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## Monitoring the Local Plan

12.01 Planning Policy Guidance Note 12 (PPG12) 'Development Plans' sets a requirement for local planning authorities to monitor the effectiveness of their plans. It is suggested that setting targets related to the aims and objectives of the plan can provide a clear and consistent basis for measuring progress in implementing plan policies and assessing their impact on the local area. The Guidance also indicates that local authorities should publish the results of plan monitoring on a regular basis.

12.02 Central government guidance on Best Value and Audit Commission Performance Indicators also require that local plans include a comprehensive set of targets and indicators covering the main policy areas in the plan. These should then be regularly monitored to assess the plan's performance in relation to its objectives.

12.03 Accordingly the Borough Council has formulated a set of targets and indicators shown in the table at the end of this chapter. These are intended to provide a sound basis for monitoring the implementation of the local plan and assessing how well the policies are working. This will include monitoring the progress of housing development and assessing future land supply. They will also assist in the review of Plan policies when that stage is reached.

12.04 Where relevant, the Plan targets and indicators have been formulated in conjunction with targets and indicators set out in other key strategies produced by the Council and its local partners, in particular the Community Strategy. Relevant national and regional targets have also been taken into account.

12.05 The Borough Council will use the targets and indicators listed as a basis for producing regularly updated information on the Local Plan, including an annual monitoring report. This information will be made publicly available both in hard copy format and on the Council's website.

## **Local Plan Targets and Indicators**

12.06 The table below sets out targets and indicators relating to the key themes covered in Chapters 5a-10b of the Plan – the Topic Chapters. The policies in Chapters 11a-11g – the Area Policies – mainly relate to proposals on specific sites and in this case, their effectiveness can be measured directly in terms of progress in implementing the development(s) or scheme(s) referred to in the policies.

12.07 The targets and indicators shown in the table should be interpreted as follows:-

- (i) Targets – these represent clear goals or benchmarks against which the Council will measure the Plan’s performance. They relate directly to objectives set in specific Plan policies or to be achieved through the implementation of Plan policies.
- (i) Key Indicators – these are indicators which relate directly to the implementation of the Plan policies through the planning system. They will provide a consistent basis for measuring how the policies are being implemented in practice over the Plan period.
- (ii) Background indicators – these are general indicators which are more indirectly related to the Plan policies, and present a wider picture of the local area. They will assist the Council in assessing the impact, which the Plan and other Council strategies are having on the local area, and in identifying any new issues which need to be addressed.



## APPENDIX A

### *Targets and Indicators*

**General**

Targets

Key Indicators

Background Indicators

Number of planning permissions advertised as departures from Plan policies and number approved/refused.

Number and % of appeal decisions awarded against the Council.

**Chapter 5a: Employment Land**

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Key Indicators</u>	<u>Background Indicators</u>
<p>To achieve the release of 5 ha of new employment land to serve the town by 2006 and 15 ha by 2011 (see Policy E1).</p> <p>By 2013, to build and/or convert 100 new premises for new and growing businesses (including managed units, workshops, office and factory space) (Community Strategy target).</p>	<p>Employment land and floorspace availability.</p> <p>New industrial and office floorspace development.</p> <p>Take-up rates for employment land and new floorspace.</p> <p>Allocated employment (B1-B8) land lost to other uses.</p> <p>Existing employment (B1-B8) floorspace lost to other uses.</p> <p>Number and % of vacant business premises on industrial estates.</p> <p>Planning consents for extension of existing industrial/office premises.</p> <p>Planning consents related to relocation of existing local businesses.</p>	<p>Total employment/jobs in Borough</p> <p>Unemployment rates</p> <p>Total stock of industrial and office floorspace (sq.m)</p>

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Key Indicators</u>	<u>Background Indicators</u>
<p>To achieve the development of five new tourist-related facilities contributing towards expanding the town's visitor base within the Plan period to 2011.</p> <p>To increase by 10% the number of serviced visitor bed spaces meeting the minimum approved standards within the Plan period to 2011.</p>	<p>Planning applications for tourist-related development approved/refused.</p> <p>Planning permissions for provision of tourist accommodation approved/refused.</p> <p>Proposals for language school uses approved and refused/reasons for refusal.</p> <p>Existing tourist facilities lost to other uses - particularly language schools.</p>	<p>Information on visitors and attractions visited</p> <p>Visitor spend per head</p> <p>Total number of bed spaces</p> <p>Number of language schools and students</p>
<p><b>Chapter 5c: Shopping</b></p>		

