



Authority Monitoring Report 2017

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 The 2017 Lichfield District Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) covers the period 1st April 2016 - 31st March 2017. This report monitors the effectiveness of the authorities policies set out in the Local Plan Strategy.

1.2 The AMR is structured to reflect the chapters of the Local Plan, and therefore can be read in conjunction with the Local Plan. The Local Plan Strategy was adopted on 17th February 2015. Further details can be found online at: <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Local-plan/Local-plan.aspx>

1.3 This report covers a range of topic areas to provide a picture of the social, environmental and economic geography of Lichfield District. Monitoring is hugely important to the planning process as it provides a review of any successes or failures, this enables the authority to assess how policies are responding to the issues within the District.

Summary

1.4 The following sections provide a summary of the key findings of this report.

Sustainable Communities

There has been no new planning permissions granted this year for small scale renewable energy installations, however there have been a number of permissions for the variation of conditions on small scale renewable energy installation sites.

Infrastructure

Progress has been made on a number of items of infrastructure this year with many projects being completed. Lichfield District Council adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 19th April 2016 and began charging on 13th June 2016.

Homes for the Future

There has been an increase in the number of housing completions this year compared to last years figure. The net completions of 322 dwellings still falls short of the target 478 dwellings as identified within the emerging Local Plan. The District Council has permitted 1005 net new dwellings this year. There has been a decrease in the number of affordable housing completions and the number of committed affordable dwellings this year when compared with the previous year.

Economic Development & Enterprise

7,000m² employment floorspace has been completed this year. There is still a relatively large stock of employment land available for development, located on a broad portfolio of sites within Fradley, Burntwood and Lichfield City. The land available is appropriate for all types of business use and will allow the District to continue to attract new employment opportunities.

Healthy & Safe Communities

The latest Open Space Assessment was published in 2016. It demonstrates that there is over provision of some types of open space and under provision of others across the District. Developments will continue to be required to provide open space where appropriate. Progress continues on environmental improvement schemes in Fazeley and Burntwood. Residents are increasingly satisfied with the Districts open spaces.

Natural Resources

The District is heavily involved with, and committed to, a number of different initiatives and organisations to protect and enhance our natural environment. Conditions at most of the District's Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are said to be improving, but are still unfavourable. Schemes at such sites need to continue to ensure that progress is maintained and the sites are given the best chance to return to a favourable condition. There have been no developments that were contrary to the Environment Agency's advice. The number of applications for works on trees in conservation areas decreased and the number of applications for works on trees that have TPOs has increased this year.

Built & Historic Environment

The Council continues to value and protect the historic sites which form an important element of the District's distinct character. The Council has now adopted fourteen Conservation Area Appraisals. One building has been removed from the Buildings at Risk list this year and another one added.

Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

There are 16 designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District. Progress on the neighbourhood plans continues in each area with two plans having successfully passed through referendums and are now made, and three plans have reached the pre-submission consultation stage. There has been a variety of consultation events throughout the District this year on different projects and documents which have been well attend and received by residents.

Summary of Indicators

1.5 The following tables provide a summary for each of the core output indicators and the local indicators respectively.



Comfortably achieving, and meeting outline targets



Little or no change from last year, is neither comfortably achieving well, or achieving poorly
















Needs improving, targets are not being met

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
SC1	Renewable Energy Generation		There has been no new planning permissions for renewable energy schemes granted this year.
IP1	Infrastructure Delivery		Progress has been made on a number of items of infrastructure. The IDP continues to be updated with new and updated information as this becomes available.
IP2	Community Infrastructure Levy		Charging commenced for CIL on 13th June 2016, and so far CIL money has been received but has yet to have been spent.
ST1	Number of Travel plans		Three planning permissions were granted this year which required a travel plan.
ST2	Parking Provision		Parking provision is set out within the Sustainable Design SPD, through the Development Management process the District Council seeks to meet these standards.
ST3	Sustainable Transport		The private car is by far the most commonly used method of transport within the District (data from 2011 Census).
ST5	Road Related Casualties		There has been an increase in the number of road related casualties (slight and serious), with a reduction in only the number of fatal road related casualties.
H1	Plan Period Housing Targets		The annual housing requirement is 478 dwellings per year (including cross boundary provision for neighbouring authorities).
H2	Net Additional Dwellings		There has been a decrease in the number of dwellings completed this year.
H3	Density of Housing Completions		There has been an increase in the density of housing completions this year.
H4	Housing Trajectory	-	Information on the trajectory is contained with the Five Year Land Supply Paper 2017.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
H5	New & Converted Dwellings - on Previously Developed Land		73% of completions this year have taken place on brownfield sites. Lichfield District still far exceeds the 45% target previously set for Staffordshire.
H6	Dwellings Mix		There has been a variety of dwelling types delivered this year, with a majority of two and three bedroom properties being delivered.
H8	Affordable Housing		There has been a slight decrease in the number of affordable housing completions.
H9	Committed Affordable Housing		There has been a decrease in the number of committed affordable housing.
H10	Affordable Housing Viability		The dynamic model demonstrates that 37% is the viable level of affordable housing.
H11	Additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches		There has been no change in the number of pitches this year.
H12	Number of unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller Caravans		There has been a decrease in the number of unauthorised caravans and encampments this year.
H13	Self-build and Custom Build Register		33 individuals have registered on the Self-Build and Custom Build Register this financial year.
H14	Number of plots granted self-build relief through CIL		9 plots have been granted self-build relief since the council started charging in June 2016.
H15	Permitted New Dwellings		There has been a decrease in the number of permitted new dwellings this year.
E1	Completed Employment Floorspace		7,000m ² employment floorspace has been completed this year.
E2	Employment Development on Previously Developed Land		6,521m ² employment floorspace completed this year occurred on previously developed land.
E3	Available Employment Land		There are still large areas of employment land available for development.
E4	Town Centre Uses		There has been very few developments of town centre uses this year.
E5	Number of Retail Assessments		There has been one retail assessment carried out this year.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
E6	Location of Completed Developments		No completed floorspace was located within the Districts town centres.
E7	Town Centre Health		The vacancy rate in Lichfield City Centre has decreased this year. Burntwood's vacancy rate has stayed similar.
E8	Lichfield District Tourism		Tourism in Lichfield has increased since the previous year.
HSC1	Open Space Provision		There is over provision of some typologies and under provision of others. An updated Open Space Assessment was produced in 2016 and a Playing Pitch, Tennis and Bowls Strategy was also published in 2012. These documents provide a detailed picture of the Open Space provision within the District.
HSC2	Environmental Improvement Schemes		Progress on environmental improvement schemes has continued well.
HSC3	Satisfied with Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation		A high percentage of residents are satisfied with the Districts parks.
NR1	Water Quality		A number of watercourses in the District have reached their 2015 targets as set by the Environment Agency.
NR2	Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice		No permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice.
NR3	Developments in the Countryside		There have been a number of planning permissions granted this year for a variety of rural based enterprises and businesses.
NR4	Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance		There has been a slight increase in the size of the areas of SBI & SSSI sites within the District, with a small decrease in the size of the BAS sites within the District.
NR5	To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSI's and SAC's		The Council continues work to meet its conservation objectives. Natural England have been asked to denotify the Stowe Pool SSSI as the white-clawed crayfish are no longer present.
NR6	To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area		Lichfield District Council continues to part fund and is an active partner of the Staffordshire Wildlife Sites Partnership that monitor these sites.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
NR7	To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species		The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the implementation of the Biodiversity and Development DPD.
NR9	To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB		The Council continues work on protecting and enhancing the Cannock Chase AONB.
NR10	To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy		There is only a small area of the District within the National Forest.
NR11	To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan		The District Council continues to contribute to FOM targets by carrying out woodland management and planting on sites within the District.
NR12	To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area		There continues to be very little partnership progress in the past few year.
NR13	To promote the Central Rivers Initiative vision		The District Council continues to provide funding for the Central Rivers Initiative and is a board member of the scheme.
NR14	Tree Preservation		The number of new TPOs has increased this year. There has been one prosecution for tree damage during the monitoring year. There has been a decrease in the number of works on trees in conservation areas.
NR15	Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)		There are two AQMA's in Lichfield District at Muckley Corner and the other at the A38 Wall Island to Alrewas. Monitoring continues across the District and the council is producing an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).
BE1	Number of Planning Permission Refused for Major Developments on poor design grounds		There have been no major applications refused this year on poor design grounds.
BE3	Conservation Area Appraisals		Sixteen Conservation Area Appraisals have now been adopted.
BE4	Buildings at Risk		One building has been removed from the list this year and another added. Progress continues to be made on a number of properties on the list with a view to reducing the number of buildings on this list in future years.
NP1	Neighbourhood Area Designations		There are 16 designated Neighbourhood Areas within Lichfield District.
NP2	Progress with Neighbourhood Plans		Progress on Neighbourhood Plans continues to be made across a range of communities within Lichfield District.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
CE1	Registered users on Objective		There has been an increase in number of registered users of our online consultation system.
CE2	Public Engagement		There has been continued good levels of public interest in consultation events.
CE3	Hits on webpages		There has been a large number of hits on the Lichfield District Council website since the new website has been launched.
CE4	Section 106/CIL community engagement	 	Partnership working continues to allocate funds and hold public events and consultations across the District.
CE6	Countryside		The Parks team continue extensive work within the community.

