

## E Monitoring and Delivery of the Local Plan

### E.1 Monitoring Arrangements

- E.1 Effective monitoring is important to ensure that Local Plan policies are being implemented and are achieving their aims, given that all development proposals are subject to viability testing.
- E.2 Our monitoring report ~~is the document that will~~ monitor measure and report on the effectiveness of policies within the Local Plan and associated documents. It will report on a range of data to assess whether:
- policy targets have been met, or progress is being made towards meeting them
  - policy targets are not being met, or are not on track to being achieved, and the reasons for this
  - policies are having an impact in respect of national and local policy targets, and any other targets identified in local development documents
  - policies need adjusting or replacing because they are not working as intended
  - policies need changing to reflect changes in national ~~or regional~~ policy or strategic needs, and
  - ~~if policies need changing, the actions needed to achieve this.~~

### E.2ba If policies need changing the monitoring report will list the actions needed to achieve this.

- E.3 Our monitoring report will be published at least every 12 months. Under the previous legislation, reports have been published at the end of each calendar year and relate to the previous monitoring year (1 April to 31 March). They have focused on measuring the progress of Local Plan preparation, and on the collection of data for the (now removed) national set of indicators. These can be viewed online at <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/localdevelopmentframework->

### The Monitoring Framework

- E.4 We have developed a number of indicators that are closely related to monitoring the effectiveness of our policies. A summary of t~~The~~ indicators we intend to use are set out below, grouped together under the relevant theme of the Local Plan. Our 'Monitoring Framework' will set out in more detail the key targets and indicators that will be used to monitor and deliver the Local Plan. Before the Submission of the Local Plan, we will have established targets for each indicator against which the performance of policies can be measured.
- E.5 We have also developed a set of trajectories for housing and employment to address delivery across the programme period as a whole. These are of necessity indicative at the start of a programme, and have been prepared to reflect how the current recession is depressing delivery, but are a clear baseline against which overall implementation can be assessed. They include completions and strategic developments ~~such as Bankside phase one~~ which have an existing planning permission, ~~that has not yet been implemented (see National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) footnote 11).~~

~~E.6 In view of the imminent abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategy we propose to move to one single district wide calculation for the housing land supply and end the unhelpful splitting of the district into two sub areas for this calculation.~~

### **Theme One - Achieving a Sustainable Local Economy**

E.7 The strategic employment trajectory which follows shows how the release of the strategic development sites set out in Section C 'Policies for Cherwell's Places' would secure a significant employment growth in Cherwell that is focused on Bicester and Banbury. There are other smaller sites which are excluded from this assessment.

E.8 We will use a number of indicators to monitor how well policies are delivering our aim of 'achieving a sustainable local economy'. ~~(See Section B.1 'Theme One: Policies for Developing a Sustainable Local Economy')~~. These include:

~~E.9 These include:~~

- Change of use/loss of Eemployment land ~~lost~~ to non-employment use (hectares)/gain of employment floorspace
- Allocated employment land completed, committed and remaining
- Employment development on non allocated land (hectares)
- Amount of retail/town centre uses completed within and outside of town centres
- Diversity of uses within urban centres
- Amount of vacant uses-units within town centres
- Amount of new tourism development in the district
- Numbers of visitors to tourist attractions in the district
- Number of village services and facilities closed, opened or lost to development.

### **Theme Two - Building Sustainable Communities**

E.10 The housing trajectory which follows shows how the release of the strategic development sites set out in Section C 'Policies for Cherwell's Places' would enable the overall housing growth targets to be met and a 5 year supply to be maintained for the life of the Local Plan. Although the trajectory sets out when delivery can reasonably be expected, it does not prevent earlier or accelerated delivery~~It also shows how the development of new homes will be phased over the plan period.~~

E.11 Housing delivery will be monitored to ensure that the projected housing delivery is achieved. The district is required by the NPPF to maintain a continuous five year supply of deliverable (available, suitable and achievable) sites as well as meeting its overall housing requirement. The District must also provide an additional buffer of 5% on top of its five year land supply delivery requirement. This increases to 20% where there has been a record of persistent under delivery.

