

Angus Employment Land Audit





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1. Introduction

Purpose

The Angus Employment Land Audit (ELA) identifies and details the availability, effectiveness and take-up of land allocated for employment uses and existing employment sites detailed in the Angus Local Development Plan, as well as windfall sites coming through the development process. It considers the period between 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022.

Employment land primarily accommodates activity within Use Classes 4 (Business), 5 (General Industry) and 6 (Storage and Distribution) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997. The audit considers land only and does not include information about vacant buildings on identified sites.

The ELA forms part of the annual monitoring activity undertaken by the Council and is used to monitor and inform the requirements for the scale and distribution of employment land.

Policy Context

The key elements of the policy framework for employment land in Angus is set by a range of Scottish Government and Angus Council documents:

Scottish Planning Policy

Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 2014 guides development and land use. It requires Local Development Plans to allocate a range of sites for employment uses considering market demand, location, size, quality, infrastructure, and accessibility to transport networks. It also advocates that employment land audits are undertaken regularly to monitor sites within the existing employment land supply. It is further supported by:

National Strategy for Economic Transformation

The 2022 Scottish Government National Strategy for Economic Transformation's vision for a wellbeing economy focuses on five key areas:

- **entrepreneurial people and culture** by investing in Scotland's culture of innovation and entrepreneurship
- **new market Opportunities** capitalising on opportunities created by new markets and the green economy
- productive businesses and regions supporting businesses, regions, industries, communities, and public services to increase productivity and innovation
- skilled workforce equipping people with the skills they need
- a fairer and more equal society working to ensure fair work is at the heart of our economy, with high rates of employment and wages

National Planning Framework for Scotland 3

The third National Planning Framework, published in 2014, sets out the vision for development and investment in Scotland to 2040. It plays a key role in coordinating spatial policy and integrating and aligning strategic investment priorities. It takes forward the spatial aspects of The Scottish Government's National Strategy for Economic Transformation, highlighting the importance of sustainable places and identifying the key priorities for investment to create a more successful country.

NPF3 recognises the contribution of Angus to the Scottish economy particularly in relation to strategic growth areas, Angus towns and the rural area supporting key economic sectors including tourism, food and drink and other primary industries which depend on continuing environmental quality and sustainable use of natural resources. The role of Montrose in relation to the increasing importance of the energy and renewables sectors is recognised, and there are commitments to infrastructure improvements enhancing connectivity and supporting future growth.

TAYplan Strategic Development Plan

The TAYplan Strategic Development Plan 2016-2036 establishes the high-level strategy for development across the region, setting out a requirement for Local Development Plans to identify and safeguard at least 5 years supply of employment land to support the growth of the economy, focussing on regional strategic development areas. Within Angus these are:

- Forfar Agricultural Service Centre
- Orchardbank, Forfar
- Montrose Port

TAYplan also directs the majority of development to the principal settlements, with the larger towns of Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose having greater potential to accommodate a larger share of development.

Angus Local Development Plan 2016

The Angus Local Development Plan seeks to support economic development across Angus by allocating land for employment sites, safeguarding existing employment sites, and promoting development opportunities on brownfield sites. Whilst employment land allocations are focussed on the strategic development areas and principal settlements, the Plan also provides a policy framework to support new development within settlements, smaller communities and in countryside locations.

Angus Community Plan 2017 – 2030

The Community Plan sets a vision: Angus is a great place to live, work and visit. The framework to achieve the vision is based on several objectives which link closely to the local development plan and economic development in Angus. Within the theme of Economy it seeks to achieve an inclusive and sustainable economy, attractive employment opportunities, and a skilled and adaptable workforce.

Tay Cities Deal

The Tay Cities deal covers Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and the Northeast of Fife, and will drive the region's economy over the next 15 years. It proposes a £26.5 Angus fund to initiate the Mercury Programme for projects in Angus. The Tay Cities Regional Economic Strategy 2019-2039 identifies the key issues for the region's economy and focuses on three inter-related themes of Key Business Sectors, Place: Investment & Infrastructure, and People: Skills & Employability.

