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**From:** MORRIS Tom  
**Sent:** 17 November 2009 16:33  
**To:** 'David.PAINE@gose.gsi.gov.uk'  
**Cc:** ROCHE Adrian  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Note of meeting with Oxford City Council (Large Mail Message)  
**Importance:** High

David

In relation to the additional comments made and in particular the third sentence in the first paragraph of page 2. This refers to checking employment evidence with surrounding LPA's and the impact of the recession on employment need within the sub-region. We are particularly concerned with the reference to the 'impact of the recession' since this is a sensitive issue in Oxford at the moment and we would prefer to delete this reference. Would you have any objection to the deletion of this reference from the note of the meeting ?

Kind Regards

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**From:** ROCHE Adrian  
**Sent:** 17 November 2009 15:34  
**To:** MORRIS Tom; WILLIAMS Rachel  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Note of meeting with Oxford City Council

Tom/Rachel

GOSE have made a few amendments to the draft minutes of the recent meeting. These are attached for info - worth checking that you are happy with what it says about NG and Barton before I send off to the Inspector.

Adrian

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**From:** David PAINE [mailto:David.PAINE@gose.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 17 November 2009 14:16  
**To:** ROCHE Adrian  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Note of meeting with Oxford City Council

Adrian

Thanks for drafting the meeting notes.

We've tidied them up slightly and put them on our GOSE template.

Hope you are happy with them like this.

Can I leave you to send them to your Inspector, please.

Do let me know how you get on and say if we can help further.

David

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**From:** David PAINE [David.PAINE@gose.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 17 November 2009 17:04  
**To:** MORRIS Tom  
**Cc:** ROCHE Adrian; GODDARD Laura; JAGGARD Mark  
**Subject:** Note of meeting with Oxford City Council

Thanks Tom

I've made the correction and trust that is now OK.

I'll leave you to send it via the programme officer.

David

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over the plan period.

DP asked if the ecotown at Bicester would have any bearing on this. MJ felt that it wouldn't since Bicester's employment market is very different from Oxford's. DP added that it might be worthwhile to check employment evidence from surrounding LPAs and indeed how the recession was impacting on employment need in the sub region as a whole.

In relation to transport, DP enquired about the possibility of ramp controls onto the A34 to address any possible Highways Agency concerns that may be of concern to the Inspector. OCC explained that this is something that OCC and the developers had not explored in detail, but could be an option for the Area Action Plan. The council considers that there may be practical difficulties given the nature of the slip roads onto the A34.

MJ indicated that the City Council intended to hold the **Northern Gateway Area Action Plan** in abeyance pending the outcome of the Core Strategy. DP agreed with this approach.

AR indicated that another possible implication could be in relation to the Core Strategy's proposals for regeneration in Blackbird Leys. However, the City Council is committed to regeneration on the estate with or without the SDA, and will shortly be commencing work on preparing an Area Regeneration Plan.

### **Contingencies**

DP indicated that it is important for the City Council to consider a Plan B in the event that the SDA does not come forward. What would this mean in terms of housing/employment balance and how would the council ensure a sustainable outcome with regard to the Gateway if the SDA could not be developed? The Council should consider a range of reasonable options, bearing in mind that any such options need to be viable and deliverable. DP encouraged OCC to think of scenarios and possible outcomes (if x happens, then the strategy will enable us to do y).

DP added that the Plan B should be considered against the Council's sustainability objectives and that the Council should be mindful of whether the options considered would require any additional consultation requiring a suspension of the examination. These points are likely to be explored at any new procedural meeting that may be called by the Inspector.

DP referred to the Reigate and Banstead Core Strategy, where the Inspector has (exceptionally) allowed consultation on proposed changes while the examination was suspended.

OCC responded that the City Council is happy to do this exercise, adding that any alternative options considered are likely to already be in the public domain (e.g. issues relating to possible phasing or alterations to the mix of the Northern Gateway proposal had already been consulted on and debated in detail at the Core Strategy examination).

DP indicated that, without prejudice, it might be useful to send the Council's thoughts on a Plan B to the new Inspector to see if it would help him to reconvene the examination as early as possible.