

Matter 5 – Strategic and Non-Strategic Site Allocations (Block 2)

Issue 4: Strategic Employment Allocations

Strategic Policy SEA2 – Wilsons Lane (questions 66 – 70), Prologis extension (questions 71 and 72), Strategic Policy SEA4 - Coventry Road (questions 73 – 76), and Strategic Policy SEA6 – Bowling Green Lane (questions 77 – 83)

- 1.1 Our key points in respect of the Council's strategic employment allocations are summarised below:
1. These sites were allocated in the last Plan to meet the needs of local industry and non-strategic warehousing only. They are not available to meet the needs of strategic warehousing.
 2. Wilsons Lane, Bowling Green Lane and Prologis Extension benefit from planning permission and a planning application is being prepared for the Coventry Road site. Thus, as per the Council's trajectory, it is expected that these sites be complete by 2029.
 3. There is no provision in the Plan for the future needs of local and non-strategic warehousing (post 2029) and no provision at all for strategic B8 warehousing. This is not positive plan making.
 4. The Plan effectively ignores the evidence contained in the Nuneaton and Bedworth Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (2022) [EB6] and in the Coventry and Warwickshire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (2022) [EB7.1].
 5. We consider that additional sites must be allocated in this Local Plan to fulfil -
 - a) the future needs of local and non-strategic warehousing, and
 - b) the immediate needs for strategic B8 warehousing.