Priorities in Angus include establishing North Angus as a clean growth zone: including Mercury Drone Port and Zero Four Business Park in Montrose, and Angus Rural Mobility Hub in Brechin. Low Carbon investment will be developed through Angus Rural Mobility Hub, through Low Carbon Demonstrator Housing, and Agri Tech developed through the proposed Centre for Agricultural Sustainable Innovation (CASI). All of these projects contribute to the partnership programme which aims to "Increase productivity through clean growth, protecting places for future generations to live, work and visit".

Further opportunities for employment developments

In addition to land identified for employment use in the Local Development Plan, there is a range of existing business sites of varying types in towns, villages, and countryside locations.

The Local Development Plan also identifies 'opportunity' sites within the principle towns many of which are considered suitable for a variety of uses including Class 4 business use. Outwith the towns there is also scope for business and employment development with policy supportive of rural diversification projects.

A wide range of commercial development sites and units for sale or let are available across Angus. For specific business needs the <u>Angus Property Search</u> may be useful for finding the right premises. All available Invest in Angus business units are listed, along with other marketed properties.

Invest in Angus, part of Angus Council's Planning and Sustainable Growth service, provides a range of support and services for businesses looking to start up, develop or locate in the county. They can be contacted directly <u>here.</u>

2. Methodology

The Employment Land Audit identifies the employment land supply by location and site, assessed to differentiate between sites which are serviced or serviceable within 5 years, and those which are not. Employment land information is monitored via the progress of planning applications, and through internal consultation with Building Standards, Development Standards and Economic Development. Information gathered is then cross referenced with the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (SVDLS) and site inspections where required.

Employment Land within the scope of the audit is classified as:

<u>Total Available Land</u>: all employment land allocated or safeguarded, primarily for Class 4, 5 and 6 uses in the Angus Local Development Plan.

Land classified as marketable and assessed and recorded as **immediately available**, is land which:

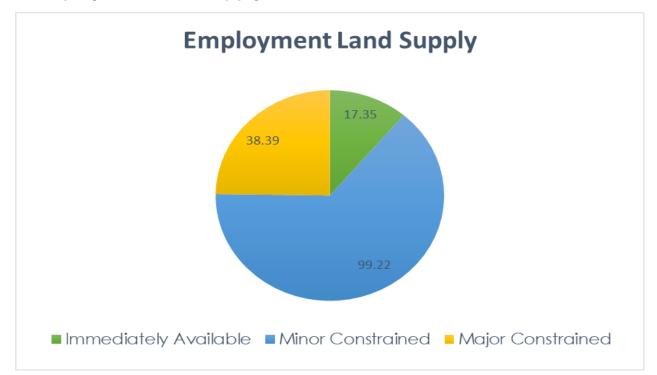
- meets business requirements
- is identified within a draft/adopted Local Development Plan, or has secure planning status
- has no current constraints
- is currently serviced
- has existing or easily achievable connections to transport networks including walking, cycling and public transport

Land classified as marketable and assessed and recorded as **minor constrained**, but marketable within 5 years, has some constraints but is assessed as being marketable within 2-5 years.

Land classified as **major constrained** with constraints which affect the availability of the site and is therefore not considered marketable. These can include:

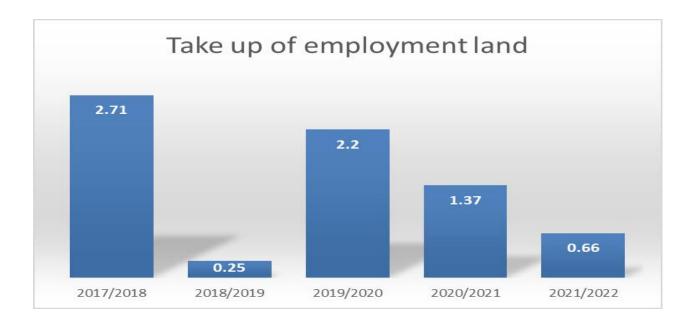
- ownership issues (for example, multiple owners or unwilling sellers)
- physical constraints including poor infrastructure provision or difficult topography
- limited road access
- poor availability of services to the site including water, gas, or electricity
- ground condition constraints
- contamination
- flood risk
- water and drainage

