


Oxford Core Strategy Examination Statement of Oxford City Council		www.oxford.gov.uk  OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
C/M4/5	Matter 4 – Employment Issue 5 – Monitoring and implementation	

i) Are the targets and milestones for employment realistic and in sufficient detail to enable careful monitoring of delivery and possible remedial action ?

Whilst the targets themselves relate back to the broad aims and objectives, they are rather long-term. It is therefore recognised that it would be beneficial to split the targets into shorter time periods. For example in relation to Policy CS28 Sustainable economy, the target concerning the total number of new Class B jobs in Oxford is stated as being 4,500 new jobs by 2026. If the Inspector is agreeable, it is suggested that this target be amended to reflect at least the following: 2016 – 2,500 new Class ‘B’ jobs, 2021 – 4,000 new Class ‘B’ jobs, and 2026 – 4,500 new Class ‘B’ jobs.

In relation to the Northern Gateway, through the Area Action Plan this site will be subject to more detailed monitoring framework and specific targets, following the master planning of the site. However the Core Strategy does include targets for the commencement of the Class B1 use and emergency services by 2011. After that it is proposed that the amount of floor space should be regularly monitored at 5 yearly intervals to ensure progress is made on the development of the site, with assessments made in 2016, 2021 and then at 2026.

The target for protected employment sites will be to resist their loss. This is a clear target that will be monitored annually through the AMR. The Site Allocations DPD will look at potential development sites, in some detail including sites owned by the City Council.

Location	Employment floor-space	Timescale
Northern Gateway	55,000m ² – 80,000m ²	2011 - 2021
West End	35,000m ²	Up to 2016
Oxford Business Park	120,000m ²	Up to 2016
Oxford Science Park	65,000m ²	Up to 2016
Modernisation of key protected Employment Sites	Net additional floor-space generated, but not possible to quantify	Ongoing
SDA	To be determined	Up to 2026