Summary of Indicators

2 Introduction: Spatial Portrait

2.1 This Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is for the financial year 1st April 2016 to the 31st March 2017. All the figures and statistics published in this report refer to this reporting year, unless otherwise stated. This is the twelfth AMR undertaken by Lichfield District Council and it builds on previous reports in order to examine how the District Council's policies are responding to the social, environmental and economic issues within the District.

2.2 Monitoring is essential to the planning process and will help the Authority to understand what is happening within the District now, and what could happen in the future. These trends will be integral to the delivery of spatial policies by highlighting whether current policies are successful or not. The AMR's principle function is to monitor the effectiveness of the Local Plan.

Structure of the AMR

2.3 The AMR follows the structure of the Local Plan Strategy, and should be read alongside the Local Plan Strategy. Each chapter begins with the Strategic Objectives and Local Plan policies being monitored. This is followed by a series of indicators which are designed to monitor the effectiveness of the policies within the Local Plan. Changes to indicators are outlined in Appendix A.

2.4 The report begins with key statistics from a range of sources relating to the spatial portrait of the District. The main body of the AMR focuses on indicators which show the performance towards set targets. The report includes statistics for this reporting year, and previous years where appropriate, so any trends are easily identifiable. As with earlier editions of the report the most up to date information has been used where available.

Lichfield District Local Plan

2.5 The Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029 was adopted by Full Council on Tuesday 17 February 2015. The Local Plan Strategy is the first part of the Local Plan for Lichfield District. The Local Plan Allocations Regulation 19 Consultation finished on 12th May 2017, ahead of submission to the Secretary of State. The Local Plan Strategy replaces the saved policies of the 1998 Lichfield District Local Plan as set out at Appendix J of the Local Plan Strategy. It can be found online at <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Local-plan/Local-plan.aspx>.

Local Development Scheme

2.6 Lichfield District Council's current [Local Development Scheme](#) (LDS) became effective in September 2016. The table belows show the time-scales for the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations Development Plan Documents as set out in the LDS.

Stage	Local Plan Strategy	Local Plan Allocations
Commencement of the preparation process	March 2007	Ended December 2016
Proposed Submission Consultation	July 2012	February 2017
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2013	July 2017
Commencement of the Hearing Sessions	June 2013	October 2017
Adoption and Publication	February 2015	May 2018

Table 2.1 Local Plan Strategy & Allocations of Land Timescales

Lichfield District Key Statistics

2.7 The following section provides a summary of key statistics relating to Lichfield District for 2016-2017. This section is broken down into specific topic areas. Much of the information in this section is drawn from the 2011 Census as this represents that latest data available.

People and Society

2.8 The 2011 Census provides the latest demographic information for Lichfield District. Since the publication of the census data 'Interim 2011-based population projections' have also been published which predict the District's population.

	2015 Mid-year Populations (Source: ONS Mid year estimates) ⁽¹⁾					
	District		West Midlands		England	
	2011 Census	2015	2011 Census	2015	2011 Census	2015
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Total Population	100,654 (100%)	102,093 (100%)	5,601,847 (100%)	5,751,000 (100%)	53,012,456 (100%)	54,786,327 (100%)
Under 15 (0-14 years old)	17.5%	16,275 (15.85%)	19.5%	1,055,044 (18.35%)	18.9%	9,792,438 (17.87%)
15-64 Years old (Working Age)	62.4%	62,861 (61.2%)	63.3%	3,650,151 (63.47%)	64.8%	35,282,317 (64.40%)
65+ Years old (Older People)	20.1%	23,570 (22.95%)	16.9%	1,045,805 (18.18%)	16.3%	9,711,572 (17.73%)
Ethnic Composition (%) (Source 2011 Census)						
	District		West Midlands		England	
White British	94.6%		82.8%		85.5%	
White Irish / White Other	2.1%		2.4%		2.2%	
Mixed	1.1%		10.2%		7.6%	
Asian or Asian British	1.5%		3.2%		3.4%	
Black or Black British	0.5%		1.5%		1.7%	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	0.3%					

Table 2.2 People and Ethnicity

1. 2016 figures are published in June 2017, next years AMR will include these figures

Education

	Staffordshire 2015 - 2016	Average for 2015 - 2016 (England)	Source
% of pupils achieving 5+ GCSE grades A*-C including English and Maths	54.7%	53.5%	Department for Education (Data shown is for the academic year)
Average 'A' Level Points Score per candidate	30.26	31.52	

Table 2.3 Education Statistics

Employment

Type of Employment	Lichfield (Number of Employees)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Residents (economically active) in employment	48,600	77.9	75.6	75.6	Nomis - ONS Annual Population Survey, 2017
Residents (economically active) unemployed	1,400	2.9	5.4	5.4	
Job Density	Total Jobs	Lichfield (density)	West Midlands (density)	Great Britain (density)	Source
Job Density ⁽ⁱ⁾	53,000 Jobs	0.86	0.78	0.83	ONS - Job Density, 2015
Unemployment	Lichfield (numbers)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Total People claiming Job Seekers Allowance	230	0.4	1.5	1.1	DWP Benefit Claimants - Working Age Client Group, November 2016

Table 2.4 Lichfield District Employment

Employment by Occupation

Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	8,100 (17%)	(10.1%)	(10.7%)	ONS Annual Population Survey, April 2016 - March 2017
Professional Occupations	6,800 (14.3%)	(17.2%)	(20.4%)	
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	7,800 (15.6%)	(13.1%)	(14.2%)	
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	7,800 (16.4%)	(10.5%)	(10.2%)	

i Job density represents the ratio of total to jobs to the working age population

Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Skilled Trade Occupations	# ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	(11%)	(10.4%)	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	5100 (10.6%)	(9.2%)	(9.1%)	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	#	(7.4%)	(7.5%)	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	#	(8.2%)	(6.3%)	
Elementary Occupations	#	(12.9%)	(10.7%)	

Table 2.5 Employment by Occupation

Employment by Industry		Employee Jobs	Lichfield %	West Midlands %	Great Britain %	Source
Primary Service (mining and quarrying)		50	0.1	0.1	0.2	ONS Business Register and Employment Survey, 2015
Energy and Water		500	1	1.2	1.1	
Manufacturing		4,500	9.4	12.2	8.3	
Construction		3,000	6.2	5.2	4.6	
Services	Wholesale and Retail, including motor trades	7,000	14.6	16.9	15.8	
	Transport Storage	2,500	5.2	5.9	4.7	
	Accommodation and Food Services	6,000	12.5	6.2	7.2	
	Information and Communication	1,250	2.6	2.6	4.2	
	Financial and other Business Services	9,500	19.8	19.1	22.6	
	Public Admin, Education and Health	9,000	18.7	26.1	26.9	
Other Services (Including Arts, Entertainment and Recreation)		3,000	6.2	4.4	4.4	

Table 2.6 Employee Jobs

ii sample size too small for reliable estimate

Average Income

Gross Weekly Pay of Full-time Workers	Lichfield	West Midlands	Great Britain	Source
Weekly earnings by residents	£659.30	£507.80	£541	ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings - Workplace Analysis, 2016
Weekly earnings by workplace	£530.70	£510.20	£540.20	

Table 2.7 Average Weekly Income

2.9 The weekly earnings by residents in Lichfield District is higher than both the regional and national figures. However the weekly earnings by workplace within Lichfield District is lower than the national figures although still higher than the rest of the West Midlands. This highlights the significant amount of out migration of workers from the District to higher salaried jobs elsewhere.

Housing

	June 2009	June 2010	2011	July 2012	July 2013	August 2014	August 2015	February 2017
Average Property Price - Lichfield District	£206,114	£257,553	£208,808	£235,515	£229,833	£243,452	£268,247	£282,453
Source	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	Hometrack (2012)	Hometrack (2013)	Hometrack (Sept 2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)	Hometrack (February 2017)
Average Property Price - West Midlands	£158,245	£174,404	£166,993	£180,000	£188,000	£191,000	£202,397	£214,877
Source	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	CLG (2012)	CLG (2013)	CLG (2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)	Hometrack (February 2017)

Table 2.8 House Prices within the District

2.10 Property values in Lichfield District are higher than most of the neighbouring authorities, and are significantly higher than the West Midlands average (£67,876 higher in 2017). The house prices in Lichfield City and many of the surrounding villages are particularly high due to the historic character of the city and attractive nature of adjoining villages and countryside.

3 Sustainable Communities

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 1	To consolidate the sustainability of the existing urban settlements of Lichfield and Burntwood as the District's principal service centres, together with key rural settlements and to ensure that the development of new homes contribute to the creation of balanced and sustainable communities by being located in appropriate settlements and by containing or contributing towards a mix of land uses, facilities and infrastructure appropriate to their location.
Strategic Priority 2	To develop and maintain more sustainable rural communities through locally relevant employment and housing development and improvements to public transport facilities and access to an improved range of services, whilst protecting the character of our rural settlements.
Strategic Priority 3	To create a District where development meets the needs of our communities whilst minimising its impact on the environment and helps the District to mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.
Core Policy 2	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
Core Policy 3	Delivering Sustainable Development
Policy SC1	Sustainability Standards for Development
Policy SC2	Renewable Energy

Introduction

3.1 This chapter monitors the polices contained within the Sustainable Communities chapter of the Local Plan.

Policy SC1	Sustainability Standards for Development
Policy SC2	Renewable Energy

Indicator SC1: Renewable Energy Generation

3.2 The 2012 Carbon Reduction Report provided information on the installation of renewable technologies. The report showed that there were 492 renewable installations across the District generating 1,897 MW of capacity per year. The great majority of these were solar panel installations with only four of the installations being for other types of renewable energy. It is unlikely that further editions of the Carbon Reduction Report will be published, as such alternative methods of monitoring need to be considered.