3. Employment Land Supply



TOTAL SUPPLY OF EMPLOYMENT LAN	ID - 2022		
Site Name	Settlement	Total Area (ha)	Total Available
Kirkton Industrial Estate	Arbroath	35.45	6.16
Elliot Industrial Estate	Arbroath	35.39	3.73
Elliot Industrial Estate Extension	Arbroath	21.00	21.00
			30.89
Brechin Business Park	Brechin	16.25	1.26
Brechin Business Park Extension	Brechin	16.07	16.07
			17.33
Carlogie	Carnoustie	15.00	15.00
Pitskelly	Carnoustie	10.00	10.00
Panmure Industrial Estate	Carnoustie	3.84	0.39
			25.39
Orchardbank Business Park	Forfar	24.49	11.58
Carseview Road	Forfar	4.00	4.00
			15.58
East Muirhead of Logie	Kirriemuir	5.00	1.12
North Mains of Logie	Kirriemuir	2.20	0.33
			1.45
Broomfield Industrial Estate	Montrose	20.87	1.85
Forties Road Industrial Estate	Montrose	39.11	1.47
North of Forties Road	Montrose	11.00	11.00
Montrose Airfield	Montrose	50.00	50.00
			64.32
TOTAL		309.67	154.96

Take up of employment land



Site Name	Settlement	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Kirkton Industrial Estate	Arbroath		0.25			
Elliot Industrial Estate	Arbroath	0.83				
Elliot Industrial Estate Extension	Arbroath					
Brechin Business Park	Brechin					
Brechin Business Park Extension	Brechin					
Montrose Road Industrial Estate	Brechin					
Carlogie	Carnoustie					
Pitskelly	Carnoustie					
Panmure Industrial Estate	Carnoustie					
Orchardbank Business Park	Forfar				1.17	0.66
Carseview Road	Forfar					
Orchardbank Industrial Estate	Forfar					
East Muirhead of Logie	Kirriemuir	1.41		0.2	0.2	
North Mains of Logie	Kirriemuir					
Broomfield Industrial Estate	Montrose	0.1		2.0		
Forties Road Industrial Estate	Montrose	0.37				
North of Forties Road	Montrose					
Montrose Airfield	Montrose					
Total Area (ha)		2.71	0.25	2.2	1.37	0.66

Key facts

154.96 ha employment land available				
16 allocated employment locations	11 sites with extant planning permission			
116.57 ha is considered to be marketable land	Immediately available sites in Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar & Montrose			
*40 marketable sites across Angus, with 26 immediately available Orchardbank, Forfar				
The Tay Cities deal identifies a £26.5 million Angus Fund, to stimulate the development of innovative, clean technology businesses				

Montrose Port has been selected as the base for operations for the Seagreen offshore windfarm project

2 Developments have commenced: Pitskelly, Carnoustie & Broomfield, Montrose

Alternative Uses

Site	Site	Site Area	Planning	Date of	Proposal
	Ref	(Ha)	Reference	permission	
Elliot,	1	3.11	18/00975/FULM	05/12/2019	Retail & drive
Arbroath					through
East Logie,	1.03	1.07	19/00512/FULL	28/08/2019	Gym & Yoga
Kirriemuir					Studio
		4.18			

Site	Site Ref	Site Area (Ha)	Planning Reference	Date of permission	Proposal
Panmure, Carnoustie	8.02	0.08	N/A	N/A	Community garden

*The subdivision of sites within Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar has resulted in an increase of smaller sites available within the land supply. This equates to an increase of 11 sites, however as 1 site within the business park has been taken up in the audit period there are 10 sites available.

