

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination

Matter 3: Strategic Core Policies including Policy SC1 – Overall Approach

Further Statement on Use of the Term 'Economic Growth Areas'

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Introduction

- 1.1 During day 5 of the Examination in Public into Bradford's Publication Draft Core Strategy Policy SC1, Overall Approach and Key Spatial Priorities, reference was made to the Key Diagram – Location Strategy. The diagram contains the notation: 'Economic Growth Area (Policy SC1). However, there is no reference to the meaning or application of the term 'Economic Growth Area' neither within the lower case text which introduces Policy SC1 nor within the detailed context of the Policy. The Council were requested to consider the rewording of Policy SC1 to provide an indication of the location and purpose of the proposed Economic Growth Areas.

The Issue

- 1.2 On considering Policy SC1 and the relationship with the Economy and Jobs section of the Core Strategy, it was evident that the notation on the Key Diagram-Location Strategy should read EC1 rather than SC1 and that it was an error. The introduction to the Economy and Jobs Chapter at paragraph 5.1.2 states:"In recent years, the Bradford City Centre, the M606 Corridor and Airedale have been the main centres of the Districts economic regeneration successes and achievements. Policy will continue to exploit their roles as dynamic locations of choice for future economic growth". Policy EC1 specifies a number of locations to direct future investment decisions and identifies locations where certain sectors of commercial development are most appropriate. These correlate directly with the areas listed in the introduction as locations of choice for future economic growth.

Proposed Modification

- 1.3 The favoured and proposed option to resolve this issue is to delete the reference to Policy SC1 after 'Economic Growth Area' in the Key Diagram-Location Strategy and replace it with Policy EC1. In addition, the following wording is proposed to be added to paragraph 5.1.4 to form the 3rd and 4th sentences:

The principal areas for future economic growth will be located in the Airedale corridor, in Bradford City Centre and the principal towns, in the M606 corridor and in the North East and South East Bradford-Leeds interface. These Economic Growth Areas will provide a range of sites for new high quality employment opportunities and commercial enterprise.

- 1.4 The wording has been agreed with Keyland Developments, (444) who raised the matter in their representation.