

## **South East Plan EiP**

### **DATA MEETING ON ECONOMIC FORECASTS AND JOBS-HOUSING ALIGNMENT**

**(relevant to sub matters 1B, 1G & 5A)**

**MONDAY 16 OCTOBER  
2.00 PM**

**Reading Town Hall**, *unless an alternative venue in Reading is necessary subject to numbers wishing to attend. Please check website after 6 October.*

### **SUGGESTED AGENDA**

#### **Economic Forecasts**

1 The differences between the forecasts used by SEERA (prepared by Experian Business Strategies (stage 1 and 2 models<sup>1</sup>) and other forecasts, including any made for SEEDA as part of preparing the RES, by Cambridge Econometrics for the South East County Leaders, the Institute of Employment Research at University of Warwick (commissioned by Barton Willmore for the South East Consortium and others, March 2005), and Tempro forecasts (given in reps by Development Land & Planning for Strategic Land Planning Trust and others):

- differences in the models/approaches;
- differences in key outputs/forecasts.

Also to include disparities with forecasts for adjoining outer London boroughs produced by GLA Economics (paper under preparation by Prof Ian Gordon, LSE to be introduced by Martin Simmons on behalf of the Association of London Government).

2 The basis of sub-regional work on employment land availability by the principal authorities, and any other relevant data sources e.g. on worker floorspace ratios.

#### **Jobs-Housing Alignment**

3 The current pattern of journey to work flows (results of the joint research project with London and East of England -- Cambridge Econometrics with WSP and LSE)

4 The differences in assumptions made in the Experian model for SEERA and those underpinning the Deloitte work for SEEDA in March 2005 and any subsequent updates, and those used by Cambridge Econometrics for their current work for the South East County Leaders, including on productivity levels and participation rates.

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<sup>1</sup> Technical Note 1 (updated) on Economic and Labour Demand Forecasting, updated March 2006

## **Background Notes**

### **Purpose of these data meetings:**

- i. To understand the basis of the background data sources and measurement/modelling techniques (including methodology and input assumptions) that underpin the draft SE Plan;
- ii. To identify the differences with any alternative sources of information/forecasts and the reasons for these;
- iii. To identify where there is agreement or disagreement between participants on background data and measurement/modelling techniques;
- iv. To understand the results of new work since the submission draft SE Plan.

This will ensure that valuable discussion time at the EiP itself can be devoted to discussing the implications of the data and modelling.

**Not to discuss:** issues of principle, the implications of the data, or the adequacy of the proposed policy approach – these should be left for the EIP debate.

**Invitees:** All participants for the relevant sub matter. Open to any other participant and the public, subject to space availability. Full meeting notes will be available (circulated to the relevant participants and published on the web).

**Format:** would include a briefing note from SEERA identifying an index of the most relevant reference material on that topic to be circulated in advance. Where alternative evidence is put forward by other participants, they would be asked to do likewise. In some cases, e.g. where studies are ongoing or particularly complicated, a brief opening presentation could usefully precede the question and answer session.

SEERA's index of their reference material, and explanatory notes by other parties covering the alternative data sources on which they rely, should be provided to the Secretariat by Monday 2 October so that they can be circulated in advance and posted on the EiP website.