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Paragraph 2.14 sets out the scale of new development currently planned for North Kent authorities at 2004 which paragraph 2.15 states should be a the minimum to be provided by the Local Development Framework.

The 2004 figure has been overtaken by events and the Council is seeking a reduction in the level of employment floorspace figure.

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The 2004 figure given in paragraph 2.14 includes the original employment floorspace estimate for Eastern Quarry of 209,000 square metres. This is higher than that provided for by the most recent planning application submitted in December 2003, namely 120,000 square metres.

An analysis of the available employment land supply undertaken for the Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Preferred Policy Approaches shows that planning permissions and preferred employment allocations are capable of providing up to 940,000 square metres employment land.

As a consequence the Council seeks a reduction in the level of employment floorspace set out in Section E4 paragraph 2.14 to 940,000 square metres.

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The Council seeks a reduction in the minimum level of employment floorspace set out in Section E4 paragraph 2.14 to 940,000 square metres.

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The delivery of sufficient and timely water supply to serve new development is an important issue for Dartford Borough.

It would be helpful for the final paragraph of Policy KTG1 to clearly state that ‘infrastructure’ includes such matters as water supply.

Section D1

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The submission South East Plan identifies water supply as an issue. Policy CC2 (Climate Change) seeks to guide strategic development to locations offering greater protection from water shortages. Policy CC5 (Infrastructure and Implementation) states that “development shall not proceed until the relevant planning authorities are satisfied that the necessary infrastructure required to serve the development is available or will be provided in time.”

The South East Plan proposes significant levels of housing and employment development for Dartford Borough. The Borough is currently subject to a ‘hose pipe ban’ and may soon be subject to a drought order. Given the scale of new development is will be imperative that sufficient water supply is available and on time to serve the new development.

Section D2

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That the second sentence of the final paragraph of Policy KTG1 be amended to read:

“Delay in infrastructure (including water supply), services and employment may reduce the number of dwellings that can be achieved, particularly in Dartford where the quantity is the maximum that can be delivered by 2026.”

Proposed new text is emboldened.

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It is inappropriate to identify Bluewater/Ebbsfleet as a Primary Shopping Centre. Ebbsfleet should be deleted and Bluewater identified solely for comparison retail and leisure activities.

If this is not acceptable then Policy TC2 should include a cross reference to policy KTG8 that clearly states that the specific roles of these centres are set out in policy KTG8.

Section D1

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The Pre-submission Consultation Statement accompanying the submission South East Plan states in regard to Bluewater/Ebbsfleet that:

"Bluewater/Ebbsfleet is designated as a town centre based on the potential for combined development of retail/service space at Ebbsfleet, regional retail space at Bluewater and housing development at Eastern Quarry. Policy TC2 and KTG8 are consistent, with TC2 defining the regional network of town centres and deferring the specification of the role of the retail centres to KTG8."

The Council questions the wisdom of combining two very different types of centre, particularly when Ebbsfleet is given greater status over the neighbouring town centres of Dartford and Gravesend.

The outline planning application for Ebbsfleet provides for some retail provision to reflect the demands of the future working population, the travelling population using the railway stations and the residential community resulting in provision for 16,750 square metres gross floorspace. Ebbsfleet is not identified as a retail and service centre in the Kent and Medway Structure Plan.

The Council considers that the Bluewater has an important role to perform as a regional comparison shopping centre and leisure destination. It does not consider that it is an appropriate location for other town centre uses. This is consistent with the approach set out in the Kent & Medway Structure Plan which envisages Bluewater becoming a major centre for retail, leisure and entertainment.

Contrary to what is said in the Pre-submission Consultation Statement policy TC2 does not state that it defers the specification of the roles of the centers to KTG8.

Section D2

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Asterisk the Bluewater/Ebbsfleet entry and add a footnote to policy TC2 that states:

“The specific roles that these centres are to perform are set out in policy KTG8.”
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Section D2

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