

Policy S/JH (New jobs and homes). We object to this policy. Our assessment of the proposed employment numbers over the Plan period shows that growth in the Plan area has been underestimated. Our assessment outlines what we consider to be more realistic job numbers which are higher than those in the emerging Plan. In turn, a higher number of jobs means that additional dwellings need to be found to accommodate this growth. Provision of those dwellings within the southern cluster will ensure that the capacity for jobs in sustainable locations is maximised and that 'in commuting' is limited. This will seek to limit carbon emissions which is a key theme of the emerging Plan. We consider that the site at Babraham is an appropriate location for growth and will deliver significant benefits across the three strands of sustainability. This promotion is supported by a socio-economic assessment of the proposed housing and job numbers across the Plan period and should be used to inform the review of this policy and the associated development strategy.

We have undertaken a review of key technical matters at the site and consider those 'amber' and 'red' ratings in the HEELA assessment document could effectively be classified as 'green'. The vision and associated masterplan addresses key technical issues and the design solution demonstrates how various constraints at and adjacent to the site can be mitigated where appropriate and/or turned into opportunities.