

Economic Trends

aerospace, automotive and advanced manufacturing have made considerable use of the furlough scheme which is masking the impact of Covid upon those sectors.

Many low skilled Flintshire workers will be at great risk of redundancy and longer term unemployment.

Businesses in the tourism and hospitality sector are already struggling, not having the cash reserves needed to survive

The evidence base for employment (and therefore housing) need

Obviously, Covid could not have been planned for in any detail (although arguably, pandemic planning should be considered by any organisation projecting into the medium and long term).

However, Brexit should have been planned for from 2016 onwards. In my original representations, I stated that I would have expected to see some scenario planning for Brexit within the analysis, but I could not find any. What advice did FCC get from its economists and business consultants? Where is the detail of that advice? Where is the detailed argument in favour of a step change in employment on Deeside in the light of various Brexit scenarios, local and national economic conditions, and global economic trends? In 3.48 of the Deposit Plan, it states that the Employment Land Review for Deeside

FCC chose to ignore this and to focus only on the upside

Where is the analysis of Mold as a town without a railway station, and showing the ways in which car use can be mitigated to make plans more sustainable

Where is the special Welsh language policy (that other councils in North Wales are putting into place) that is particularly relevant in Mold, the last bastion of significant numbers of Welsh speaking people in Flintshire

Where is the analysis of Mold as the gateway to the AONB of the Clwydian Range, with untapped potential for heritage, tourism and cultural offering?

Other places like Mold which can offer something different to Deeside?

Wolverhampton