

Matter 14 – Monitoring and review

Issue

Whether the approach to monitoring and review is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Relevant policy M1

Questions

1. How will the implementation and effectiveness of the Local Plan be monitored? Will the monitoring framework in Appendix 2 provide an effective basis to do this?

1. Appendix 2 sets out the Monitoring Framework, the HBF supports the use of appropriate targets however, we would also recommend that specific monitoring triggers are introduced to this framework, along with time-bound actions. In the case of the housing targets this is likely to be similar to Policy M1. This will help to ensure that action will be taken when a target is not met, and a policy needs reviewing.

2. How will any issues of delivery of housing be identified and addressed? Will this be effective?

2. Policy M1 highlights the measures the Council will undertake if the delivery of housing, including affordable housing, falls below 100% of the annual requirement. It goes on to state that where total delivery of housing is less than 75% of the annual requirement for three consecutive monitoring years, this will trigger the need for the consideration of a review or partial review of the Local Plan.
3. The HBF supports the Council in including a policy highlighting the actions to be taken if housing is not delivered. However, it is considered that the Council may also want to consider alternate measures such as the granting of planning permission for unallocated sites in sustainable locations. The Council may also want to consider how this policy sits with the Housing Delivery Test and the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in the NPPF.

3. How will any issues of delivery of the Main Development Areas be identified and addressed? Will this be effective?

4. The HBF does not wish to answer this question, at this time.

4. What is the overall approach to reviewing the Local Plan?

5. The HBF does not wish to answer this question, at this time.

5. Are any main modifications to Policy M1 necessary for soundness?

6. The HBF does not wish to answer this question, at this time.