

**Oxalis Planning on behalf of the
Coventry & Warwickshire Development Partnership**

Hearing Session: Matter 1

WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Matter One: The Duty to Co-operate

Questions 1 - 2 and 18 - 21

Oxalis Planning act on behalf of the Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership who are promoting the Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway site proposed to be allocated for development under Policy DS16 Sub-Region Employment site.

In relation to sub-regional employment needs it is considered that Warwick District Council have worked closely with its neighbouring Authorities, particularly Coventry, to assess, quantify and then Plan to meet the employment needs of the area. In this regard it is considered that the approach has been positive and proactive and meets fully the Duty to Corporate.

The work undertaken has been driven by and coordinated with the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). It sets out ambitions for the growth of the area with a focus on particular employment sectors where the sub-region has and can develop its market strengths. The SEP has been informed by sub-regional Employment Studies together with market analysis commissioned jointly by the Local Enterprise Partnership and the local Authorities that make up the Coventry and Warwickshire LEP area.

The cross boundary approach to this work demonstrates clear, positive and constructive cooperation, and the agreement on the approach to sub-regional employment land provision demonstrates a very strong degree of effective cooperation fully in accordance with the intentions of the Duty to Cooperate. A key part of the outcome of this cooperation is the allocation of land in the vicinity of Coventry Airport for major employment of sub-regional significance. The approach to and conclusion of this collaborative working are fully endorsed by the Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership.