

Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

Evidence Base Review

Appendix 2c: Employment land sub group meeting note July 2012

## Neighbourhood Plan

### Notes from Employment Land Sub-Group Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 – Pump Rooms

#### Present:

Rob Stewart

Andrew Brown

Patrick Starkey

Alan Hickmore

Mike Wise

Sarah Allen-Stevens (Chamber of Commerce)

#### Actions from last meeting:

- Find out from landowners within the Neighbourhood Plan Parish if they have development plans for employment land coming up (particularly barn conversion & moorings).

**Action:** Andrew Brown to pass contact details of landowners to Peter Anderson, who will write to each landowner asking if they have development intentions.

- Update Chamber document to include loss of employment land to retail (Tesco)

Sarah calculated this to be 84 jobs as B8 and 160 jobs as B2 (Source: Tesco planning application 1.09 ha of B2 land)

#### Notes:

- Agreed objective is to locate sites as employment land for between 800 – 1000 jobs.
  - Mike has reached this figure using calculations based on travelling times to work.
  - Sarah has reached this figure using calculations based on % of population of Faringdon that is at working age, working locally.
  - **Action:** Patrick to investigate building a planning model in Excel in order to be able to adapt to changing information e.g. 2011 Census; loss of employment sites etc..
- Wicklesham Quarry provides 630 jobs maximum therefore further sites for 300+ jobs need to be located around the parish.
- Sites to be campaigned against turning to housing:
  - SEEDA site at corner of Park Road and Volunteer Way (38 jobs).
  - Employment site at Pioneer Road, opposite Willes Close (101 jobs).
- Sites to be promoted through phased development:
  - Wicklesham Quarry (623 jobs)
  - Sandhill infill between new Bloors development and A420 (estimated 320 jobs) only after development of 4&20 (Radcot) Business Park
    - Action:** Could Andrew double-check area and let Sarah know
  - Willes Close to B1 (250 jobs)
  - Sudbury House – allocation as HQ for prestigious employer
- Rural sites identified for employment & tourism:
  - Pridnell Farm – moorings, camp site and organic centre
  - Church Farm – barn conversion to organic centre and/or high density employment and/or nursery
- Options to put forward:
  - Option 1 – no change
  - Option 2 – all areas above included + those already allocated by VWHDC