

Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Exploratory Meeting

Middleton & Portway Estates

2.2 (a) How does the LP figure relate to the Framework's aims to boost housing supply and economic growth?

- 1 Whilst the LP does not set a specific job target, it should be acknowledged that a core planning principle is to 'proactively drive and support economic development' (paragraph 17 of the NPPF), and the employment and housing needs of an area should be met accordingly. As currently set, the LP figure has the ability to stifle the economic potential of the borough and promote unsustainable commuting patterns.
- 2 On this basis, we reaffirm our position that the employment led scenario (employment 600) is an appropriate basis on which to meet the Borough's objectively assessed needs which would equate to a housing requirement of between 940 and 1,007, equivalent to the generation of 10,800 over the plan period. Such a level of housing provision would ensure both employment and housing OAN are met.