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Key Indicators</u>	<u>Background Indicators</u>
<p><b>Reduce the number of vacant retail units to achieve a target vacancy rate of 6.5% in Hastings town centre by 2006 and maintain at or below this rate to 2011.</b></p> <p><b>Reduce the number of vacant retail units year on year to achieve target vacancy rate of 10% in St Leonards town centre by 2006 and maintain at or below this rate to 2011.</b></p>	<p>Number and % of vacant retail units in shopping centres identified in the Plan.</p> <p>Changes in retail floorspace in the town centre and other shopping centres.</p> <p>New retail floorspace approved in existing shopping centres.</p> <p>Existing retail floorspace lost to other uses in designated shopping centres.</p> <p>Retail floorspace approved/refused outside existing shopping centres (in edge-of-centre and out-of-centre locations).</p>	<p>Number of pedestrians ('footfall') in key shopping areas</p> <p>Number and range of shops in the town centre and other shopping centres</p> <p>Change in shop rents and yields in Hastings town centre and comparison with competing towns.</p>



### Targets

To ensure that all major development permitted is located within 400m of a bus service running at least half hourly, or makes provision for achieving and maintaining this through a planning agreement.

To implement the remaining sections of the South Coast Cycle Route through the Borough by 2007 (see Policy TR4).

To implement the first phase of the Greenway ('Town Centre Loop') by 2006 and to complete further proposed links (Ore Valley and St Leonards) by 2011 (see Policy TC7).

To achieve at least 90% compliance with County Highways parking standards for new development permitted.

### Key Indicators

Percentage of new dwellings built within walking distance (400m) of a bus stop.

Percentage of non-residential development built within walking distance (400m) of a bus stop.

Planning permissions for major trip-generating development refused due to poor accessibility.

Planning permissions where improvements to non-car accessibility sought through planning conditions and/or legal agreements - including sustainable transport contribution or Green Travel Plan.

Total km of dedicated cycle paths (SDS Quality of Life indicator).

Planning permissions where cycle facilities sought through planning conditions or legal agreement.

Planning permissions where new/improved pedestrian routes included in planning conditions or legal agreement (SDS action h16).

Km of Greenway network created.

Number/% of planning permissions where parking provision complies with County standards.

### Background Indicators

Transport - modal split

No. of car miles v other uses

Mode and average distance travelled to work

Volume of traffic on different classes of road by vehicle type

Number of traffic management/calming schemes implemented

Rail improvements implemented

Number of bus passenger journeys per annum (SDS Quality of Life indicator)

Green Travel Plans



**Targets**

To ensure sufficient land is available to meet the housing requirements set out in the Plan.

To ensure that 60% of housing development is on brownfield sites.

To ensure that new housing developments are built at a density of at least 30 dwellings/ hectare net.

To produce Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on affordable housing to be adopted in 2004 (see Policy H6).

To ensure that 25% of all new residential development is 'affordable' housing (Community Strategy target).

**Key Indicators**

Total number of dwellings completed per annum.

Cumulative number of dwellings completed as % of Structure Plan requirement.

Housing land availability (5 year housing land supply).

Planning status/development progress on allocated housing sites.

No. units built on unidentified ('windfall') sites.

Percentage of new homes built on previously developed land (including conversions) (SDS Quality of Life indicator).

Average housing densities in new development (dwellings/hectare).

Number of applications for housing development permitted below 30 dwellings/hectare.

Number of applications granted for mixed use developments including housing.

% of total new dwellings created as part of a mixed use development.

Applications/approvals/refusals for residential conversion resulting in net gain or loss of units.

Number of affordable housing units

**Background Indicators**

Number of households classed as in housing need

% Empty homes (SDS Quality of Life indicator)

Number of empty homes brought back into use through the Empty Homes Strategy



## Chapter 7b: Community Needs

### Targets

To achieve at least 2% fully-equipped wheelchair adapted dwellings in all residential developments of 50 or more units.

By 2013, to ensure that residents of each ward have ready access to at least one community facility available throughout the year (Community Strategy target).

### Key Indicators

Number and % of dwellings built which are fully adapted for wheelchair users.

Planning permissions granted for new community facilities.

Development contributions towards community facilities secured through planning obligations.

### Background Indicators

Number of people with disabilities in housing need

Availability and location of community facilities (audit of community facilities planned for 2003/04)

New community facilities provided

## Chapter 8a: Nature Conservation

**Targets**

To ensure that all major planning permissions granted have no adverse effect on designated areas of nature conservation and/or locally significant species and habitats identified in local and national biodiversity action plans or, where such impacts are unavoidable, provision is made for compensatory measures.

To designate 5 new Local Nature Reserves by 2006 (see Policy NC5).

**Key Indicators**

Number of planning applications where nature conservation issues identified.

% planning applications where adverse impact on nature conservation given as a reason for refusal.

% planning applications granted subject to mitigation or compensatory measures secured through planning conditions or legal agreements, including financial contributions.

