

**Matter SC71**  
**Policy E/9: Promotion of Clusters**  
**Responses to Inspector's questions on behalf of SmithsonHill (formerly Hinxton Land Ltd)**

*ii. Should the policy refer to other factors which contribute to the success of employment clusters?*

As referred to within our original representations on the Proposed Submission Local Plan (July 2013) while policy E/9 is supported in its current form the supporting text should be revised to make reference to help define 'suitable locations' for development proposals through inclusion of the following text: *'Suitable locations for new cluster businesses include those that are close to and facilitate linkages and collaborations to existing centres of excellence.'*

*iv. Paragraph 8.46 recognises that greater flexibility is needed to support the diversification of Cambridge's high technology cluster. However, paragraph 8.48 appears to introduce some uncertainty as to the ongoing support for the development of employment clusters? Is there a conflict in this regard?*

As referred to within our original representations on the Proposed Submission Local Plan (July 2013) the second sentence of paragraph 8.48 of the supporting text seems to undermine the proceeding paragraphs, including paragraph 8.46, inconsistent with the requirement for plans to be prepared positively. While a future local plan review might, should evidence suggest it appropriate, result in the introduction of a policy to selectively manage employment development (as referred to within paragraph 8.45) to state this in the current plan is not considered necessary for the second sentence of paragraph 8.48 to be included within the plan. For clarify, the following text should therefore be deleted from paragraph 8.48:

*'It will however be important that the impact on the district economy, and particular the high technology research and development clusters, is closely monitored, and a policy reinstated through plan review if evidence indicates harmful impacts.'*

**Matter SC7J**

**Policy E/10: Shared Social Spaces in Employment Areas**

**Responses to Inspector's question on behalf of SmithsonHill (formerly Hinxton Land Ltd)**

*i. Should the term "Small-scale" at the beginning of the policy text be replaced with the words "Appropriately-scaled" in order to give greater flexibility in the range of ancillary social focussed provision?*

Our original representations on the Proposed Submission Local Plan (July 2013) sought this amendment.

The change proposed through the Modifications dated March 2014 (ref: MC/8/09) satisfactorily addresses our comments, namely replacing the words 'small-scale' (set out within the original Submission Draft Plan, July 2013) with 'appropriately scaled' (set out within the Modifications dated March 2014).