Application No.	Location	Type of Renewables
16/01396/FUL	Land south of The Cottage, Park Lane, Huddlesford, Lichfield	Retention of DNO substation and metering cabinet for adjacent solar farm
16/01432/FULM	Huddlesford House, Huddlesford Lane, Huddlesford, Lichfield	Variation of conditions on a 1MW solar PV farm (3390 ground mounted PV panels)

Table 3.1 Renewable Energy Generation

Key Finding One

There have been no new renewable energy generation installations this year. There continues to be generation at small and domestic levels.

4 Infrastructure

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 4	To provide the necessary infrastructure to support new and existing communities, including regeneration initiatives in those existing communities where the need for improvements to social, community and environmental infrastructure have been identified, in particular within north Lichfield, Burntwood, Fazeley and Armitage with Handsacre.
Core Policy 4	Delivering our Infrastructure
Policy IP1	Supporting & Providing our Infrastructure

Introduction

4.1 This section of the AMR monitors the delivery of infrastructure in line with the Local Plan. The infrastructure requirements for the District are detailed within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). The IDP is a living document which is continually updated as new and updated evidence becomes available. The latest IDP was published in 2017, and can be read online at: [http://www.lichfield.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The local plan and planning policy/Resource centre/Evidence base/Infrastructure/Infrastructure delivery plan/IDP.aspx](http://www.lichfield.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The%20local%20plan%20and%20planning%20policy/Resource%20centre/Evidence%20base/Infrastructure/Infrastructure%20delivery%20plan/IDP.aspx)

4.2 The District Council has continued to progress work on the Community Infrastructure (CIL). Lichfield District Council adopted CIL at Full Council on 19th April 2016, with CIL charging commencing on 13th June 2016. It is anticipated upon completion of the next AMR a better understanding of CIL receipts will be available. At this point there is limited income due to the need for permission to be granted, and commencement of development before CIL monies are received.

Core Policy 4	Delivering our Infrastructure
Policy IP1	Supporting & Providing our Infrastructure

Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery.

4.3 This indicator will monitor the number of developments which will deliver infrastructure identified within the IDP.

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
Lichfield Southern Bypass	Growth Deal funding bid made to GBSLEP and SSLEP, if unsuccessful and alternative funding not available, an application for CIL funding will be completed. Under bridge to A5206 London Road will open in 2020. Developer contributions to deliver section of bypass providing access and mitigation arrangements to the Lichfield South SDA.	Erection of up to 450 dwelling	12/00182/OUTMEI – subject to unsigned S106.

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
East of Lichfield (Streethay) SDA - Primary School	Planning application for the erection of new primary school within the East of Lichfield (Streethay) Strategic Development Allocation (SDA) submitted (ref: 17/00268/REMM). (NB - application approved after the base date of this AMR).	Erection of primary school and associated facilities.	17/00268/REMM
Lichfield Trent Valley Station	New ticket office, shelter, and 125 parking spaces have been completed. Lichfield Trent Valley has been awarded Access for All funding to improve disabled access in the form of lifts to facilitate access to the Cross City and London bound platforms. Planned to be delivered after 2019.	-	-
Friarsgate	Planning application for Friarsgate redevelopment approved in May 2016 (ref: 15/01365/FULM). Progress with scheme continues through discharging of planning conditions and submission of further planning applications for amendments.	Development comprising retail, commercial, residential uses, relocated bus station, multi-storey car park and associated landscaping, public realm, servicing, access and highway improvement works.	15/01365/FULM
Burntwood Town Centre	Planning application for retail development within Burntwood Town Centre submitted. Application currently pending consideration.	Retail development comprising total of 7,259m ² retail floorspace, drive through restaurant and associated access, car parking, servicing, landscaping and associated works.	16/01379/FULM
Broadband Improvements	Broadband improvement program being rolled out across Staffordshire with areas of Lichfield District being part of the first tranche of Superfast Staffordshire. This programme is now underway within the District and 94% of premises are expected to be covered by the end of 2018.	-	-
Cannock Chase SAC & River Mease SAC	Developer contributions secured on schemes within the Cannock Chase SAC zone of influence and River Mease water catchment to mitigate for impacts of development on the SAC's.	-	-

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
Chasewater	Improvements underway as part of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme. Continuous improvements to Chase Water Country Park including infrastructure facilities, promotion of public access and understanding of natural environment from developer contributions, public and private sector and grant aid.	-	-

Table 4.1

Indicator IP2: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

4.4 The Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a locally set charge on development. Lichfield District Council adopted CIL at Full Council on 19 April 2016 and began charging on 13 June 2016 following independent examination in January 2016. This indicator will monitor the amount of CIL received and spent within the financial year.

4.5 There has been no CIL spend in this financial year as the governance arrangements relating to CIL are yet to be formalised.

Year	CIL recieved	CIL spent
2016-17	£11,310.25	£0

Table 4.2

Key Finding One

Considerable progress has been made in regard to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Lichfield District Council adopted CIL in April 2016, and charging commenced on the 13th June 2016.

5 Sustainable Transport

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 5	To reduce the need for people to travel by directing most growth towards existing sustainable urban and rural settlements and by increasing the opportunities for travel using sustainable forms of transport by securing improvements to public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure.
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Core Policy 5	Sustainable Transport
Policy ST1	Sustainable Travel
Policy ST2	Parking Provision

Introduction

5.1 This chapter consists of a number of local indicators which are designed to monitor the state of transport and services within the District. It encompasses a range of subjects in order to examine a number of locally important factors.

Core Policy 5	Sustainable Transport
Policy ST1	Sustainable Travel

Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans

5.2 This indicator monitors the effectiveness of the Local Plan in ensuring Travel Plans are secured with major developments within the District.

Development	Planning Reference	Travel Plan Secured
Land at Easthill Farm, Wood End Lane, Fradley	16/00585/REMM	Yes
Land at Easthill Farm, Wood End Lane, Fradley	16/00586/REMM	Yes

Table 5.1 Travel Plans

Policy ST2	Parking Provision
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Indicator ST2: Parking Provision

5.3 The Sustainable Design SPD was adopted in December 2015. This SPD establishes the recommended parking standards for new developments within the District. These standards can be found on the Lichfield District Council website: [Sustainable Design SPD](#). Through the Development Management process the District Council seeks to achieve these standards.

Core Policy 5	Sustainable Transport
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Indicator ST3: Sustainable Transport

5.4 The most current data available is still from the 2011 census and is set out below to give an indication of the travel patterns within the District.

Method of Transport		Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
By Car/Van	Count	35,306	1,649,987	14,345,882	2011 UK Census
	%	47.2%	40.5%	37%	
Passenger in Car/Van	Count	2,533	154,599	1,264,553	
	%	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%	
By Train	Count	1,737	64,563	1,343,684	
	%	2.3%	1.6%	3.5%	
By Underground, Metro, Light Rail, Tram	Count	42	6,663	1,027,625	
	%	0.1%	0.2%	2.6%	
By Bus/Minibus or Coach	Count	1,034	194,723	1,886,539	
	%	1.4%	4.8	4.9%	
By Bike	Count	641	50,388	742,675	
	%	0.8%	1.2%	1.9%	
By Foot	Count	3,843	251,452	2,701,453	
	%	5.1%	6.2%	6.9%	
By Taxi	Count	103	13,319	131,465	
	%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	
By Motorcycle, Scooter or Moped	Count	247	13,370	206,550	
	%	0.3%	0.3	0.5%	
Other Method of travel to work	Count	257	13,552	162,727	
	%	0.3	0.3	0.4%	
Work mainly from home/from home	Count	3,273	121,260	1,349,568	
	%	4.4%	3%	3.5%	
Not in Employment	Count	25,741	1,530,243	13,718,653	
	%	34.4%	37.6%	4.4%	

Table 5.2 Sustainable Transport: Journey to Work

	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Cycle	Motorbike/ Moped	Other	Source
Work	6%	40%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	LDC Citizens Survey 2011
Shopping (% is greater than 100 due to people including multiple modes of transport in their answer)	20%	78%	8%	2%	2%	1%	1%	

	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Cycle	Motorbike/ Moped	Other	Source
Leisure (Sports & Leisure Centre)	16%	46%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	
Public Green Space/parks	53%	29%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	
Education	10%	21%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	

Table 5.3 Modes of Transport

Indicator ST5: Road related casualties

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Source
Fatal	1	2	5	7	2	Staffordshire County Council (2016)
Serious	10	19	15	26	39	
Slight	168	251	255	283	284	

Table 5.4 Road related casualties in Lichfield District

Key Finding One

There has been two major schemes requiring a travel plan granted planning permission this year.

Key Finding Two

The Sustainable Design SPD was adopted in December 2015, through the Development Management the District Council seeks to achieve these standards.

Key Finding Three

There has been an increase in road related casualties over the last few years within the District, particularly slight and serious incidents when compared to 2012 and 2013. There was a decrease in fatal casualties in 2016.

