



**Newark and Sherwood Amended Core
Strategy DPD**

MATTER 22 – NAP2C

**Statement on behalf of Newark and
Sherwood District Council**

January 2018

Question 22: Does the employment allocation in Policy NAP2C (Land around Fernwood), as drafted, function as intended?

- 22.01 The District Council believes that the employment allocation in Policy NAP2C functions as intended. Aspbury Planning Limited, on behalf of Strawson Property, [Representor 015] expressed concern about the District Council's stated intention that a majority of development on the employment allocation should be B Class. It is true that there seems to have been limited interest from developers in B1 Class schemes at the existing business park so far, but it is the District Council's belief that, over the plan period, the site remains suitable for a range of B Class uses.
- 22.02 The policy does not seek to restrict the allocation to only B uses. The intention is rather to ensure that the majority of uses are B class, and that the site remains suitable for B class uses. This is in line with Core Policy 6 and Core Policy 8. The District Council has sought to take a flexible and realistic approach with the proposed plan amendments.
- 22.03 It is proposed to make a minor amendment (**CMA/0013**). This is to amend the final sentence of NAP2C Paragraph 4 as follows:
- ‘employment allocation’ instead of ‘employment area’.
- The purpose of this is simply to clarify that it is the area shown in dark blue on Figure 7 of the Amended Core Strategy (CS/01-02).
- 22.04 Having reviewed the policy, a further amendment is proposed. This is to alter the first line of the paragraph numbered ‘4’ in section B to read: ‘Development will take place to the south of the existing business park...’. This is intended to be clearer than the existing wording, reflecting the fact that the whole of the area referred to does not have a current B1 permission.