

**ECONOMY/EMPLOYMENT/RETAIL - Policies CP8, CP9 and WT3
Session/Issue 2:**

ii) Will they deliver the levels of new employment sought or, if not, what else needs to be done and/or should more [or less] land be identified, for example by allocating new brownfield [PDL]/greenfield sites?

1. As explained in our response to Question 2 i, it is not clear what levels of new employment development are being sought by the LPA as this has not been clearly set out anywhere in the JCS.
2. Responding to the question of what else needs to be done in the way of identifying / allocating more sites, it is not possible to respond to this as the LPA has not set the level of new employment development being sought, or what employment land the JCS is relying on to deliver its non-specific economic objectives and policies.
3. Government Ministers are becoming increasingly frustrated by LPAs not properly embracing the NPPF and the pro growth agenda. Recent Ministerial announcements¹ assure us that there can be no doubt of the importance being placed on residential development in assisting local economic growth. Yet still Winchester CC has failed to meet its requirement to provide an adequate vision, objectives or policies that enable economic growth and the land needed to achieve this.
4. The only solution is for the plan to be found unsound and the plan repaired in order to take full and proper account the full extent of the NPPF requirements by meeting the full and objectively assessed future housing and employment needs in an integrated manner.

¹ DCLG Housing and Growth Statement (September 2012)