6 Homes for the Future

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 6	To provide an appropriate mix of market, specialist and affordable homes that are well designed and meet the needs of the residents of Lichfield District.
Core Policy 6	Housing Delivery
Policy H1	A Balanced Housing Market
Policy H2	Provision of Affordable Homes
Policy H3	Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople

Table 6.1

Introduction

6.1 Lichfield District Council faces significant housing pressures. Dwellings within Lichfield District are highly sought after due to the District's location and good accessibility to the West Midlands Conurbation. This is coupled with the historic nature and attractive qualities of the settlements and countryside. Lichfield District continues to be an attractive location for residents and developers alike.

Core Policy 6	Housing Delivery
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Indicator H1: Plan Period Housing Targets

6.2 The NPPF requires Local Authority's to set their own housing targets to meet the 'full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing' in the district. The Local Plan Strategy proposes the delivery of 10,030 homes between 2008-2029, which includes 1,000 homes to meet the needs arising in neighbouring authorities (500 for Tamworth Borough and 500 for Cannock Chase District Councils). This equates to annual delivery of 478 homes with the objectively assessed need of Lichfield District being 430 homes per annum.

6.3 Further information on the District's housing target and five year supply can be found within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017) and Five Year Housing Land Supply Paper 2017.

Plan Period	Number of Dwellings
Local Plan Strategy Annual Target (from Inspectors Initial Findings) 2008-2029	478 per annum (430 for Lichfield Districts objectively assessed needs)

Table 6.2 Plan Period and Housing Targets

Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings

H2: Additional Dwellings in Previous Years	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions 2008-2017	2,331
Demolitions / Conversions Away 2008-2017	128
Net Completions 2008-2017	2,203
H2: Additional Dwellings for the Reporting Year 2016 - 2017	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions	394
Demolitions/Conversions away	72
Net Completions	322

Table 6.3 Additional Dwellings

6.4 This year has seen an increase in the number of completions compared to last year. This figure falls short of the target of 478 dwellings per year within the Local Plan Strategy.

6.5 Lichfield District continues to be a popular location for developers with several large developments currently under construction or with planning permission across the District and further developments being submitted or at pre-application stage. Publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (August 2017) suggests that there is still a good supply of deliverable sites that could come forward over the short to medium term.

Indicator H3: Density of Completions

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Average density of new dwellings completed (dwellings per hectare)	33.3	29.5	49 (29.5 *(1))	17.2	47.1 (23.7*)	28.4	28.2	68.67

Table 6.4 Density of Completions

1. *minus small flatted schemes which skew figures

6.6 This figure takes into account the total site area, including open space, access and associated infrastructure.

6.7 The average density of completions has increased this year as a result of over 30% of completions being 1 and 2 bed flats.

Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory

6.8 The housing trajectory is available to view in the [2017 Five Year Housing Land Supply](#) document, which sets out whether the District has a 5 year housing land supply and gypsy and traveller sites for the period of 1st April 2017.

Indicator H5: New & Converted Dwellings - On Previously Developed Land

6.9 It is important to monitor the quantity of new dwellings which have been built on previously developed (brownfield) land. In terms of sustainability it is important to bring derelict land back to good economic use and development on brownfield sites, where in sustainable locations, is seen as preferable to developments on greenfield sites.

	Brownfield		Greenfield		Garden Land (Greenfield)	
	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%
2010/2011	249	76%	80	24%	-	-
2011/2012	161	77%	47	23%	-	-
2012/2013	207	82%	45	18%	-	-
2013/2014	215	65%	21	6%	93	28% ⁽¹⁾
2014/2015	330	84%	25	6%	36	9%
2015/2016	180	88%	10	5%	14	7%
2016/2017	287	73%	93	24%	14	3%

Table 6.5 Dwellings completed by land type

1. Due to Laurel House, Fazeley development which is considered to be garden land

6.10 There has been an decrease in the proportion of completions on brownfield sites to that recorded last year, but the majority of completions still occur on brownfield sites. Within Lichfield District there continues to be a good range of developments coming forward making use of previously developed land. However, whilst there are still brownfield sites available for development within the District, greenfield releases are likely be required to deliver the housing requirement over the plan period.

6.11 It is important to continue to encourage development on previously developed land as this is a core principle of the NPPF. Whilst it would be impossible to stop all development on greenfield sites it is important to realise that brownfield sites can also have significant ecological value. With this in mind the District will strive to meets its target in terms of brownfield development whilst considering the ecological impacts of any alternatives. Future development will require building on greenfield land to meet the Districts housing needs.

Policy H1

A Balanced Housing Market

Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix

6.12 The Southern Staffordshire Districts Housing Needs Study and Strategic Housing Market Assessment published in May 2012 identifies variations in the dwellings mix within the District. It identifies an imbalance of housing types across the District with high concentrations of larger, detached properties and a lack of smaller affordable dwellings. The SHMA includes an indicative requirement for home sizes across the plan period.

One Bed	Two Bed	Three Bed	Four Bed +
5%	42%	41%	12%

Table 6.6 Dwelling Mix

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H1 (1 bed house)	3	0.76%
H2 (2 bed house)	42	10.66%
H3 (3 bed house)	123	31.22%
H4+ (4+ bed house)	99	25.13%
F1 (1 bed flat)	48	12.18%
F2 (2 bed flat)	74	18.78%
B1 (1 bed bungalow)	2	0.51%
B2 (2 bed bungalow)	3	0.76%

Table 6.7 Housing types completed 2016/17

Number of Bedrooms	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
1 Bed	0.9%	3%	9.6%	5.2%	13.7%	11.7%	13.3%	13.5%
2 Bed	38.3%	33.7%	28.3%	22.2%	41%	25.1%	30.8%	30.2%
3 Bed	29.0%	37.4%	46.1%	43.7%	27.7%	43.3%	34.3%	31.2%
4+ Bed	27.1%	25.8%	15.8%	29%	17.6%	19.9%	21.6%	25.1%

Table 6.8 Completions by Number of Bedrooms

6.13 The District is seeking to increase the provision of smaller properties, specifically of 2 and 3 bed properties. This year's figures show that properties within this bracket account for approximately 61.4% of the dwellings delivered this year, a decrease on the previous years figure.

Policy H2	Provision of Affordable Homes
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Indicator H8: Gross Affordable Housing Completions

6.14 Lichfield District has an identified deficit of affordable and social housing, particularly in the main urban areas of Lichfield City and Burntwood. Currently the Local Authority require contributions to affordable housing in line with the adopted Local Plan Strategy. The Local Plan Strategy proposes a new method of calculating affordable housing contribution levels on developments, taking viability into account. Further information on viability is provided below in local Indicator H10.

Development	Completions	Under Construction
Rugeley ERZ Local Centre, Rugeley	5	46

Development	Completions	Under Construction
Land at Sportsway and Milestone Way	0	5
Land at Lichfield Road, Kings Bromley	4	0
Rugeley ERZ, Phases 4 & 5	24	0
Gross Completions	33	

Table 6.9 Affordable Completions

6.15 The gross completions of 33 affordable dwellings represents a decrease in the number completed since last year. Affordable housing equates to approximately 8.04% of the total completions in the District.

Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing

Housing market Sub Area (SHMA)	Committed
Lichfield City	35
Burntwood	50
Lichfield District North	26
Lichfield District South	26
Tamworth	0
Total	137

Table 6.10 Developed and Committed Affordable Housing

6.16 There are a further 137 affordable dwellings which are committed within the District which could be completed over the next five years. There are a number of large applications which will be determined that will include significant affordable housing provision.

Indicator H10: Affordable Housing Viability

6.17 This is an indicator of housing demand and value which may be important for future viability analysis. In order to do this, three components are also taken in to account, the Halifax House Price Index, the BCIS General Building Cost Index and VOA Alternative Land Use Value. The methodology used to calculate the viable affordable housing target is contained within the District Council's Affordable Housing Viability Assessment which can be viewed online at; <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Resource-centre/Evidence-base/Housing/Affordable-housing.aspx>

Halifax House Price Index

Figures are for England and Wales (Feb 2009 = 519.1 Base Figure)			
Period	Index (1983 = 100)	Standardised Average Price (£)	Source
September 2015	656.5	202,859	Lloyds Banking Group - Halifax House Price

Figures are for England and Wales (Feb 2009 = 519.1 Base Figure)			
Period	Index (1983 = 100)	Standardised Average Price (£)	Source
April 2016	686.8	212,204	Table 6.11
September 2016	694.0	214,418	
April 2017	711.6	219,515	

Table 6.11

6.18 Data from the Halifax House Price Index illustrates that house prices have continued to increase nationally during 2017. As is illustrated within the first section of this report, house prices within Lichfield District are significantly higher than the regional and national averages. The index has increased 37% from the base figure.

'BCIS' General Building Cost Index

6.19 The Building Cost Information Service (BCIS), is a leading provider of cost and price information for the UK construction industry. The BCIS Index Number is therefore an important component in calculating development viability. There has been an increase in the BCIS index of approximately 16% from the base figure.

	February 2017 ⁽¹⁾ (March 2009 = 286.3)
BCIS General Building Cost Index	331.8

Table 6.12 BCIS

1. latest 'Firm' BCIS figure available at the date of publication

Alternative Land Use Value

6.20 The table below shows alternative land values, using the best data available. Alternative land values may impact upon viability of future residential schemes and therefore it is important to have an understanding of the market economy.

6.21 The data for Alternative Land Use Value was previously sourced from the Valuation Office Agency's (VOA) Property Market Reports. However as has been previously reported the VOA no longer publishes the Property Market Report which has meant no new data has been published since January 2011. In the interim the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have produced '[Land value estimates for policy appraisal](#)'⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ (December 2015) which provides an updated figure for the agricultural land value within the West Midlands. This data was used last year but no newer data has been published. The data provided by CLG is based on data from the VOA and whilst this isn't a replacement for the Property Market Reports it does provide a more up to date value for land to be used within the Dynamic Model. The 'Land value estimates for policy appraisal' document notes that the agricultural land values can be used to estimate the existing value of developments on Greenfield sites.

iii https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488041/Land_values_2015.pdf

	Estimated value of a typical agricultural site
West Midlands	£24,000 (£9,716 per acre)

Table 6.13 Average agricultural land value estimates by region, per hectare

Suggested Affordable Housing Viability Target

6.22 Using the figures as summarised above it is possible to calculate a viable affordable housing quota. The table below, shows that the current viable affordable housing target is 37%.

2014	2015	2016	2017
25-27%	31-34%	40%	37%

Table 6.14

6.23 The affordable housing viability target has decreased this year. Data demonstrates that whilst house prices have continued to rise so have building costs (as demonstrated by the latest BCIS data) and it is this rise in building costs which has caused the viable target to decrease slightly.

Policy H3	Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople
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Indicator H11: Additional Gypsy & Traveller Pitches

Existing pitches lost	0
New pitches	0

Table 6.15 Pitches for Gypsy & Traveller

6.24 Lichfield District Council monitors the number of gypsy sites and caravans in the District and provides returns to the government bi-annually for the national 'Bi-yearly Gypsy & Traveller and Caravan Count'.

Indicator H12: Number of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller caravans

Number of unauthorised caravans	26
Number of unauthorised encampments	9

Table 6.16 Unauthorised caravans

Indicator H13: Self-build and Custom Build Register

6.25 From 1st April 2016 Local Authorities are required to provide a self-build and custom build register under the The Self-build and Custom Homebuilding (Register) Regulations 2016. Next years AMR will monitor the demand for self-build and custom build within the District using the indicator below.

	2016/2017
Number of individuals registered	33
Number of associations of individuals registered	1
Preference for type of house	Detached house
Preference for the number of bedrooms	4
Preference for general location	Very little information, with the few responses specifying Semi- rural over 0.25 Ha

Table 6.17 Self-build and Custom Build Register

Indicator H14: Number of plots granted self-build relief

6.26 Self build relief has been granted to 9 plots in the District this financial year.

Year	Number of plots
2016/17	9

Table 6.18 Number of plots granted self- build relief

Indicator H15: Permitted New Dwellings

	Number of permitted new dwellings	
	Gross	Net
2008/2009	535	517
2009/2010	327	317
2010/2011	208	191
2011/2012	251	234
2012/2013	179	167
2013/2014	1202	1183
2014/2015	1209	1191
2015/2016	1296	1282
2016/2017	1027	1005
Total	6234	6087

Table 6.19 Permitted new dwellings

6.27 The number of permitted new dwellings has greatly increased in the past three years, this is due to a number of planning permissions being granted on the Strategic Development Allocations within the District.

Key Finding One

The District's housing completion rates have increased this year. They are still below the average rate which would be required to meet the housing targets.

Key Finding Two

The average density of housing completions this year is 68.67 dwellings per hectare. This is an increase on last year's value which shows the District Council continues to place importance on the effective use of land, and although this target is no longer required the District is ensuring that developments make the best use of their respective sites.

Key Finding Three

The target for housing development on previously developed land was met again this year, with 73% of all completions taking place on brownfield sites.

Key Finding Four

The current viable level of affordable housing is 37%.

Key Finding Five

Permission for 1027 gross new dwellings was granted this year.

7 Economic Development & Enterprise

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 7	To promote economic prosperity by supporting measures that enable the local economy to adapt to changing economic circumstances and to make the most of newly arising economic opportunities.
Strategic Priority 8	To ensure that employment opportunities within the District are created through the development of new enterprise and the support and diversification of existing businesses, to meet the identified needs of local people.
Strategic Priority 9	To create a prestigious strategic city centre serving Lichfield City and beyond, an enlarged town centre at Burntwood and a vibrant network of district and local centres that stimulate economic activity, enhance the public realm and provide residents' needs at accessible locations.
Strategic Priority 10	To increase the attraction of Lichfield District as a tourist destination through supporting and promoting the growth of existing tourist facilities, the provision of a greater variety of accommodation, the development of new attractions appropriate in scale and character to their locations and the enhancement of existing attractions.

Core Policy 7	Employment & Economic Development
Core Policy 8	Our Centres
Core Policy 9	Tourism
Policy E1	Retail Assessments

Introduction

7.1 Lichfield District generally has a healthy economy, the spatial portrait highlighted the District's comparably low levels of unemployment and the excellent transport links which make the area a prime location for businesses to invest. Most of the employment within the District is located at employment parks at Burntwood and Fradley and, to a lesser extent, Lichfield, along with a large number of jobs within Lichfield City Centre.

7.2 The District Council has produced its first Employment Land Availability Assessment (ELAA). The ELAA, which is updated annually, identifies sites that have the potential for employment development and their potential future capacity in terms of uses, floorspace and number of jobs. The following indicators include data published within the ELAA.

Core Policy 7	Employment & Economic Development
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Indicator E1: Completed Employment Floorspace

Application Number	Address	Site Area (ha)	Use Class	Floorspace completed (m ²)	Town Centre	Previously developed land
14/00897/COU	Units A & B, Main Street, Alrewas	0.2	B8	2103	No	Yes
15/00500/FULM	Unit 20, Burntwood Business Park Zone 3, Cinder Road	1.09	B8	4060	No	Yes
15/01114/COU	Land north of Britannia Park, Lichfield	0.55	B8	213	No	No

Application Number	Address	Site Area (ha)	Use Class	Floorspace completed (m ²)	Town Centre	Previously developed land
14/01059/FUL	Land at RJK, Overlay Lane, Alrewas	0.15	B1a	260	No	No
16/00820/FULM	Roxanne UK Ltd, Hanger 5, Fradley Airfield, Wood End Lane	0.03	B1c	364	No	Yes
Total Floorspace completed (m²):				7,000		

Table 7.1 Completed employment floorspace

Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land

7.3 A majority of the employment land completed this year has taken place on previously developed land. Only two small developments were completed on greenfield sites, one of which is located within an allocated employment area (Land north of Britannia Park). The target should continue to be a majority of development on previously developed land, and with almost all of the potential sites allocated in the current Local Plan being brownfield sites, the District Council should continue to achieve the target set.

Indicator E3: Available Employment Land

'Available' Supply (2016-2029)	Uses	Ha	Floorspace (m ²)
Sites currently under construction (Appendix D Table D.1)	Total	25.27	51,719
	B1/B2/B8	25.15	51,539
	B1a (Offices)	0.12	180
Sites with planning permission (Appendix D Table D.1)	Total	45.45	156,371
	B1/B2/B8	40.66	143,871
	B1a (Offices)	4.79	12,500
Available sites (Appendix D)	Total	42.72	172,069
	B1/B2/B8	42.72	172,069
	B1a (Offices)	0	0
Total 'Available Supply'	Total	113.44	380,159
	B1/B2/B8	108.53	367,479
	B1a (Offices)	4.79	12,500

Table 7.2 Available employment land 2016-2017

7.4 Table 7.2 is extracted from the [Employment Land Availability Assessment \(ELAA\)](#) and demonstrates that there is 113.44 Ha of employment land available for employment development of which 70.72 Ha is either under construction or has the benefit of planning permission. Greater detail on a site by site basis is available within the ELAA 2017. The available supply is located across a range of sites which can provide for all types of employment development.

Core Policy 8	Our Centres
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Indicator E4: Town Centre Uses

7.5 Town centre uses are specified as type A1, A2, B1a and D2 classes for the purposes of monitoring. Lichfield District has two town centre areas as identified within the Local Plan Strategy.

	Total Amount of A1 floorspace completed (m ²)	Total Amount of A2 floorspace completed (m ²)	Total Amount of B1a) floorspace completed (m ²)	Total Amount of D2 floorspace completed (m ²)	Loss of floorspace (type and amount m ²)	Net new floorspace (m ²)
In town centres	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not in town centres	0	0	260	0	0	260

Table 7.3 New floorspace for 'town centre' uses

Policy E1	Retail Assessments
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Local Indicator E5: Number of Retail Assessments

Development	Planning reference number	Retail Assessment
Land at Birmingham Road (Friarsgate), Lichfield	15/00155/FUL	Yes

Table 7.4 Retail Assessments

Indicator E6: Location of Completed Developments

Type of Floorspace	Percentage (%)	Target
% of B1a) floorspace completed in town centres	0	No development outside town centres without justification
% of B1b) floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of B1c) floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of B2 floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of B8 floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of all floorspace completed in town centres	0	

Table 7.5 Employment Completions within town centres

7.6 No new developments were completed within the District's town centres this financial year.

Indicator E7: Town Centre Health

	Burntwood	Lichfield	Source
	2016	2016	
Market share of comparison goods shopping expenditure (2016) ⁽¹⁾	20.9%	3.1%	Lichfield Centres Report 2017 (WYG/ White Land Strategies)

Table 7.6 Market share of comparison goods expenditure. The figures below will form the basis of comparison for subsequent AMRs when retail evidence is commissioned in the future.

- The reported market share is a percentage of all comparison goods expenditure in our two centres from residents living within the study area. The area comprises all of Lichfield District as well as a small portion west of the District boundary which fits within the shopping catchment of Burntwood. The report predicts that Friarsgate, once delivered would increase Lichfield City's share to 22.4%. The proposed Burntwood town centre scheme was not included in the report as planning permission has not been secured at the time of writing. However, once delivered this scheme would also increase Burntwood's overall market share.

	Total retail premises in Lichfield City Centre	Vacant Shops in Lichfield City Centre	Vacancy Rate (Lichfield City)	Source
January 2009	295	20	6.7%	Lichfield District Venture - Lichfield City Retail Health Check
August 2009	296	31	10.5%	
December 2009	296	24	8.1%	
July 2010	296	24	8.1%	
May 2011	296	24	8.1%	
October 2011	296	21	7.1%	Update of Retail Evidence (January 2012)
April 2012	296	28	9.5%	Lichfield District Venture - Lichfield City Retail Health Check
August 2013	296	23	7.7%	Health Check
January 2014	298	25	8.3%	
July 2014	299	21	7.0%	
December 2014	299	25	8.3%	
June 2015	299	26	8.7%	
December 2015	306	28	9.15%	
June 2016	302	26	8.61%	
December 2016	302	19	6.39%	

Table 7.7 Lichfield Retail

	Total retail premises in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacant Shops in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacancy Rate (Burntwood Town Centre)	Source
July 2014	61	6	9.8%	Health Check

	Total retail premises in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacant Shops in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacancy Rate (Burntwood Town Centre)	Source
December 2014	64	4	6.25%	Lichfield District Council
June 2015	64	4	6.25%	
December 2015	66	3	4.55%	
June 2016	66	3	4.55%	
December 2016	67	3	4.47%	

Table 7.8 Burntwood Retail

Core Policy 9	Tourism
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Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism

7.7 Lichfield has a strong tourist industry based around the District's distinct character. Lichfield City itself hosts a wealth of historic and heritage attractions including the Cathedral, the Erasmus Darwin and Samuel Johnson Museums and has well used cultural venues such as the Lichfield Garrick Theatre. Lichfield City's rich history and range of architecture, along with the aforementioned attractions make it a popular destination, particularly for day trips. There are a number of other visitor attractions within the District including Drayton Manor Theme Park, Heart of the Country and the National Memorial Arboretum. The District also has a number of canals which are a visitor attraction, particularly Fradley Junction. These attractions and the tourist industry are an important part of the local economy.

Indicators for Tourism ⁽¹⁾	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total estimated number of tourists in the District	3,677,184	5,032,295	5,011,668	5,352,718	5,457,146	5,959,466
Visitors to the Tourist Information Centre (Lichfield Garrick)	47,490	53,323	53,322	48,736	37,427	34,040
Average Tourist Spend (per visit)	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	£40.51
Total income from tourism in the District	£121,347,072	£166,065,735	£165,385,044	£176,639,694	£180,085,818	£196,662,378
Number of hotel spaces granted planning permission (new)	-	0	79	0	0	0

Table 7.9 Tourism Figures

1. tourism figures are for calendar years due to the way data is collected

Key Finding One

This year 7,000m² of employment developments have been completed within the District providing an increase in employment floorspace. The Council continues to achieve in locating new employment land on previously developed land, with all the completed employment developments being on brownfield sites, thus reducing the environmental impact that such developments can have.

Key Finding Two

Lichfield District maintains a large portfolio of sites which are available for employment development, 70.72ha of land is under construction and/or has secured planning permission for employment development.

Key Finding Three

There has been no new employment development within the Districts town centres this financial year.

8 Healthy & Safe Communities

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 11	To create an environment that promotes and supports healthy choices. To improve outdoor and indoor leisure and cultural facilities available to those that live and work in and visit the District and to ensure a high standard of community safety, promoting healthier living and reducing inequalities in health and well-being.
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Core Policy 10	Healthy & Safe Lifestyles
Core Policy 11	Participation in Sport & Physical Activity
Core Policy 12	Provision for Arts and Culture
Policy HSC1	Open Space Standards
Policy HSC2	Playing Pitch & Sport Facility Standards

Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision

8.1 The latest Open Space Assessment was published in 2016, it identifies the accessibility, quantity and quality of different typologies of green space within the District. It sets priorities and where appropriate local standards that the District should aspire to.

8.2 A summary of the Assessment is provided below. Open Space provision will be monitored through updates to the Open Space Assessment.

Type of Green Space	Definition	Area (Ha)	Areas of Deficiency
Parks and Gardens	Area of informal recreation that is also used for community events, Includes; Urban Parks, Gardens, and Country Parks	79.17	Low accessibility of this typology in the North of the District. The District has low availability of 2ha woodland within 500m.
Natural and Semi-natural greens and open spaces	Natural and semi natural greenspaces have a primary purpose of wildlife conservation and biodiversity. This type of open space includes woodlands, urban forestry, scrubland, grasslands (eg downlands, commons and meadows), wetlands, open and running water, nature reserves and wastelands.	2,039.22	No single site over 500Ha in the District No 100Ha sites around Alrewas, Fradley and the eastern edge of the District.
Amenity Greenspace	Amenity Greenspace is mainly found in housing areas where it is used to enhance the appearance of an area and provide opportunities for informal activities such as jogging, dog walking and children's play space close to home. This type of open space is also present in town and city centres where they are used by workers and visitors for informal recreation and relaxation.	161.5 at 242 sites	Hamstall Ridware, Wigginton and Little Aston are deficient in this typology along with parts of Lichfield, Shenstone, Little Aston, Armitage with Handsacre, Burntwood and areas within some of the smaller rural settlements.

Type of Green Space	Definition	Area (Ha)	Areas of Deficiency
Allotments	Open space generally owned by local councils and is rented out to clubs and individuals for the purpose of growing fruit and vegetables.	21 recorded sites	There is a greater provision of allotments in the northern area of the District. The Council is supportive of additional allotment provision and follows a demand led approach.
Cemeteries and Churchyards	Cemeteries are designated areas of land intended for the internment of human remains. Churchyards are burial grounds within the walled boundary of a church. This type of land has minimal disruption so has wildlife and biodiversity importance	38.54 40 recorded churchyards	None. Demand led approach.
Provision for Children and Young People	Areas specifically for children and young people to ensure that they have opportunities to interact with their peers and learn social and movement skills within their home environment.	12.7 (approx) 66 equipped spaces	Settlements short on equipped play include: Alrewas, Canwell, Drayton Basset, Fazeley, Gentleshaw, Hammerwich, Hamstall Ridware, Hill Ridware, Hints, Kings Bromley, Longdon, Little Aston, Shenstone, Shenstone Wood End, Upper Longdon, Wiggington, Lichfield and Burntwood.
Green Corridors	This type of open space is mainly used for environmentally sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling. It provides linkages between housing areas and makes use of linear routes such as public rights of way using bridleways, cycle routes, disused railway lines, roads, canals and river banks.	628.4km in length 460km right of way 190km cycle routes	No accessibility standard will be set in relation to this typology given the varied nature of green corridors.

Table 8.1 Types of Green Space in the District

Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes

Scheme	Completed	Cost
Fazeley Memorial Square	New priorities for funding have been agreed and approved with the Town Council for implementation during 2017.	Total project cost over project lifetime £18,000
Sankeys Corner Environmental Improvements, Burntwood	Refurbished benches have been installed across the Parish area in allocations identified by the Town Council. Further priorities for implementation during 2017 will be identified by the Town Council.	Total project cost over project lifetime £35,000

Table 8.2 Environment Improvement Schemes Completed

Indicator HSC3: Satisfaction with Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation

8.3 The Parks Satisfaction survey is a continuous survey that can be completed online, it is also handed out to visitors to the parks by the Park Rangers as part of their targeted feedback. The survey can be viewed online at: <http://lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/beacon-park/views/>

How satisfied are you with the park overall?	2013	2014	2015	2016
Completely satisfied	62%	55.6%	61.7%	66%
Satisfied	36.4%	42.9%	38.3%	32%
Dissatisfied	0.8%	1.5%	0%	0%
Completely dissatisfied	0.8%	0%	0%	2%

Table 8.3 Parks satisfaction survey

Key Finding One

The Open Space Assessment 2016 identifies areas of good provision and deficiencies with regard to a range of different types of open space. The Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document sets out the Open Space Standards for new developments.

Key Finding Two

98% of respondents to the park satisfaction survey in 2016 were either completely satisfied or satisfied with the park overall.

9 Natural Resources

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 12	To protect and enhance the quality and character of the countryside, its landscapes and villages by ensuring that development which takes place to meet identified rural development needs contributes positively to countryside character through enhancements to the local environment and preserves the Green Belt.
Strategic Priority 13	To protect and enhance and expand the quality and diversity of the natural environment within and outside urban areas and help realise the positive contributions which can be made to address climate change.