Planning conditions or legal agreements relating to conservation or creation of habitats and safeguarding protected species (SDS action h17).

Developments affecting the 'green network'/ loss of 'green network' to development.

Compensation or mitigation obtained where development results in any loss of the 'green network'.

Planning applications where impact on ancient and/or preserved woodland given as a reason for refusal. 279

Planning permissions affecting

**Background Indicators**

Number of SACs, SSSIs, LNRs, SNCIs and total area(s) covered

Number of managed SNCIs (i.e covered by a management plan) (SDS Quality of Life indicator)

Area of designated/protected nature conservation sites per 1000 head of population (ha)

Change in total area of ancient woodland



## Chapter 8b: Landscape

### Targets

To ensure that all planning permissions granted have no adverse effect on the High Weald AONB or the landscape setting of the town or that any such impacts can be mitigated to an acceptable standard.

### Key Indicators

Planning applications where impact on landscape given as a reason for refusal.

Planning conditions or legal agreements relating to mitigation of development impacts or enhancement of landscape features.

Development permitted outside the built-up area / within the AONB.

Number of tree planting schemes.

Planning applications where adverse impact on the character of historic parks and gardens given as a reason for refusal.

Schemes undertaken to restore or enhance historic parks and gardens.

### Background Indicators



**Targets**

To produce a 'Good Design Guide' and design checklist for use by planning applicants and by Development Control in assessing planning applications by the end of 2004 (see Policy DG1).

To produce Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on development contributions to be adopted in 2004 (see Policy DG25).

To achieve provision of children's playspace in all new housing developments which include 25 or more family dwellings (see Policy DG13 and SPG5).

**Key Indicators**

Planning applications where design/layout given as a reason for refusal.

Planning applications refused due to amenity issues (noise, lighting, pollution etc) or granted subject to conditions.

Number and type of development contributions achieved through planning permissions.

Provision of children's playspace achieved in association with new development.

Number of development schemes incorporating energy conservation measures/renewable energy sources.

Percentage of major planning applications referred to Sussex Police for design comments.

Planning applications where inadequate infrastructure given as a reason for refusal.

Permissions where planning conditions imposed or contributions sought relating to infrastructure, services or community facilities.

Planning applications refused due to potential impact on flood risk.

Environmental improvements or

**Background Indicators**

% New housing and commercial development which meets 'Secured by Design' criteria and has been issued with a Certificate.

Energy efficiency indicators



**Chapter 9b: Historic Environment**

**Targets**

**To ensure that all major planning applications preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.**

**To ensure that all major planning applications preserve the setting of Listed buildings.**

**Key Indicators**

Applications for Conservation Area consent for development, redevelopment or change of use – number/% permitted/refused.

Number of applications for demolition of buildings in Conservation Area and number of consents granted.

Applications for Listed Building consent for extension, alteration or demolition – number/% permitted/refused.

Planning applications granted subject to conditions or legal agreements requiring restoration or protection of Listed buildings.

Number of applications with impact on Scheduled Ancient Monuments and features of archaeological significance – numbers granted and refused and any mitigation sought.

**Background Indicators**

Area/no. households covered by Conservation Areas

Area covered by Article 4 Directions

Number of environmental schemes undertaken in Conservation Areas

Total number of Listed Buildings

**Chapter 10a: Sports and Recreation**

**Targets**

To ensure that there is no net loss in the size or number of playing fields or sports pitches as a result of development, or where this occurs provision is made for compensatory measures.

**Key Indicators**

Planning applications affecting playing fields and sports pitches – number/% refused.  
Planning permissions granted for enhancement of existing sports, recreational and community facilities.

**Background Indicators**

Number and area of outdoor playing fields and sports pitches in the Borough and change over time  
Number and area of indoor sports and recreation facilities in the Borough and change over time  
Number of sports facilities/playing fields per head of population

**Chapter 10b: Open Space**

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Key Indicators</u>	<u>Background Indicators</u>
<p><b>By 2013, 90% of households to have access to open space such as parks, public gardens or play areas or the beach within 300m of their homes (Community Strategy target)</b></p>	<p>% Households living within 300m of an area of open space.</p> <p>Planning applications affecting areas of designated open space – number/% approved/refused.</p> <p>Planning permissions affecting allotment sites – number and % refused.</p> <p>Acreage of open space gained/lost through planning permissions granted.</p>	<p>Area of parks and urban green spaces per 1000 head of population (ha) (complete open spaces audit to be undertaken in 2004)</p> <p>Area of the Borough classed as deficient in open space</p> <p>Average number of allotment sites in use as percentage of total allotment space available during one year (SDS Quality of Life indicator)</p>