

Hinckley Employment Land Appraisal

Goodman Developments



Brief

BE Group was appointed by Goodman Developments to undertake a supply and demand assessment of employment land in Hinckley.

The objective of the study is to determine the scale of additional employment land that may be needed and the appropriateness of Goodman's site and development proposals in Hinckley in providing this.



Activities

- Reviewing planning documents and other relevant background documents
- Extensive site visits
- Examining the nature of Hinckley's sub-regional role
- Assessing priorities for future economic development
- Consulting with public and private sector agencies
- Updating BE Group's 2004 Employment Land Study for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in so far as it applies to the Hinckley area.

Outcome

BE Group concluded the Goodman proposals could satisfy the recommended Hinckley area land allocations proposed in the Leicestershire HMA Land Study 2008.

It also highlighted that a wider development is more beneficial than considering one area of the site in isolation; that the proposal will be speculative and deliver product to meet the needs of the local economy; and as Goodman's existing investment has delivered 89 percent of Borough-wide completions since 2003, it demonstrates a real difference will be made.

Recommendations made to Goodman included the need to argue widening of the use class proposals by Hinckley & Bosworth Council in the LDF Core Strategy.

