

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 16

Is it appropriate to identify some employment sites that are only suitable for a particular type of employment use, for example research and development, and are therefore not available for general employment use?

We have been unable to find any recommendation in the *June 2016 Employment Land Review* that a number of sites should be allocated for a specific type of employment use and not be considered as part of the general portfolio of employment land, despite the assertion in paragraph 4.10.

A similar policy EMP2 exists in the 2004 City of Durham Local Plan. It reserved land at Durham Science Park on a site adjacent to the Mountjoy Research Centre for research and development, laboratories and high tech uses. This has essentially successful, though we were disappointed that some offices were let to the local Health Authority for administration.

Therefore we feel that the suggestion made in this question is appropriate and we support it.