Core Policy 13	Our Natural Resources
Policy NR1	Countryside Management
Policy NR2	Development in the Green Belt
Policy NR3	Biodiversity, Protected Species & their Habitats
Policy NR5	Trees, Woodland & Hedgerows
Policy NR5	Natural & Historic Landscapes
Policy NR6	Linked Habitat Corridors & Multi-functional Greenspaces
Policy NR7	Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation
Policy NR8	River Mease Special Area of Conservation
Policy NR6	Water Quality

Introduction

9.1 The landscape of Lichfield District is rich and varied due to underlying variations in geology and the presence of two major river valleys of the River Trent and River Tame. To the north and north east of the District lies the Trent Valley washlands and significant levels of quality agricultural land that make up the Mease Lowlands. The District also includes part of the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and the reservoir of Chasewater near Burntwood. The District's rural areas contain some high quality rural landscapes. There are also numerous protected areas within the District of different designations including the Cannock Chase and Mease Special Areas of Conservation, designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Sites of Biological Interest and Biodiversity Alert Sites.

Core Policy 13	Our Natural Resources
Policy NR9	Water Quality

Indicator NR1: Water Quality

9.2 There are several rivers and water courses within the District including a number of smaller rivers and tributaries, along with three major canals. The Environment Agency publishes data in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). New data will not be available annually as the WFD will monitor the quality of river catchments over a longer time frame, with wider intervals between data collection.

	Waterbody ID	Current Ecological Quality 2015	Current Chemical Quality 2015	Overall water body 2015	Predicted Ecological Quality (target date)	Overall Water Body Objective (target date)
River Trent (from Moreton Brook to River Tame)	GB104028047290	Poor	Good	Poor	Good (2027)	Good (2027)
River Mease (from Hooborough Brook to Trent)	GB104028046560	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Good (2027)	Good (2027)
Bourne-Bilson Brook Catchment (tributary of Trent)	GB104028047270	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Good (2027)	Good (2027)
River Tame (from River Anker to River Trent)	GB104028047050	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate (2015)	Moderate (2015)
Black/Bourne Brook (from source to Tame)	GB104028047000	Poor	Good	Poor	Poor (2015)	Poor (2015)
Pyford Brook Catchment (tributary of Trent)	GB104028047250	Bad	Good	Bad	Good (2027)	Good (2027)
River Blithe (from Tad Brook to River Trent)	GB104028046491	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate (2015)	Moderate (2015)
Crane Brook (from source to Fotherley Brook)	GB104028046480	Poor	Good	Poor	Poor (2015)	Poor (2015)
Fotherley Brook (from source to Black-Bourne Brook)	GB104028046450	Bad	Good	Bad	Poor (2021)	Poor (2021)
Coventry and Ashby Canals	GB70910212	Good	Good	Good	Good (2015)	Good (2015)
Trent & Mersey Canal (summit to Alrewas)	GB70410142	Good	Good	Good	Good (2015)	Good (2015)

Table 9.1 Environment Agency Water Quality (Water Framework Directive)

9.3 The Environment Agency data suggests that many of the District's watercourses are suffering from low water quality, which under the Water Framework Directive must not deteriorate, and must aim to be of at least 'good' quality. A number of watercourses have reached their 2015 targets set by the Environment Agency.

Indicator NR2: Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice

9.4 There are a number of areas within the District which are at risk of flooding, due to the rivers (River Mease, River Trent, River Tame and River Blithe) which flow through it. These areas have been identified through the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) published in 2014.

	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	Target
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9.2 Permissions granted contrary to EA advice

9.5 As was the case in previous years there have been no permissions granted contrary to the advice given by the Environment Agency - this was the target set previously and should remain the target for future years.

Core Policy 13	Our Natural Resources
Policy NR1	Countryside Management
Policy NE2	Development in the Green Belt

Indicator NR3: Developments in the Countryside

9.6 Policy within the Local Plan acknowledges the importance of a strong rural economy to the District and is supportive of appropriate proposals. The District Council will continue to plan positively and encourage rural enterprise where appropriate.

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises			
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Proposal within Green Belt
Brookfields, Green Barns Lane, Little Hay	16/00326/COU	Change of use from private gun dog kennels and associated facilities to boarding kennels and grooming area.	Yes
The Hill Farm, Ford Lane, Chorley	16/00258/COU	Change of use of barn to form 12no stables and installation of outdoor menage with associated fencing	Yes
Coach and Horses Plantation, London Road, Weeford	14/00631/COU	Additional use to existing commercial woodland for country pursuits including clay pigeon shooting, air soft, air rifles, archery and associated parking and buildings	Yes
Land between Daisy Lane and Canal, Daisy Lane, Alrewas	15/00974/FULM	Construction of a 60 berth canal boat marina including mooring jetties, walkways, workshop/ toilet block, service quay, facilities building, parking, landscaping and associated works	No
Drayton Manor Theme Park, Drayton Manor Drive, Fazeley	16/00134/OUTM	Development of a lodge park comprising up to 40 holiday lodges with associated access, car parking, landscaping and services	Yes
Land adj Wheel Cottage, Tamworth Road, Lichfield	16/00006/FULM	Creation of a 54 berth canal community water activity centre together with associated infrastructure, car parking, and facilities building	Yes
The Cottage, Homestead Farm, Croxall Road, Alrewas	16/00650/FUL	Proposed animal boarding and sanctuary - Demolition of two barns and erection of kennels, cattery, reception building, squaring off of existing stables, provision of car parking and landscaping and the sue of the paddock for the exercising of animals	No
Green Barns Farm, Green Barns Lane, Little Hay	16/00905/FUL	Proposed outbuilding to house livestock	Yes

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises			
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Proposal within Green Belt
Positively Prepared^(iv) Planning Permissions for Development in the Green Belt			
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Included in table above
Brookfields, Green Barns Lane, Little Hay	16/00326/COU	Change of use from private gun dog kennels and associated facilities to boarding kennels and grooming area.	Yes
The Hill Farm, Ford Lane, Chorley	16/00258/COU	Change of use of barn to form 12no stables and installation of outdoor menage with associated fencing	Yes
Coach and Horses Plantation, London Road, Weeford	14/00631/COU	Additional use to existing commercial woodland for country pursuits including clay pigeon shooting, air soft, air rifles, archery and associated parking and buildings	Yes
Drayton Manor Theme Park, Drayton Manor Drive, Fazeley	16/00134/OUTM	Development of a lodge park comprising up to 40 holiday lodges with associated access, car parking, landscaping and services	Yes
Land adj Wheel Cottage, Tamworth Road, Lichfield	16/00006/FULM	Creation of a 54 berth canal community water activity centre together with associated infrastructure, car parking, and facilities building	Yes
Green Barns Farm, Green Barns Lane, Little Hay	16/00905/FUL	Proposed outbuilding to house livestock	Yes

Table 9.3 Planning permissions granted for rural enterprises

Core Policy 13	Our Natural Resources
Policy NR3	Biodiversity, Protected Species & their Habitats
Policy NR7	Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation
Policy NR8	River Mease Special Area of Conservation

iv positively prepared means developments which contribute to economic, social & community and environmental sustainability

Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance

Site	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)
Site of Biological Interest (SBI)	77	983.1	85	827.6	85	818.8	85	826.3	87	826.2	87	826.2	88	830.6
Biodiversity Alert Site (BAS)	59	264.4	57	238.5	57	238.5	57	233.9	57	233.8	57	233.8	56	232.7
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	5	230.6	4	329.5	4	329.5	4	330.7	4	329.5 ⁽¹⁾	4	329.5	4	330.5
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	13.0	1	10.7 *	1	10.7	1	10.7
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	1	550.3	1	550.3 ⁽²⁾	1	550.3 ^{**}	1	550.3 ^{**}	1	550.3 ^{**}	1	550.3 ^{**}	1	550.3 ^{**}
Source: Staffordshire County Council														

Table 9.4 Areas of Biodiversity

- *change primarily caused by use of better quality boundary to district
- **Much of the AONB is outside the District Boundary

9.7 The quality of SSSI's are monitored by Natural England, the table below provides an assessment of the SSSI's within the District.

SSSI	Unit Number	Unit Area (ha)	Main Habitat	Condition	Latest Assessment Date	Source
Stowe Pool and Walk Mill Clay Pit	1	5.28	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable - declining	19/12/2012	Natural England
	2	3.12	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable - no change	20/12/2012	Natural England
Chasewater and the Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths	5	30.02	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering	29/07/2010	Natural England
	6	53.86	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering	29/07/2010	Natural England
	7	7.03	Fen, marsh & swamp - lowland	Favourable	28/07/2010	Natural England
	8	8.72	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering	28/07/2010	Natural England
	9	11.40	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering	28/07/2010	Natural England
	12	8.81	Standing open water and canals	Favourable	27/07/2010	Natural England

SSSI	Unit Number	Unit Area (ha)	Main Habitat	Condition	Latest Assessment Date	Source
	13	102.76	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable - Recovering	27/07/2010	Natural England
	14	1.52	Standing open water and canals	Favourable	26/07/2010	Natural England
	15	6.06	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable - Recovering	26/07/2010	Natural England
Gentleshaw Common	3	69.23	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering	15/10/2013	Natural England
	4	11.24	Fen, marsh & swamp - lowland	Unfavourable - Recovering	15/10/2013	Natural England
River Mease	1	5.85	Rivers and streams	Unfavourable - No Change	14/1/2010	Natural England

Table 9.5 Condition of SSSI's within the District

9.8 Many of the sites are said to be recovering, it is important to maintain this improvement over the long term to bring the sites back to a favourable condition.

Biodiversity & Environmental Quality Initiatives Indicators

9.9 Lichfield District Council contributes to a number of local programmes designed to protect and enhance biologically important sites throughout the District. The Council also contributes to a number of local initiatives which relate to maintaining and enhancing certain environments found within the District boundary. Many of these initiatives are long term goals and will be monitored over their duration, the indicators set out the current situation and the Councils contribution.

