

MONITORING AND REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

- 12.1 The Local Plan sets out the planning framework which will guide and control development in the District up to the year 2006.
- 12.2 Annual monitoring of key issues, and progress in implementing the Plans policies and proposals, will be undertaken to identify where changing circumstances make a revision of policies necessary, and to ensure that the Plan remains relevant and that a sufficient supply of land for development exists.

THE MONITORING PROCESS

- 12.3 Monitoring the Plan will be a continuous process.
- 12.4 Part II of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990² specifically requires certain matters to be kept under review, including the principal physical and economic characteristics of the area, and the size, composition and distribution of population. In practice, because of the wide range of issues covered in Local Plans and the need to promote sustainable forms of development, a more comprehensive list of topics will need to be monitored.
- 12.5 In order to ensure effective monitoring it will be necessary to collect and collate data covering selected indicators on land-use and development. This may derive from a wide variety of sources including planning applications and appeals records, specific survey work and statistics published by other organisations. A number of procedures, including monitoring housing permissions and completions, and land availability, are already well established. In other instances it may be necessary to establish appropriate qualitative as well as quantitative measures, including liaison with other organisations and local groups.
- 12.6 As part of this continuous process, it is intended to publish an Annual Monitoring Report, summarising developments that have taken place and evaluating the achievement of objectives and effectiveness of policies. This will help to identify where policies need strengthening, maintaining or altering.
- 12.7 The Annual Monitoring Report will complement other Local Plan studies which may be required, for example, to investigate issues in greater detail. As a result of these studies and monitoring procedures it may be necessary to alter or review the Local Plan (see paragraph 12.12 below)

ALTERATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN

- 12.8 PPG12 (Development Plans and Regional Planning Guidance) indicates that Local Plans should be reviewed at least once every five years. In practice, because of the dynamic nature of some development trends, partial review may be required earlier than this. An Alteration to the Local

² Now Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Plan would be necessary where, for example, a part or parts of the Local Plan became out of date or where a major proposal came forward which the Plan did not anticipate. Any proposed Alteration would be publicised in advance and subject to the same statutory procedures followed in preparing the Plan itself.

- 12.9 Minor changes of a technical or non-controversial nature may be addressed using the 'short procedure' under Section 40 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Where no objections are received, proposed amendments may be incorporated into the Plan at the end of the deposit period, provided they are accompanied by a notice of 'disposition to be adopted'. Where exceptional circumstances require that proposals be approved contrary to the Development Plan, the District Council will invoke the departure procedure. Any decisions arising from this process which affect the principle of any policies will be reflected in a subsequent review of the Plan.

REVIEW OF THE LOCAL PLAN

- 12.10 If at some stage there is an indication that circumstances have changed so significantly (for example, following a change in Strategic Guidance) that the Plan can no longer be used as a reasonable basis for development control decisions, then the District Council will consider a Review of the Local Plan.
- 12.11 It is expected that a Review of the Local Plan will need to be undertaken following the preparation of a Replacement County Structure Plan. In any case, the Plan will be reviewed within five years of its formal adoption and rolled forward to 2011 or beyond.

MONITORING PROGRAMME

- 12.12 The following schedule identifies the main issues that will be subject to monitoring and the frequency of monitoring.

| | | POLICY | FREQUENCY |
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| 1. | Location, type and scale of development within the Green Belt | GB1} GB2} GB3} | Annually |
| 2. | Protection of Safeguarded Land | SL1 | Annually |
| 3. | Effectiveness of Development Limits (and other policies) to protect the countryside and greenfield sites. | DL1 | Annually |
| 4. | Protection of Strategic Countryside Gaps | SG1 | Annually |
| 5. | Quantity and Quality of features of | ENV7} | Periodic |

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| | nature conservation value (statutory and non-statutory) | ENV8} ENV9} | Survey |
| 6. | Landscape, townscape, historical or wildlife value of ponds | ENV13 | Periodic Survey |
| 7. | Protection of Statutorily Protected Species | ENV14 | Periodic Survey |
| 8. | Changing landscape Quality | ENV15} ENV16} | Periodic Survey |
| 9. | Tree Preservation Orders | ENV18} | Periodic Survey |
| 10. | Effectiveness of policies to ensure landscaping of development proposals | ENV20} ENV21} | Annually |
| 11. | Listed Buildings – quantity and quality of development | ENV22} ENV23} ENV24} | Periodic Survey |
| 12. | Archaeological remains – distribution, quantity and quality | ENV27} ENV28} | Periodic Survey |
| 13. | Local Amenity Space | ENV29 | Periodic Survey |
| 14. | Quality of shopfront design | ENV30 | Periodic Survey |
| 15. | Effectiveness of policies to control advertisements on listed buildings and in conservation areas | ENV31} ENV32} | Periodic Survey |
| 16. | Residential permissions and completions/housing land availability | H1} H2} H2A} H2B} TAD/1} | Continuous |
| 17. | Provision of affordable housing | H4} H11} | Continuous |
| 18. | Effectiveness of policies to control proposals for housing development | DL1} H4A} H5} H6} H7} H8} H9} H10} H11} H12} | Annually/ Continuous |

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| | | H13} H14} | |
| 19. | Employment permissions and completions/employment land availability | EMP1} EMP2} EMP3} | Continuous |
| 20. | Employment floorspace in safeguarded employment areas | EMP4 | Continuous |
| 21. | Effectiveness of policies to control proposals for employment development | EMP5} EMP6} EMP7} EMP8} EMP9} EMP9A} EMP10} EMP11} | Continuous |
| 22. | Loss of agricultural land | EMP12} | Annually |
| 23. | Agri-business and farm diversification | EMP7} EMP13} EMP14} | Annually |
| 24. | Avoidance of highway problems as a result of new development | T1} T2} | Periodic Survey |
| 25. | Programmed road schemes – protection of routes. | T3} T4} T5} T5A} | Continuous |
| 26. | Provision of alternative forms of transport | T6} T7} | Periodic Survey |
| 27. | Location and number of motorists facilities | T9} T10} | Periodic Survey |
| 28. | Car parking provision in developments | VP1} VP2} VP4} | Annually |
| 29. | Recreation open space (retention and creation) | RT1} RT2} | Periodic Survey |
| 30. | Sport and Recreation Provision (including provision in the countryside) | RT3} RT4} RT5} | Periodic Survey |
| 31. | Location and scale of Riverside Recreational facilities | RT6} RT7} | Annually |

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| 32. | Horse related development | RT9 | Annually/ Periodic Survey |
| 33. | Tourism related development | RT10} RT11} RT12} RT13} | Annually/ Periodic Survey |
| 34. | Permissions for new retail development (location/size) | S1} S2} S3} S4} S5} | Continuous |
| 35. | Surveys of local shops and town centre shopping facilities | S1} S2} S3} S4} | Periodic Survey |
| 36. | Provision of community services | CS1} CS2} CS3} CS4} CS6} | Annually/ Periodic Survey |
| 37. | Telecommunications equipment | CS5 | Periodic Survey |