

Purpose of this note: To propose updated text for inclusion within the Emerging Core Strategy, in order to improve its clarity surrounding certain issues.

Proposed additions to the Emerging Core Strategy:

1. To add the words *"For consultation"* on the cover of the document and as a footer on each page.
2. For table 5 on page 90 to add the words *"and within Wivelsfield Parish"* for the text boxes that read *"Haywards Heath (edge of)"* and *"Burgess Hill (edge of)"*.
3. To add the following notes to the end of table 5 on page 91 of the document:

"All figures quoted in the table above are options for how the proposed housing target could be met. The figures are not allocations.

Although the upper end of the ranges identified for each settlement is only slightly less than the overall level of housing development to be planned for in Lewes District, it needs to be appreciated that no figure for potential residential units is yet to be quoted for the Eastside and North Street sites and that the 161 housing units already built in 10/11 are not accounted for. Hence, the eventual strategy that is taken forward could take forward the lower-end figure for certain settlements and the higher-end figure, or somewhere in between, for others."
4. To add the following label to all of the maps identified in section 6 of the document:

"This map is not identifying an allocation for development. It is an option for development that is under consideration and on which comments are sought."
5. After paragraph 6.62, to add the following additional paragraph:

"Apart from the two options within Wivelsfield Parish, no consideration has yet to be given as to when these options could be delivered and over what period of time. Once it has been determined which options are to be proposed for development (in the Proposed Submission document) the timing and phasing of the sites and areas will be proposed. The timing and phasing of sites and areas for development will be planned in such a way so as to ensure a continuously consistent level of housing delivery during the plan period, which also allows for the timely provision of infrastructure to serve such development."
6. To remove the words *"strategic site"* from the first question listed on page 102.

This change is being suggested as the options for housing at Ringmer are all broad location options, rather than strategic site options.
7. To amend the part of the policy entitled *"Meeting the employment land needs"* that appears at the top of page 105. The amended wording of the policy is as follows:

"The approach for meeting any shortfall in the provision of land for office premises in Lewes town will be through the allocation of additional employment sites for office use at Ringmer, provided that all options to deliver this shortfall in Lewes town have been exhausted.

The approach for meeting the need for an additional 1 – 1.5 hectares of land for industrial use will be through the allocation of additional employment sites for industrial use at Ringmer. Such sites will be allocated through the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan.

To ensure that the proposed policy approach is implementable, the District Council and South Downs National Park Authority will need to be assured of sound progress being made on the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan, including the allocation of the required amount of employment land, by the time the Core Strategy – Proposed Submission document is prepared. If this is not the case, then the Core Strategy will need to consider the identification of an area at Ringmer for this additional employment land. On the basis of the evidence collected to date, only one such area has currently been identified and this is to the east and south of the Caburn Enterprise Centre."

The supporting text to this policy (paragraphs 6.71 – 6.73) will be amended in order to reflect this change to the policy.

The reason for this change is to provide a less prescriptive proposed policy approach on an issue that is capable of being addressed through the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan.