

Matter 6 - Employment Needs and Delivery

a) As identified in Matter 3, CPRE considers that the employment density assumptions used to translate the OAN need for employment into land requirements is unsound. It is based on inflated projections and aspirations which depend on highly unlikely growth in the available workforce, and lacks focus on reducing worklessness within the existing population.

c) The Plan's approach to employment neglects a number of potential growth sectors (such as tourism, creative and service industries that contain higher numbers of micro-businesses) and over-emphasises others such as manufacturing, office and logistics. This in turn challenges presumptions in employment land use requirements over the plan period, and the nature and design of these sites.

Greater employment figures analysis is available in CPRE's Core Evidence Paper.