



Arun District Council

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

OF

**INTERIM PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE
ON enterprise@BognorRegis**

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

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SA of Interim Development Management policies for enterprise@BognorRegis

The policies that have been written to support development at the sites which constitute the enterprise@BognorRegis area will make moderate positive impacts on the achievement of sustainable development within Arun district.

As might be expected the Sustainability Appraisal carried out has shown that the policies individually will mainly have impacts that focus on the economic element of the sustainability framework "Ensure a Diverse and Thriving Economic Base to support Arun's growth".

The policies also place significant weight on improvements in terms of access to and from the sites onto the Bognor Regis Relief Road as well as contributions towards the delivery of the link road. As such these would make the delivery of these sites, as well as employment and regeneration significant and aid the achievement of the sustainable development in the district, especially in Bognor Regis. In addition, the supporting text within this document also provides detail over the expected phasing of the sites.

Individually and cumulatively these policies will improve access to employment opportunities, educational achievement and income. A subsequent result of this is the fact that there will also be a positive impact on the social element of Social Cohesion through reducing the number of elderly and children who are living in income deprived households.

The policies relating to sites covering LEC Airfield and Oldlands Farm do also however make positive contributions to a few of the environmental elements, as well as walking and cycling and local distinctiveness. In particular the policies relating to the LEC sites would be expected to address and therefore contribute to improving the situation of flood risk and biodiversity, which would consequently also mean there would be the potential for an improvement in water quality.

In addition the policies relating to the LEC Airfield and Oldlands Farm sites would make contributions to the Green Infrastructure Corridor Category C at Felpham and Bognor Regis in terms of walking and cycling.

Overall the appraisal has shown that these policies will have positive impact across the sustainability framework, making contributions to economic, social and even some environmental elements. However a negative would be the increased demand on water resources resulting from the development of these sites which currently have extremely little, if no real, resource demand at present.

