

## Strategic Planning & Environment OSC Action Points - Jan

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Action point</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Date action completed</b>	<b>Response</b>
12 October 2022	H Peacock and M Parr to check if prediction of 30,000 cars by 2030 includes development of local plan	H Peacock	30/12/22	LF sent to committee 01/12/22
12 October 2022	To circulate the outstanding debt figure.	A Robinson	31/10/22	LF sent to committee 31/10/22
8 Nov 2022	H Peacock to report back complaints figures. (complaints policy)	H peacock	14/11/22	LF sent to committee 01/12/22
8 Nov 2022	Richard Le Brun's team to contact Ashridge about dumping of green waste and invasive species	R Lebrun	27/06/23	<p>This action point refers to a concern about Garden Waste fly-tipping risking the introduction of harmful invasive species into this protected landscape. We are aware of the issue but don't have reliable data on the extent because it is private land and we are not generally involved in any fly-tipping incidents unless requested to be. The matter was raised in the context of the proposal to charge for Garden Waste collection. We continue to have no evidence that introducing charging has significantly changed the incidence of fly-tipping either Garden Waste or other.</p> <p>Planning colleagues that visit the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) are not aware of a significant problem in locations away from adjacent houses. It is</p>

				possible that, like in other areas, some householders do dump garden waste in open spaces near to them. We would be happy to support Ashridge in tackling this if there are identifiable local issues. Planning colleagues also report that Garden Waste dumping is not included within the Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy measures as part of the Chilterns Beechwoods Mitigation Strategy and there are no reports in our 2022 recreation survey of the Chilterns Beechwoods.
6 Dec 2022	Further update on digitalisation to be included as part of the quarterly report.	A Robinson		To be completed on next report cycle
10 Jan 2023	A Robinson to provide Committee with threshold for which developments biodiversity net gains applies to	A Robinson	21/01/2023	<p>In January 2022, Defra undertook a consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations and Implementation that sought views on the following:  ‘Proposals We are proposing to make the following exemptions using our regulation-making powers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. developments impacting habitat areas below a ‘de minimis’ (minimal) threshold</li> <li>2. householder applications</li> <li>3. change of use applications</li> </ol> <p>We are also considering whether to make exemptions for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. creation of biodiversity gain sites</li> <li>5. self-build and custom housebuilding</li> </ol> <p>And we are proposing to not apply the following exemptions, some of which were discussed in the previous net gain consultation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. brownfield sites which meet set criteria</li> <li>7. temporary permissions</li> <li>8. developments for which permitted development rights are not applicable due to their location in conservation areas or national park’. <p>The results of this consultation have not yet been released and a decision is still to be issued by Government on the thresholds and exemptions. This is expected to be included within secondary legislation.</p> </li></ol>

10 Jan 2023	A Robinson to check timelines for 10% uplift delivery	A Robinson	25/01/2023	There is no guidance on this within the information currently released by Government.
10 Jan 2023	A Robinson to look into policy CS14 and creation of 10,000 jobs alongside claim from Hemel Garden Communities of 10,000 jobs.	A Robinson	25/01/2023	<p>Information on the number of jobs created since the adoption of the Core Strategy (2013) is recorded annually in the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).</p> <p>The 2020/21 AMR showed the net change in jobs from 2006-2020 to be in excess of 10,000 set out in CS14. This demonstrates that policy CS14 has been achieved and that the claim from Hemel Garden Communities of 10,000 jobs would be in addition.</p> <p>The following job numbers are extracted from the 2020/21 AMR:  <b>This shows a net increase in jobs since 2006, however there are some concerns over the accuracy of figures</b></p> <p>5.1 Core Strategy Policy CS14 proposes a net increase of 10,000 jobs in Dacorum over the plan period (2006-2031). This is an increase of approximately 15%. The jobs growth target was recommended by the Dacorum Employment Land Update 2011. This report forecast significant growth during the plan period of office jobs (+7,300) and non-B[1] jobs (+5,900), but a decline in industry and warehousing jobs (-3,400).</p> <p>5.2 Employee jobs<sup>[2]</sup> in the Borough fell during the 2008-2009 recession, but have recovered strongly since 2010 and are now well above pre-recession levels. Job numbers increased significantly by 26,000 between 2018 and 2019 (Table 5.1) and remained high in 2020. The overall increase since 2006 is 37,200 jobs. It means the Core Strategy's 2006-2031 jobs growth target has already been achieved. This is a very good performance given the length and depth of the recent recession. One reason for the strong jobs growth is the Council's proactive approach towards promoting economic development.</p>

<sup>[1]</sup> Non-B jobs are jobs not within Use Classes B1 (business use), B2 (general industry) and B8 (storage and distribution).