Arbroath



No recent progress

Kirkton In	Kirkton Industrial Estate						
Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield			
25.00	0.71	Immediate	None	Brownfield			
26.02	0.53	Immediate	None	Brownfield			
30.02	1.05	Immediate	None	Greenfield			
32.01	1.65	Immediate	None	Greenfield			
33.02	0.63	Immediate	None	Brownfield			
37.00	0.94	Minor Constraint	Infrastructure	Greenfield			
42.00	0.65	Immediate	None	Greenfield			
Total	6.16						

Arbroath



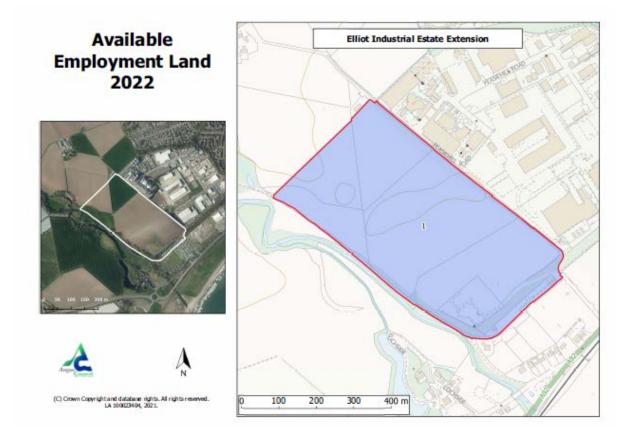
Planning permission for a retail and drive through development has been approved on site 1 with a further application for a revised proposal currently pending consideration. Planning permission for 2 commercial units has been granted on site 2.02.

Elliot Industrial Estate						
Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield		
1	3.11	Immediate	None	Brownfield		
2.02	0.62	Immediate	None	Brownfield		
Total	3.73					

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of permission	Proposal
1	18/00975/FULM	05/12/2019	Retail & drive through
2.02	21/00443/FULL	13/07/2021	2 commercial units

Arbroath



No recent progress.

Elliot Industrial Estate Extension					
Site Ref Site Area(ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfiel					
1	21.00	Major Constraint	Ownership	Greenfield	
Total	21.00				

Brechin



An application proposing the erection of a secure paper shredding/recycling facility on site 2 & site 3 has been granted permission, however to date construction has not commenced.

Brechin Business Park						
Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constrain	Brownfield/Greenfield		
1	0.35	Immediate	None	Greenfield		
2	0.32	Immediate	None	Greenfield		
3	0.29	Immediate	None	Greenfield		
4.01	0.30	Immediate	None	Greenfield		
Total	1.25					

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of permission	Proposal
2&3	20/00854/FULL	20/12/2021	Paper Shredding

Brechin



Brechin Business Park extension currently remains undeveloped.

Brechin Business Park Extension				
Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfie				Brownfield/Greenfield
2	16.07	Minor constraint	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total	16.07			

Carnoustie



Planning permission for formation of an employment area, road upgrade and realignment has been granted, with a further application to amend conditions also approved. A planning application for associated infrastructure on land outwith the site has also been approved.

Carlogie				
Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Cons			Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield
1	15.00	Minor constraint	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total	15.00			

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of permission	Proposal
1	20/00825/MSC	11/08/2021	Employment use

Carnoustie



Planning permission in principle was granted in 2016, with a further application for matters specified in conditions granted permission in February 2021. Development started in June 2021 with a projected completion date in 2023.

Pitskelly				
Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield
1	10.00	Minor constraint	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total	10.00			

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of permission	Proposal
1	19/00927/MSC	10/02/2021	Residential & Employment

Carnoustie



A planning application has been submitted for residential development on 1.17Ha of land on the west side of Panmure Industrial Estate incorporating site 14, which is now considered a dormant application with no recent progress made. A further application for a residential development is currently being considered which incorporates site 14 under planning ref-22/00084/FULL.

Panmure Industrial Estate				
Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfie				
8.02	0.08	Major Constraint	Not marketed	Brownfield
11	0.09	Major Constraint	Not marketed	Brownfield
14	0.22	Major Constraint	Not marketed	Brownfield
Total	0.38			





A planning application for a new showroom has been approved across sites 12.12, 12.13, 12.14, 12.15, & 12.16, and a development of self-storage units has been completed on site 8.

Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield
12.11	0.40	Immediate	None	Greenfield
12.12	0.43	Immediate	None	Greenfield
12.13	0.41	Immediate	None	Greenfield
12.14	0.35	Immediate	None	Greenfield
12.15	0.35	Immediate	None	Greenfield
12.16	0.43	Immediate	None	Greenfield
12.17	1.98	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.18	2.00	Major Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.19	0.36	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.20	0.27	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.21	1.08	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.22	0.93	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.23	0.70	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.24	0.56	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.03	0.73	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
12.04	0.60	Minor Constraint	Flood risk	Greenfield
Total	11.58			

*Sites formerly labelled as 12.01 & 12.02 in previous Employment Land Audits have been subdivided into smaller plots, with land in use for landscaping and roads and watercourses omitted from the audit. This has resulted in an increase of smaller sites within Orchardbank Business Park, and results in a lower level of land available for development.

Following the availability of information relating to the site, we have reclassified a number of sites from immediately available to minor constrained until such time as constraints have been overcome. In one instance a site has been re-classified as having major constraints the nature of land conditions results in significant issues.

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of Permission	Proposal
12.01	21/0006/FULL	23/07/2021	Showroom & workshop

COMPLETED DEVELOPMENT

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of Completion	Proposal
8.00	20/00507/FULL	24/11/2020	Self-Storage Units

Forfar



No recent progress.

Carseview Road					
Site RefSite Area (ha)AvailabilityConstraintBrownfield/Greenfield					
1	4.00	Major	Infrastructure,	Greenfield	
		Constraint	Ownership		
Total	4.00				

Kirriemuir



A planning application has been granted for 2 business units on previously undeveloped land within site 6, to the south west, a site previously considered as taken up.

East Muirhead of Logie					
Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield	
1.02	0.25	Immediate	None	Greenfield	
1.03	0.87	Immediate	None	Greenfield	
Total	1.32				

Kirriemuir



No recent progress.

North Mains of Logie					
Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield	
4.02	0.03	Immediate	None	Brownfield	
4.05	0.30	Immediate	None	Brownfield	
Total	0.33				



Planning permission for a replacement canteen building on site 24.01 was granted in August 2020, followed by commencement of development in March 2021, to date it has not yet been completed.

Broomfield Industrial Estate							
Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfie							
18.02	0.25	Immediate	None	Brownfield			
24.01	1.60	Immediate	None	Brownfield			
Total	1.85						

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of Permission	Proposal
24.01	20/00423/FULL	14/08/2020	Replacement Canteen

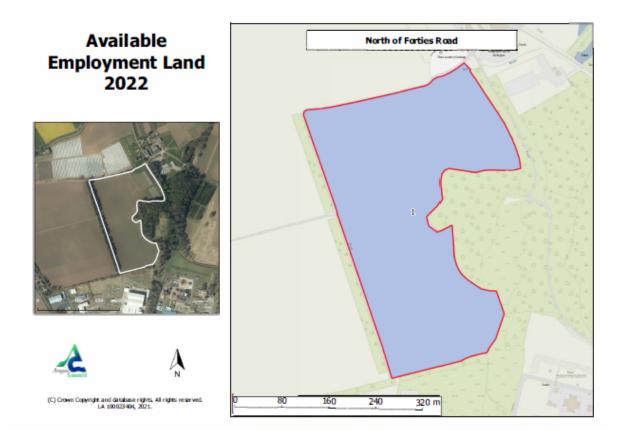


A planning application for the erection of a Class 6 Storage and Distribution Warehouse was granted on site 13.01 but to date and has not yet progressed. Planning permission has also been granted for a steel storage yard on site 13.02 but to date has not progressed.

Forties Industrial Estate								
Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfield								
13.01	1.18	Immediate	None	Greenfield				
13.02	0.29	Immediate	None	Greenfield				
Total	1.47							

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSON

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of Permission	Proposal
13.01	21/00108/FULL	08/04/2021	Storage & Distribution
13.02	19/00008/FULL	11/04/2019	Erection of Steel Store



No recent progress.

