

Item 3c) SOUTH HAMPSHIRE TOWN CENTRES POLICY

Annex: Changes to Employment Policies SH6, SH7 and SH8

For clarification, the attached town centre policy replaces the former SH8 OFFICE DEVELOPMENT policy.

Following discussions with the Employment Steering Group and with SEERA officers, the following minor changes to the submitted employment policies are also proposed:

Policy SH6: SCALE, LOCATION AND TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

Delete the wording 'particularly their centres' in the first bullet point for each of South-west and South east sections.

Reason for change: The current wording implies that future allocations for manufacturing and warehousing uses (as well as offices) are to be directed particularly towards previously developed land within town centres, as opposed to appropriate brownfield sites within the wider urban area.

Policy SH7: ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT SITES

In criterion (iv) ('ideally be accessible by a variety of means of transport'), delete 'ideally'.

Also, to add this criterion:

(v) make optimum use of potential sites and existing premises within the two cities and other urban areas.

Reason for changes: To indicate clearly that future employment allocations should be accessible by a variety of means of transport and should, where possible, be located on appropriate brownfield sites within existing urban areas.

Recommendation: That SEERA be notified that these changes have been approved by PUSH.