<sup>[2]</sup> The number of employee jobs is defined as 'the number of jobs held by employees and excludes the self-employed, Government supported trainees and HM Forces

**Table 5.1: Employee jobs 2006-2020**

2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Net change 2006-20
58,800	57,200	68,000	68,000	69,000	95,000	96,000	+37,200

Source: NOMIS Office for National Statistics (ONS). 2006 figures from the Annual Business Inquiry (ABI).

5.3 The job growth figures should be treated with caution, although it is the best available for this purpose. As explained in Appendix A to the South West Hertfordshire Economic Study Update (2018), there are often inaccuracies in the data. In reality, it is most unlikely that job growth in Dacorum between 2018 and 2019 was anything like as high as indicated by Table 5.1.

5.4 Services continue to dominate employee jobs by sector in the local economy (Table 5.2). However, the very high jobs figure for administration and support services (33,000) is almost certainly a substantial over-estimate, given that the 2018 figure for this sector was only 8,000 jobs. Other large sectors in Dacorum are retail; professional, scientific and technical; information and communication; education, health and social work; transport and storage; and information and communication. The role of knowledge-based industries is becoming more important in Dacorum, as it is nationally.

10 Jan 2023	ARobinson to request an update on the Dacorum Economic Recovery Plan.	A Robinson	25/01/2023	Sent via email 25/01/2023
1 Feb 2023	ARobinson to	ARobinson		The reason for the increase in refusals during this period is because a number of

	look into wording of refused applications KPI.			unacceptable applications were refused by some Officers who were winding up legacy cases before departing.
14 March	How are retail premise vacancy rates calculated?	A Robinson	15/03/23	These are calculated on a unit basis
14 March	Availability of enforcement report	A Robinson	15/03/23	Suggest this is circulated to members of SPAE when it goes to DMC
14 March	Which company was used to distribute the 'green bin' publication info – was it the same firm that distributed the local plan brochure	K Soley	15/03/23	The National Leaflet Company (TNLC) were commissioned to undertake a leaflet drop at the beginning of 2023, and were provided with 55,000 leaflets for distribution. TNLC is the parent company which delivered the Local Plan document in 2019/20, however, they use different local and regional operatives dependent on the nature of the job. Distribution reports are provided following completion. It is important to note that leafleting is one component of an extensive marketing and communications campaign, which has exceeded the agreed corporate objectives of the campaign. Leafleting has now been superseded by the issue of bin hangers which are placed on any unsubscribed bins by the refuse crews directly. A detailed campaign review and analysis will be produced in due course when the campaign has run its full course
14 March	When is data available to allow info of affordable homes completions to be known?			The Strategic Planning team have a service level agreement with the County Council for them to monitor and survey all our housing sites in the borough with planning permission in each financial year. They normally undertake the survey work from the end of March in each year and the data is then updated, checked and finally made available by May/June.
13 <sup>th</sup> June	To check County Council's	J Doe		

	arrangement regarding affordable housing																	
13th June	To follow up on action regarding green waste	T Pugh																
13 <sup>th</sup> June	To provide further information on amount of lower-income households that have ordered green waste collection and if ordering two collections is double-counted	T Pugh	27/06/23	<p><i>Cllr Deacon commented on the green waste figure of 31,652 and asked if a breakdown of how many of these are lower earners and if households ordering two collections is double-counted. TPugh confirmed that he would provide this information.</i></p> <p>Figures as of 27/6/23:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ProductName</th> <th>Quantity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Green-lidded bin and collection service charge</td> <td>324</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green-lidded bin collection service charge</td> <td>28130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green-lidded bin purchase and seasonal collection [concessionary rate]</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green-lidded bin collection service charge [concessionary rate]</td> <td>1424</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CSU Subscriptions (through customer services)</td> <td>2597</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>32488</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Multiple bins – There are approximately 1500 properties with more than one permit, with approximately 3275 issued to them - this only covers residents who purchased multiple permits at the same time. These permits are not double counted in the table above.</p>	ProductName	Quantity	Green-lidded bin and collection service charge	324	Green-lidded bin collection service charge	28130	Green-lidded bin purchase and seasonal collection [concessionary rate]	13	Green-lidded bin collection service charge [concessionary rate]	1424	CSU Subscriptions (through customer services)	2597	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32488</b>
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13 <sup>th</sup> June	To provide further information on fly-tipping categories	E Walker		