

5.3 Employment Growth Options

Main Employment Locations

The current Local Plan Core Strategy⁵² identifies the main locations for manufacturing, distribution and warehousing uses (B-class uses). In the light of the most recent work on the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and the Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Employment Land Review (ELR), we need to establish whether these are still appropriate. Table 5.3 of the ELR suggests that the strategic importance of Chapeltown/Ecclesfield, Stocksbridge/ Deepcar, Sheaf Valley, Blackburn Valley and Orgreave are limited in terms of existing floorspace. This would leave us with the City Centre, the Upper Don Valley, the Lower Don Valley and the Outer South East⁵³. Note, however, that there is a significant supply of employment land proposed at Smithywood in the Chapeltown/Ecclesfield area that would be required to help meet the city's overall needs. Also, Chapeltown/Ecclesfield, Stocksbridge/ Deepcar, Sheaf Valley, Blackburn Valley and Orgreave could still have a role to provide employment opportunities close to communities and potentially reducing the need to travel long distances.

⁵² See [Core Strategy policy CS5](#)

⁵³ Note that this area is referred to as Mosborough/Woodhouse in Core Strategy policies CS5 and CS13, and in the Sheffield and Rotherham Joint Employment Land Review

Consultation questions

Q12: Should the Plan identify only the City Centre, the Upper Don Valley, the Lower Don Valley and the Outer South East as the main locations for new offices and manufacturing, distribution and warehousing?

If not, please provide reasons for your answer

Q13: Should the Plan acknowledge the Strategic importance of Chapeltown/Ecclesfield, Stocksbridge/Deepcar, Sheaf Valley, Blackburn Valley, Holbrook and Orgreave for B-class uses in terms of providing some employment opportunities close to new homes?

If not, please provide reasons for your answer

Advanced Manufacturing

The Employment Land Review has highlighted that the presence of two universities in Sheffield, the Advanced Manufacturing Park (AMP), and a number of other established higher educational institutions and Research and Development (R&D) facilities, is key to attracting advanced manufacturing and engineering

