Hearing Statementt Matter 7 - Provision of Sustainable Housing Sites

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Where do all these jobs spring from? In the LDP, FCC places its faith largely on the success of the North Wales Growth Vision and the Growth Deal. At the time of my original representation in Nov 2019, the talk around the North Wales Economic Ambition Boards Oseensed to suggest a 12000 new jobs for North Wales. This was to be achieved by the success of a co-dependent series of projects including the Nuclear Sector Deal, Wylfa Newydd (cancelled, for now), Growth Track 360, Northern Powerhouse v šZ t'[• d CE μ v I Z} Northern Powerhouse v šZ t'[• d CE μ v I Z}

Between around 2018 and the end of 2020, the NWEAB jobs target slipped **2000** to 7000 to 5000 and when the Deal was finally signed in December 2020, the target had become 3400-4200, with 3800 as the central figure. Stop ambitions of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board have been adjusted significantly downwards ver time. This adjustment seems to indicate that the NWEAB have realised the significance of the difficult trading and economic conditions, and have accepted the need to adjust to the reality. In contrast, FCCOggedly sticking to its desire for 8000-10000 jobs on Deeside. This requires the rest of Flints hire $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2000} \sqrt{2}$ ()802 2 ()8D digede if fall in line with a Deposit LDPanl00e (n)2.9.004 e2yE6.896 0 Td [<031T6lii7 ()8.998 ()802 2 ()8D digede if

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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 $v \land I] v _ š$ fixe 20%6conwards. 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] $v \} š] v] š •] P v] (] v š v (} CE v Å _ FCC chose to ignore this and to focus only on the upside$

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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 o Welsh speaking people in Flintshare

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

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