

Fareham Borough Council Local Plan Examination Council's Response to Inspector's Matters and Issues

Matter 13 Implementation and Monitoring

1. Does the plan include an appropriate framework for monitoring the effectiveness of the local plan?

- 1.1 Yes, the Council considers that the Monitoring Framework included in Table 13.1 is an appropriate framework for monitoring the effectiveness of the Local Plan. The framework identifies the policy areas and the processes used to monitor their successful implementation.
- 1.2 The Council currently monitors a range of indicators relating to housing including housing completions, progress towards the adopted housing requirement, five-year housing land supply, projected long term housing trajectory and affordable housing provision, space standards, Gypsy and Traveller, older persons accommodation. Employment, retail and leisure floorspace are currently monitored in terms of completions, requirement, and predicted supply. This is undertaken through a range of methods such as monitoring weekly planning lists, monthly permissions granted and site visits. The Council also utilises annual residential and commercial monitoring data provided by Hampshire County Council to collaborate in-house monitoring, in-line with other South Hampshire local authorities. The Council also monitors the mitigation of Natural Environment through the contributions to wildlife mitigation schemes and payment towards Bird Aware Solent for recreational disturbance.
- 1.3 There are a number of annual reports produced and published which contribute towards monitoring other certain aspects of the Local Plan these include-:
- Five Year Housing Land Supply report
 - The Self- Build register
 - The Retail Health Check
 - Housing Delivery Test Action Plan
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan
 - Infrastructure Funding Statement
 - Gypsy & Traveller counts
 - Brownfield Land Register
- 1.4 The Council also collects data on environmental mitigation strategies that provide additional monitoring;
- Bird Aware Solent Mitigation Strategy
 - Interim New Forest Mitigation Scheme
 - Position statement on the effects of new residential development upon the Solent
- 1.5 Taken together these monitoring activities and documents listed above form the basis of the Authority Monitoring Report produced annually. Future editions of the AMR will refer to the framework included in table 13.1 of the Revised Publication Plan.

2. Are the monitoring indicators appropriate, how will they be assessed, should they be more precise?

- 2.1 Yes, the Council consider the monitoring indicators as stated in the Revised Publication Plan are appropriate but will continue to review existing monitoring arrangements to ensure that the indicators used remain the best approach. The Council suggests the addition of the following text to para 13.3 to provide further explanation to table 13.1:

The Council uses information on planning applications and decisions monitored through the weekly lists. This is included in the table at 13.1 as: 'the determination of planning applications and appeal decisions. The Council will monitor the following indicators from the weekly planning lists:

- Number of planning applications and decisions (permissions/refusals) for the relevant policy areas – Quantitative cross checking of applications with policy area using mapping software (e.g. numbers of units permitted in the countryside);*
- Assessment of reasons for decisions contrary to policy in relation to permissions. Assessment of reasons for refusal (policy effectiveness) - Qualitative analysis using weekly decision lists and officer/decision reports (e.g. reasons for permission in ASLQ);*
- Recording the percentage of 'x' indicators such as Self and Custom Build Homes units against other policies such as site allocations.*