

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON SEEDA's APPROACH TO LABOUR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Submission from: **Hart District Council**

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Representing Hart District Council Planning Policy Section, not all of the questions are applicable, have answered relevant questions.

- Q1. Paragraph 3.2, a further challenge is providing housing in the right location for the employees. The transport infrastructure is highlighted; however employment growth impacts on other aspects of infrastructure.
- Q3. Agree with the Corporate Plan emphasising higher level management and technical skills. As Hart is the Hampshire District with the largest proportion of higher order occupations 57%, this includes managers and senior officials, professional occupations and administrative.
- Q.8. SEEDA have not been in touch with Planning Policy to request voluntary and community groups from us.
- Q9. The Planning Policy Section has not recently worked with SEEDA. Local Authorities Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke and Deane have carried out a joint report titled 'Economic growth and employment land requirements in North Hampshire' 2008. The study originated as the draft South East Plan highlighted a shortfall of 40-60 hectares of employment land in North Hampshire.

OTHER COMMENTS

It may be useful to have a workshop for relevant stakeholders e.g. Local Authorities when the final report is being released.

Liaise with small, medium and large employers in different employment types across the region, to glean the support that they would find helpful.

It may be worth looking at planning applications that are being granted to note the emerging employment growth areas. Support could be offered to any small businesses.

Encourage Local Authorities to include information about SEEDA, their role and any support that could be offered on their websites.

It would be helpful to know issues and reports that SEEDA are currently investigating. Perhaps via an emailed newsletter.