ensure the prosperity of the District over the plan period.</p> <p>Sufficient infrastructure needs to be planned to support the economic strategy, and this is a matter for the new Local Plan to address.</p> <p>The Economic Strategy also needs to align with the Housing Strategy so that housing growth is delivered to support new jobs in the most sustainable way.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>The plan proposes a variety of employment land allocations as set out in Policy Ec3 and the associated policies.</p> <p>The Plan's approach to infrastructure will be set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Policy IF1.</p> <p>The inter-relationship between housing and employment is explored in the Local Plan evidence base.</p> | No change. | 232 | Caddick Land |
| Policy Ec1 will need to be carefully considered alongside Local Plan Objective 5 and the need to deliver sufficient employment land through the District. | Noted. | No change | 280 | Richborough Estates |
| You should only develop areas for manufacturing which increases | Noted. The plan proposes a variety of employment land allocations as set out in | No change | 580 | Karl Pigott |

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| employment not warehousing which has minimal employment. | Policy Ec3 and the associated policies. | | | |
| <p>The observations at paragraphs 7.13, 7.18, 7.19, and 7.23 of consultation document should be reflected in the wording of Policy Ec1. These points emphasise the importance of qualitative considerations, and the need to make sure that the requirements of all different types of business can be met. The approach should not focus too heavily on the quantitative elements and allocating land simply to match a specific hectarage, rather than also making sure the sites are varied and of the right quality.</p> <p>The approach which distinguishes between general and strategic employment land is relevant but policy must recognise that these are not homogenous categories. Allocations and supporting policy must also be flexible enough to ensure in the real world that the whole market is catered for on an ongoing basis.</p> | <p>The policies collectively are considered to strike a reasonable balance between providing appropriate direction and flexibility to deal with changing circumstances.</p> | | 225 229 | St Modwen Logistics; P W C R Redfern |

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| Supporting text | | | | |
| <p>Paras 7.1 and 7.14: The reference to EMA in the introduction to the economy section is welcomed and supported. Further commentary is requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMA is the largest single employment site in Leicestershire and makes an important economic contribution to the regional economy. • EMA’s cargo activity is nationally significant, and it provides global connectivity for advanced manufacturing and strategic distribution activity in the East Midlands <p>The Local Plan must continue to provide for and allocate sufficient land and premises to match the needs of the district’s businesses</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>The suggested additions will be considered when the supporting text is reviewed for the Reg. 19 Plan.</p> <p>The plan proposes a variety of employment land allocations as set out in Policy Ec3 and the associated policies.</p> | <p>Consider refinements to the supporting text when it is reviewed for the Reg 19 plan.</p> | <p>230</p> | <p>East Midlands Airport</p> |
| <p>Section 7.7 We welcome this reference to rail freight.</p> | <p>Noted and welcomed.</p> | <p>For further consideration as the Reg 19 Plan is finalised. .</p> | <p>244</p> | <p>Network Rail</p> |

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| <p>National Rail would also welcome the opportunity to discuss the expansion of rail-freight with North West Leicestershire, including the possible use of the former Coalville Goods Yard off Mantle Lane as a location for possible future rail freight activity to help meet national freight growth targets.</p> <p>We ask that wording to reflect rail-freight aspirations is included in the policy.</p> | <p>Policy Ec1, as drafted, is not an appropriate place for a reference to rail freight.</p> <p>The Council will consider if this aim should be added to a different part of the Plan as the Reg 19 version of the Plan is finalised.</p> | | | |

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Policy Ec1 – Economic Strategy

1. The Council supports the sustainable growth of the district's economy through both local and inward investment. The Council will help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt through the following measures:
 - a. Allocating a range of suitable sites that collectively make a significant contribution to anticipated future employment needs (Policy Ec3);
 - b. Maintaining the district's stock of good quality business premises in Existing Employment Areas (Policy Ec5);
 - c. Sustaining the district's town and local centres, including through partnership working to help regenerate Coalville Town Centre (Policy TC1);
 - d. Adding to the stock of premises suited to start-up businesses (Policy Ec6);
 - e. Actively encouraging local recruitment and workforce training in connection with new development (Policy Ec7);
 - f. Supporting the expansion of rural-based enterprises (Policy S4);
 - g. Enabling new and expanded tourist attractions and visitor accommodation (Policy Ec12); and
 - h. Requiring appropriate provision of new physical, social and green infrastructure in association with new development (Policies IF1 and IF5).