North of Forties Road								
Site Ref	Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfield							
1	11.00	Major	Infrastructure,	Greenfield				
		Constraints	Ownership					
Total	11.00							



Planning permission to develop a business park at Montrose Airfield was approved in 2016. A Proposal of Application Notice for a new application was submitted in January 2019. A further application is currently being considered under planning ref- 21/00600/PPPM and a further application for the full site is expected in 2022.

Montrose Airfield							
Site Ref	Site Ref Site Area (ha) Availability Constraint Brownfield/Greenfi						
1	50.00	Minor Constraint	Infrastructure	Greenfield			
Total	50.00						

EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSON

Site Ref	Planning Reference	Date of Permission	Proposal
1	19/00531/EIASR	13/10/2021	Business Park

APPENDIX 1: EMPLOYMENT LAND SUPPLY 2022 - AVAILABLE LAND BY SITE

	Site Ref	Site Area (ha)	Availability	Constraint	Brownfield/Greenfield
ARBROATH		-			
Kirkton Industrial Estate	25.00	0.71	Immediate	None	Brownfield
	26.02	0.53	Immediate	None	Brownfield
	30.02	1.05	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	32.01	1.65	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	33.02	0.63	Immediate	None	Brownfield
	37.00	0.94	Minor Constraints	Infrastructure	Greenfield
	42.00	0.65	Immediate	None	Greenfield
Total		6.16			
Elliot Industrial Estate	1.00	3.11	Immediate	None	Brownfield
	2.02	0.62	Immediate	None	Brownfield
Total		3.73			
Elliot Industrial Estate Extension	1.00	21.00	Major Constraints	Ownership	Greenfield
Total		21.00			
BRECHIN					
Brechin Business Park	1.00	0.35	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	2.00	0.32	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	3.00	0.29	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	4.01	0.30	Immediate	None	Greenfield
Total		1.26			

Brechin Business Park Extension	2.00	16.07	Minor Constraints	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total		16.07			
CARNOUSTIE					
Carlogie	1.00	15.00	Minor Constraints	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total		15.00			
Pitskelly	1.00	10.00	Minor Constraints	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total		10.00			
Panmure Industrial Estate	8.02	0.08	Major Constraints	Not marketed	Brownfield
	11.00	0.09	Major Constraints	Not marketed	Brownfield
	14.00	0.22	Major Constraints	Not marketed	Brownfield
Total		0.39			
FORFAR					T
Orchardbank Business Park	12.11	0.40	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	12.12	0.43	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	12.13	0.41	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	12.14	0.35	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	12.15	0.35	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	12.16	0.43	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	12.17	1.98	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.18	2.00	Major Constraints	Flood risk/ground condition	Greenfield
	12.19	0.36	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.20	0.27	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.21	1.08	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.22	0.93	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.23	0.70	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield

	12.24	0.56	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.03	0.73	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
	12.04	0.60	Minor Constraints	Flood risk	Greenfield
Total		11.58			
Carseview Road	1.00	4.00	Major Constraints	Infrastructure/Ownership	Greenfield
Total		4.00			

KIRRIEMUIR					
East Muirhead of Logie	1.02	0.25	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	1.03	0.87	Immediate	None	Greenfield
Total		1.12			
North Mains of Logie	4.02	0.03	Immediate	None	Brownfield
	4.05	0.30	Immediate	None	Brownfield
Total		0.33			
MONTROSE					
Broomfield Industrial Estate	18.02	0.25	Immediate	None	Brownfield
	24.00	1.60	Immediate	None	Brownfield
Total		1.85			
Forties Industrial Estate	13.01	1.18	Immediate	None	Greenfield
	13.02	0.29	Immediate	None	Greenfield
Total		1.47			
North of Forties Road	1.00	11.00	Major Constraints	Infrastructure, Ownership	Greenfield
Total		11.00			

Montrose Airfield	1.00	50.00	Minor Constraints	Infrastructure	Greenfield
Total		50.00			
ANGUS TOTAL		154.96			