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Matter 10 Employment

Theme 2

Policy EC7

During the discussion on this matter and following the written submissions of JVH for Aucott, the Inspector asked that we draft a policy change to EC7 to reflect our submissions that the most important element of the policy was in fact the creation of jobs rather than the particular employment use class itself and that the policy needed more flexibility. It was submitted that this approach reflected had been applied on nearby areas [ the BMW car dealership was cited] On this basis we consider that the policy should include an additional bullet point after bullet d .

After d the Policy should state

Or

that the employment opportunities created by alternative commercial uses are shown to exceed that which would be anticipated from B1 bc B2 and B8

It is still our position that the overall allocation on Land South of the A5 should be commercial uses rather than prescribed B uses but in the absence of such a change then the alteration drafted above would assist the position.

JVH 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015.