

## **Areas for Future Review as Identified in the Proposed Changes**

### General

Take account of outstanding issues, the NHPAU's advice, proposals for eco-towns and new growth points and the need to manage the transition to a single regional strategy.

### Eco Towns

Take account of future eco-town announcements - RSS to test the longer term issues arising from eco-town proposals, such as the ultimate size of settlements.

### Golden Arc

Identify further opportunities for growth in the 'Golden Arc' to support wealth generation in the SE.

### Employment Land

Provide robust guidance on the scale and location of employment land and floorspace required, also indicative job estimates / targets for sub-regions or groups of districts. Importance of top down employment projections - the RPB and SEEDA should work with Principal Authorities to provide up-to-date evidence to meet the need for more robust strategic evidence in the interim period.

### Housing

The need and demand for longer term housing need to be revisited. Review plan in order to plan for additional and longer term housing growth to maximise its contribution to national house building targets. Should be informed by strategic housing market assessment work, and up-to-date evidence on the needs of the economy and the labour market.

### Freight

Identify of broad locations within the region for up to three intermodal interchange facilities. Although the proposed changes specify that this should be in the 'South East', the evidence they refer to is clear that this is the 'Greater South East'. We are currently seeking clarification from GOSE on this point.

### Town Centres

Provide advice on the broad quantum of growth expected in the strategic network of town centres. Further work is required to assess the need for additional floorspace in the region, to inform where growth can and should be accommodated in the network of town centres. This will need to take account of the likely growth of e-commerce and home shopping. Any proposal for additional floorspace at Bluewater will be considered through a review of the RSS.

### Milton Keynes South Midlands

Any revision to baseline housing figures at Milton Keynes / Aylesbury Vale will be made through a future review of the SE Plan taking account of the need for a step change in housing delivery, the relationship between jobs and homes, changing commuting patterns and any skills shortages within the wider MKSM area.

### Inter-Regional Working

Work jointly with neighbouring regions, to undertake background work where there are potential omissions or inconsistencies, to improve the evidence base, and where possible seek to synchronise the process of future RSS reviews.

### Green Infrastructure

Future revisions should work to identify and map existing regionally and sub-regionally significant networks of GI in the South East.

### Regional Standards of Public Transport Accessibility

Any review of the RTS should also consider regional standards of public transport accessibility.

### CO2 Emissions

A target for 2026 will be developed and incorporated in the first review of the Plan.

### SA / HRA Recommendations

- Take a more environmental-constraints-led approach to the distribution of further growth.
- Consider the option of freestanding new settlements.
- Consider a pan-regional approach to the growth debate, focusing on major inter-regional issues.
- Strengthen the evidence base in relation to infrastructure, resource consumption, and environmental capacity.