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The supporting evidence for the increase is at best poor in a number of areas these are primarily in the jobless statistics and the demand for dedicated B8 as opposed to mix use.

The jobless numbers have been falling significantly and the overall figure is at 1.5% for the area. The survey of demand for use classes may well have been on the broader South East requirements as published in a national report last year. However this report has not taken into account the needs for Havant or the immediate area. We have the lowest level of logistics businesses and a higher proportion of manufacturing and production businesses compared to the rest of the A27/M27 functional economic area.

The businesses in the area especially in the manufacturing and production sectors have shown a steady increase and not declined since the 2008 crisis, contradicting the report. This has led to a shortage of B2 usage with a component of B8, as evidenced by a number of local manufacturing companies now in multiple sites requiring larger premises for consolidation, efficiency and growth.

As there is a client potentially signed up to take a significant B8 unit in Dunsbury, I can see the need with reservations to lift to 30% of B8 from the current cap at 20% in order to allow the development to commence.. However I would strongly object to any further increase in the B8 component given all the facts.

Thanks for your help and guidance on this.

Kind regards,

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