E.12 **(Para' Deleted)**

E.13 We will also use a number of indicators to monitor how well policies are delivering our wider aim of 'building sustainable communities' ~~(See Section~~

~~B.2 'Theme Two: Policies for Building Sustainable Communities'). These include:~~

~~E.14—These include:~~

- Housing completions on previously developed land
- Density of housing completions
- Affordable housing completions/acquisitions
- Housing completions by type and size
- Number of extra care units completed
- Number of Gypsy and Traveller pitches and Travelling Show people plots provided/lost.
- Number (or floorspace) of new health care facilities provided
- Number (or floorspace) of new community facilities provided
- Number of new educational places provided (primary/secondary/tertiary)
- Amount, type and location of open space/sport/recreation facilities
- Areas deficient in recreation provision by type and amount
- Open space/sport/recreation facilities lost/gained/enhanced to development
- Open space/sport/recreation facilities gained through new development/S106 agreements
- Open space/sport/recreation facilities enhanced through new development/S106 agreements
- Number of areas of open space achieving quality standards

### **Theme Three - Ensuring Sustainable Development**

~~E.15~~ We will use a number of indicators to monitor how well policies are delivering our aim of 'ensuring sustainable development' (~~See Section B.3 'Theme Three: Policies for Ensuring Sustainable Development'~~). These include:

~~E.16—These include:~~

- Planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flood risk grounds
- Number of consented renewable energy schemes, number of refused renewable energy schemes, and reasons for refusal
- Number of consented developments making use of combined heat and power
- Number of developments achieving Code for Sustainable Homes/BREEAM standards, and at what level
- Permissions granted contrary to BBOWT/Natural England/Environment Agency advice
- Area of biodiversity habitat/number of species
- Progress towards Conservation Target Area targets (not set or monitored by the Council, but by Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum)
- Number of ecological surveys permitted-submitted with applications
- Amount of AONB lost to development
- Number of major development schemes permitted in AONB
- Number of urban fringe improvement schemes
- Development in the Green Belt

### **Annual Reporting Monitoring and Delivering the Local Plan**

- E.17 Data on these indicators will be gathered and reported on an at least annual basis. We will also report on whether the established targets have been met, and, if not, what actions are to be taken to ensure they are met in future.

### **Delivering the Local Plan**

- E.18 The strategy in the Local Plan will be delivered through the [planning application process and the](#) implementation of the:
- Development Management DPD containing the criteria to assess planning applications;
  - Local Neighbourhoods DPD containing non strategic site allocations;
  - [Neighbourhood Plans](#)
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  - Town wide masterplan SPDs for Bicester and Banbury;
  - Site specific SPDs for Canalside [and](#) Bolton Road ~~and the Spiceball Development Area~~.
  - Planning Obligations SPD and where appropriate other funding mechanisms to support the delivery of infrastructure and services which could include a Community Infrastructure Levy or other tariff system
  - [Sustainable Buildings in Cherwell SPD](#)
- E.19 We have worked with our delivery partners including Oxfordshire County Council during the preparation of this Local Plan and its [emerging](#) Infrastructure Delivery Plan to ensure the Council focuses in the monitoring and delivery of strategic policies with the right infrastructure at the right times.
- E.20 We will continue to work with neighbouring authorities and other organisations on cross boundary issues through the Oxfordshire Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership, [the Buckinghamshire Duty to Cooperate Forum](#) and the 2 Local Enterprise Partnerships covering the District [amongst other](#). [The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Cooperate shows joint working undertaken during the preparation of the Local Plan, and details the various forums and organisations we work with on a regular bases to debate and coordinate strategic planning issues. Actions resulting from cooperation with other local planning authorities or organisations will be reported in the AMR.](#)
- E.21 The Annual Monitoring Report ([AMR](#)) will assess the effectiveness of the Local Plan including the rate of delivery of allocated sites by measuring performance against the indicators identified in the [Monitoring Framework AMR](#).
- E.22 If the supply of deliverable housing land drops to five years or below and where the Council is unable to rectify this within the next monitoring year there may be a need for the early release of sites identified within this strategy or the release of additional land.
- E.23 We have worked with infrastructure providers and landowners to allocate deliverable strategic sites in and around the towns of Bicester and Banbury as the most sustainable locations in the Policies for Cherwell Places in section C of the Local Plan.

**E.24** If lack of infrastructure funding were to delay the delivery of sites, we will work with our partners to seek alternative sources of funding. In doing this we will explore a range of funding mechanisms available through public and private sources such as grants and contributions, incentives schemes such as New Homes Bonus, prudential borrowing or opportunities to reduce infrastructure costs.

**E.25** Annual monitoring will inform future Local Plan reviews. These reviews may be in response to shortfalls on the implementation of the Plan's policies, changes on national policy or strategic needs, or the need roll forward the plan period. Some small scale review of policy could in some instances be undertaken through preparation of other Development Plan Documents or their review.