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Dear Mr Jaggard,

Oxford Core Strategy (2026) – Proposed Changes to the Submission Core Strategy

I write in relation to the above consultation document which was received on 3 April 2009. The South East England Regional Assembly dissolved on 31 March 2009. The Regional Planning Body (RPB) is now the South East England Partnership Board, which is supported by staff from the former Assembly and from SEEDA. Whilst we work on our new identity, we're continuing to use Assembly stationery.

The South East Plan was published on 6 May 2009 and is now the statutory RSS for the South East. Therefore, further to the Assembly's comments in a letter to you dated 15 October 2008, the RPB can confirm that the Proposed Changes to the Submission Core Strategy is in general conformity with the RSS.

The RPB has a number of comments on the Proposed Changes and these are outlined in the attached schedule.

Please contact Sue Janota on 01483 555224 or suejanota@southeast-ra.gov.uk if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,



Catriona Riddell
Director of Planning

Comments on the Oxford Core Strategy (2026) – Proposed Changes to the Submission Core Strategy

1. Page 42 Key outputs, 2nd bullet – ‘BI office floorspace’ should be amended to ‘Class B – related floorspace’ to be consistent with the wording in Policy CS6 and to avoid confusion.
2. Page 65 new paragraph – we welcome the inclusion of this paragraph, which identifies the strategic locations as offering opportunities to incorporate large scale renewable energy or low-carbon technologies.
3. Policy CS23 – Policy HI of the South East Plan no longer sets minimum annual average net additional dwelling requirements or minimum totals for the 2006 – 2026 period for local planning authorities.
4. Glossary – we welcome the additional sentence to the definition of ‘infrastructure’ that refers to the full definition in the South East Plan.