

New Forest Business Partnership Presentation September 2013

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Current Core Strategy Policy

- CS10
- Retain existing employment and business sites
- Encourage intensification of existing sites
- Being flexible about small businesses which are compatible with existing land uses
- Providing new opportunities for employment development in the three parts of the Plan area

New Sites Identified

- Waterside
- Eling Wharf, Totton (intensification)
- 1.8 hectares, Little Testwood Farm, Totton
- Sunnyfields Farm, Totton (food production and processing activities)
- Marchwood and Cracknore Industrial Parks (intensification)
- 1.0 hectare Hardley Industrial Estate

New Sites Identified

- Coastal Towns
- Some sites left at Ampress Park, Lymington
- New Milton, East of Caird Avenue
- One site already has permission (16,000 sq m)
- Further allocation of 5 hectares

New Sites Identified

- Avon Valley
- 7 hectares, Old Wellworthy site, Ringwood
- 5 hectares west of Crow Lane, Ringwood
- Land off Embankment Way, Ringwood
- Additional land at Sandleheath Industrial Estate

More flexibility

- Our planning policies are being changed to allow a wider range of uses on employment sites
- These could include leisure, training, nurseries, hotels, and some retail uses as well as the traditional B classes.

Small Units

- Planning policies encourage the development of small units but the way they are managed is not a planning issue
- So we encourage the provision of additional managed workspace, but who will provide it?
- Planning policies also encourage the development of high value and knowledge based industries

Issues for Discussion

- Is enough land allocated for employment development (bearing in mind the overall policy of restraint)?
- Is it in the right place?
- Should we do anything in the short term to make more land available, particularly in the Coastal Towns?