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Which Main Modification, change to the Policies Map or section of the Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum or Habitat Regulations Assessment Addendum does your comment relate to?

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Representation

In our Matter 1 Hearing Statement, Gladman raised an issue with the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) as currently drafted as it neglected to appropriately assess 'Land at Braybrooke Road, Desborough' as a reasonable alternative for housing development. Instead, the site was considered for employment development under site reference D7 – Land at Humfrey's Lodge. This is despite the fact that Gladman has been promoting the site for residential development since January 2018. This is a failure of the SA as it failed to consider reasonable alternatives which exist in Desborough. Indeed, the addendum to the SA does not consider any of the previous issues raised and it therefore cannot be considered justified or consistent with the requirements of national policy. Gladman reiterate that the SA is obliged to give adequate reasons for selection of particular options as reasonable alternatives, and reasons for rejecting those options it did. The current SA and Site Assessment Report does not do so in consideration of preferred options and fails to explain why 'Land off Braybrooke Road, Desborough' was not included as a reasonable alternative for residential development given that it was subject to a live planning application (application ref: KET/2018/0060) between 26th January – 24th October 2018.