

## **Clarification of Inspector's initial questions**

The Council have asked me to clarify questions 13 and 19 of my Initial Questions.

Q13: the final sentence should indeed read "Criterion a." rather than "Criterion c."

Q19: Policy BE1 sets out the scale and distribution of business development, and this includes B1(a) offices. B1(a) offices are categorised as a main town centre use (see p 68 of the Framework). However, none of the locations for the provision of business use in BE1 appear to be town centres. It is not clear from Policy BE1, or from Policy RT2, which deals with town centres, whether national policy towards main town centre uses, including the sequential approach to allocations, has been applied in respect of the planned distribution of B1(a) offices. See Paragraphs 85(d) and (e) of the new Framework, and paragraph 23 of the previous Framework. Can the Council point to evidence to demonstrate that such a process has been undertaken?

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