

Committee: Planning Policy Working Group

Agenda Item

Date: 17 May 2017

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Title: Uttlesford Employment Land topic Paper
May 2017

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Key decision: No

Summary

1. The Employment Topic Paper briefs PPWG on the on-going position at the time of writing in regards to the Employment evidence base to inform the Employment Strategy of the Regulation 18 Uttlesford Local Plan.

Recommendations

2. For information

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The documents will form part of the evidence base to the Local Plan.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	A sustainability appraisal will be undertaken on the whole plan
Ward-specific impacts	All Wards
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

6. The topic paper sets out the current position on future employment growth in the district as of May 2017. In planning terms, employment land usually refers to 'B Class' uses and includes:

- B1(a) – Offices
- B1(b) – Research and Development
- B1(c) – Light Industry
- B2 – General Industry; and
- B8 – Storage and Distribution.

This topic paper focuses upon these use classes and the future growth (or decline) of these sectors over the period of the Local Plan.

Other employment generating uses in Uttlesford District (retail, health, education etc) are not covered in this paper.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Insufficient information is available to make an informed decision.	1. The Council is working to a project plan to ensure there is a proportionate evidence base.	Local Plan found unsound.	Prepare proportionate evidence.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.