

# Core Strategy Focused Review Examination

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Dear Mr Andrews

The Inspector has asked me to thank you for your responses to her queries on 12 July and for your confirmation that the consultation period on the main modifications is intended to be for six weeks from 16 July. She understands that the Council does not intend to undertake a further sustainability appraisal of the main modifications. This is a matter for the Council.

Mrs Gregory thanks you for the main modifications. There are employment issues arising from the main modifications on which she still requires clarity for her reporting, before the Council can initiate the consultation period.

This predominantly relates to the matter of the short, medium and long term periods for the Table 6c allocations, and how these relate to the employment figures. Mrs Gregory understands the origin of the total figures and the dates for the figures in policy FC 3.

However, policy FC 3 is not particularly clear that it is specifying the current distribution, availability and capacity of employment land **to 2026** in table 6c. The modification note to FC3 will help. However, she asks whether there needs to be a revision to the text of the policy to include the word "**indicative**" before 11,100 jobs to 2031 as specified in the earlier text at 5.27. She asks also for consideration to be given to a revision perhaps in the way indicated in bold above to further clarify in the text of the plan or in the note to the policy that the Council has only sought to identify B classes land up **to 2026**.

There is a typographical error at the bottom of table 6C since it includes PDL in the total row. The same error is in table 6a. These are misleading, but are minor modifications.

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Can the Council please explain 68.18 total vacant land in table 6c, when the column adds up to 63.01 Ha. Please can the Council also clarify briefly the derivation of 1643 jobs shortfall to 2026 and the 4743 shortfall to 2031 in paragraph 5.25.

Yours sincerely

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