

19 IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

Implementation

- 19.1 It is essential that the policies and proposals contained in this Local Plan are both realistic and capable of being implemented within the plan period. The Council is only one of the agencies responsible for the implementation of the Local Plan and largely plays an enabling role. Development will not take place unless landowners and developers to come forward with proposals, and therefore account has been taken of relevant market and economic signals and viability considerations. The successful delivery of the plan and its vision will therefore require partnership working and the commitment and support from key stakeholders, including infrastructure providers and local communities.
- 19.2 The primary way in which policies and proposals will be implemented will be through the development control process as planning permission is required for most forms of development. In addition, subsequent policies and guidance will be produced to supplement this plan, including in Local Plan Part 2, which will allocate non strategic development sites and, if required, through planning briefs and supplementary planning documents. In addition, many communities are producing neighbourhood development plans and some of these will allocate non strategic sites for development.
- 19.3 The Local Plan needs to contain sufficient flexibility to enable it to respond to changing circumstances. In this plan, the Council has sought to identify sufficient housing and other sites to meet identified needs in full. If it transpires that sites are not coming forward, the Council will seek to bring forward additional promoted sites that are around main settlements that are less constrained by environmental or other designations. The delivery of the strategy (including strategic sites) is dependent, to some extent, on essential infrastructure being put in place throughout the plan period. If this infrastructure does not materialise, for example highways improvements on the strategic road network, the Council will consider what remedial action is required. This could for example, include a review of strategic site allocations, to see if any could be released earlier, or (as a last resort) an early review of the plan.

Monitoring

- 19.4 The Council will regular monitor the policies in this plan to assess whether they are working effectively and as intended. A monitoring framework has been devised for the Local Plan in order to enable the effectiveness of the policies and proposals within it to be monitored. This framework can be found at Appendix E. The framework provides indicators for each policy, together with any identified targets and the organisation or partners responsible for providing the data. Wherever possible, these indicators are 'SMART', that is specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound.

- 19.5 The outcomes from this monitoring will be set out in the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) which the Council regularly produces and makes available on its website. The AMR will also indicate whether there is a need to review any policy or proposal in the Local Plan, including the need for remedial action.

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