

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN PART 1 EXAMINATION HEARING

INSPECTOR'S REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE COUNCIL

INSPECTOR'S REQUEST:

Has the Local Plan 2031 Part 1 adequately addressed the needs of the food production industry as per paragraph 161 of the NPPF?

COUNCIL'S RESPONSE:

The textual references to both "Agriculture" and "Manufacturing" throughout the CE/SQW Report accommodates as well as identifies the needs of the food production industry.

Similarly, the Employment Land Review Addendum 2014 (ECO01.2) translates the outcomes of the CE/SQW Report. The Addendum uses the same broad sectors as set out in the CE/SQW Report, and translates the requirements of the food production industry into requirements for allocating sufficient B-use land for the district to meet this need.

Justification

The Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (SIC) 2007¹ identifies the various forms of food production and processing. It categorises the following:

Section A: "Agriculture" - The growing of food and the raising of animals. This section also deals with other important industries such as forestry and fishing.

Section C: "Manufacturing" - This is an expansive section which, amongst many other industries, includes the processing and manufacturing of food products.

The Cambridge Econometrics/SQW Report (ECO02) sets out, under Table J.2 (p.79), how its broad sectors relate to the SIC 2007 codes.

The CE/SQW report categorises the food production industry under the similar categories of "Agriculture" and (SIC2007 01-03) "Manufacturing" (SIC2007 10-33).

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