Local Indicator	Targets	Current Situation
Indicator NR5: To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSIs and SACs	To achieve and maintain favourable conditions for all SSSIs and SACs in Lichfield District	The Council meets the conservation objectives for its SSSI by implementing Higher Level Stewardship scheme, that is funded by DEFRA, at Wharf Lane. Stowe Pool SSSI is in 'unfavourable' and 'declining' condition because the white-clawed crayfish are no longer present and Natural England have been asked to denotify this site.
Indicator NR6: To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area	No net loss of areas of natural or semi-natural habitat	Lichfield District Council continues to part fund and is an active partner of the Staffordshire Wildlife Sites Partnership that which monitor these sites (over a five year period). There are currently 78 sites being monitored within the District.

Local Indicator	Targets	Current Situation
Indicator NR7: To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species	Protection and enhancement of the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and species. No net loss of Staffordshire BAP priority habitats and species	The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the implementation of the Districts Biodiversity and Development SPD and Biodiversity Strategy. This is also monitored through Development Control, which seeks biodiversity enhancement, mitigation and/or compensation should development occur at such sites. Lichfield District Council also contributes through the District's biodiversity strategy. Lichfield District Council is also an active partner of the Wildlife Sites Partnership.
Indicator NR9: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB	Achieve schemes in the action plan.	The Council actively participates in an Officer Working Group and Joint Committee for the governance of AONB delivery and an annual monitoring report is produced to monitor progress against the management plan.
Indicator NR10: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy	To make a contribution to forest biodiversity action plan targets	There is only a small area of the National Forest within Lichfield District however we continually discuss biodiversity opportunities with the National Forest team.
Indicator NR11: To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan	To contribute to the Forest of Mercia's own targets for woodland planting, management and access	The District Council continues to contribute to Forest of Mercia targets by carrying out woodland management and enhancement and planting trees on sites within the District where possible.
Indicator NR12: To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area	To continue to contribute to achieving the strategy	Lichfield District Council is willing to contribute to this strategy however there has been very little partnership progress in the past year.
Indicator NR13: To promote the Central Rivers Initiative Vision	Active involvement with the steering of this project and achieving targets associated with Lichfield District Council	<p>The District Council continues to provide funding for the Central Rivers Initiative (CRI) and is a board member of the scheme.</p> <p>The focus for the District Council is to support the project and help foster increased recreational opportunities, tourism and economic activity.</p>

Table 9.6 Biodiversity Indicators

Policy NR5
Trees, Woodland & Hedgerows
Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Number of new tree preservation orders	8	7	10	8	10	10	3	9
Number of existing tree preservation orders deleted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of prosecutions for tree damage	2 (both with caution)	1 (2 cautions)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Area	Number of applications for works on trees in conservation areas							
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Alrewas	10	8	12	15	26	18	26	22
Clifton Campville	-	-	-	0	0	2	0	0
Colton	3	2	3	5	7	3	2	4
Elford	6	4	3	3	8	3	3	6
Fazeley	-	6	6	1	3	3	3	1
Fradley	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Hamstall Ridware	-	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Handsacre	-	3	3	1	0	0	0	3
Harlaston	-	1	4	3	2	1	3	1
Haunton	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2
Hints	2	2	2	5	5	1	3	2
Hopwas	-	2	0	0	1	0	3	0
Kings Bromley	8	5	7	4	13	8	7	3
Little Aston	26	17	18	27	36	29	25	34
Lichfield	17	28	26	22	22	31	46	31
Longdon Green	1	1	03	0	6	3	1	6
Mavesyn Ridware	-	1	1	0	2	2	2	1
Shenstone	12	2	7	8	11	12	9	11
Wall	-	12	1	2	2	3	4	3
Whittington	10	0	1	9	16	18	13	12
Wigginton	-	0	12	0	1	2	1	2

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Total	97	99	110	109	166	140	153	144

Table 9.7 Tree Preservation

Number of Applications for Works on Trees that have TPOs			
	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Burntwood	23	27	31
Little Aston	20	14	40
Lichfield	32	30	41
Northern Area	19	19	17
Southern Area	24	24	21
Total	118	114	150

Table 9.8 Tree Preservation

Core Policy 13
Our Natural Resources
Indicator NR15: Air Quality Management Areas

9.10 This indicator monitors the number and condition of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) within Lichfield District. Detailed information on Air Quality within the District and on the AQMA can be found in the Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessments which are produced by the Environmental Health Department of the District Council. ^(v) Data is collected in calendar years, therefore the most recent information available is for 2015.

9.11 There are currently two AQMA within Lichfield District, one located at Muckley Corner and the second on the A38 Wall Island to Alrewas, which was designated in November 2015 and came into effect on 1st August 2016. During 2015, 8 sites exceeded the Annual Mean NO₂ objective, two of which were outside an AQMA. The latest Air Quality Annual Status Report published in September 2016 shows that the AQMA at Muckley Corner still exceeds the annual mean NO₂ objective. Monitoring also continues at other locations within the District.

9.12 The Council is producing an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives and to tackle the air quality issues within the AQMA.

Key Finding One

Lichfield District remains heavily involved with many different environmental projects, initiatives and partner organisations to ensure the protection of our natural environment and continues to be committed to the progress and success of these schemes.

v <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Residents/Environment/Environmental-health/Pollution/Air-quality-monitoring.aspx>

Key Finding Two

A number of watercourses have reached their 2015 targets, though the majority of watercourses within the District require improvement to meet their 2027 targets.

Key Finding Three

There has been a number of planning permissions granted for countryside based enterprises. The District Council continues its excellent record of accepting the advice of the Environment Agency with no developments occurring contrary to their advice.

Key Finding Four

There has been a decrease in the number of applications for works on trees in conservation areas. Nine new TPOs were granted this year.

10 Built & Historic Environment

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

Strategic Priority 14	To protect and enhance the District's built environment and heritage assets, its historic environment and local distinctiveness, ensuring an appropriate balance between built development and open space, protecting the character of residential areas, protecting existing open spaces and improving the quality of and accessibility to open space and semi-natural green spaces.
Strategic Priority 15	To focus residential, community and commercial facilities into high quality developments within the most sustainable locations whilst protecting and enhancing the quality and character of the existing built and natural environments.

Core Policy 14	Our Built & Historic Environment
Policy BE1	High Quality Development

Introduction

10.1 Much of Lichfield District's character and tourism draw is due to its wealth of historic buildings and conservation areas. The preservation of historic sites remain of paramount importance.

Core Policy 14	Our Built & Historic Environment
Policy BE1	High Quality Development

Indicator BE1: Number of Planning Permissions Refused for Major Developments on poor design grounds

10.2 There have been no major developments refused during this year on poor designs grounds. This shows that the project team's approach to planning applications and pre-application engagement continues to ensure quality development comes forward.

Indicator BE3: Conservation Area Appraisals

10.3 Sixteen Conservation Area Appraisals have now been adopted, for Alrewas, Kings Bromley, Little Aston, Clifton Campville, Lichfield City, Shenstone, Bonehill & Fazeley, Colton, Harlaston, Hopwas, Fradley Junction, Haunton, Hints, Mavesyn Ridware, Elford and Hamstall Ridware.

Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk

Number of Buildings on the Buildings at risk survey	17	Target
Building	Current Situation	
Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings		
Angel Croft Hotel and attached Outbuilding, Front Railings and Gates, Beacon Street	Planning and LBC granted for change of use to apartments. Building now boarded up but work due to start imminently. Priority Category: B - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; solution agreed but not yet implemented.	To reduce the number of buildings on the list

Manor House, Blithbury Road, Hamstall Ridware	Priority Category: A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed.	
Church Tower north of Church of St. John, Shenstone	No change, condition deteriorating. Priority Category: A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed.	
Church Tower north of St John the Baptist, Edingale	New entry on register. Priority Category: B - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; solution agreed but not yet implemented.	
Grade II listed buildings (Surveyed in 2013 as part of Heritage at Risk project)		
113 and 115 Main Street, Alrewas	LBC application submitted to re-build front gable - not yet implemented.	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Armitage United Reform Church, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre	No change - still in same poor condition	
Stonehouses Cottages, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre	No change - building continues to deteriorate	
2 Coleshill Street, Fazeley	No change – building remains watertight	
Bonehill Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change – building continues to deteriorate	
Fazeley Mill (Tolsons Mill), Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change – building continues to deteriorate but discussions with owners are ongoing	
116 to 120 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change	
122 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change – building continues to deteriorate	
L Shaped range of buildings, Bucks Head Farm, Watling Street, Hints	Still in same condition. In the ownership of HS2 and will be part demolished as part of HS2 Phase 1	
Garden walls and pavilions at Manor Park, Kings Bromley	No change - still in same condition	
Wall extending 14m SW from 35 Lombard Street, Lichfield	LBC application submitted to demolish and re-build - work due to begin imminently	
The Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Mavesyn Ridware	No change – still in same condition	
Packington Hall, Tamworth Road, Packington	Planning application and LBC application approved, work not yet commenced - discussions with new owners are ongoing	

Table 10.1 Buildings at Risk

Key Finding One

The target for indicator BE3 has been completed with all 16 conservation area appraisals now adopted.

Key Finding Two

One building has been removed from the Buildings at Risk list this year, whilst another has been added.

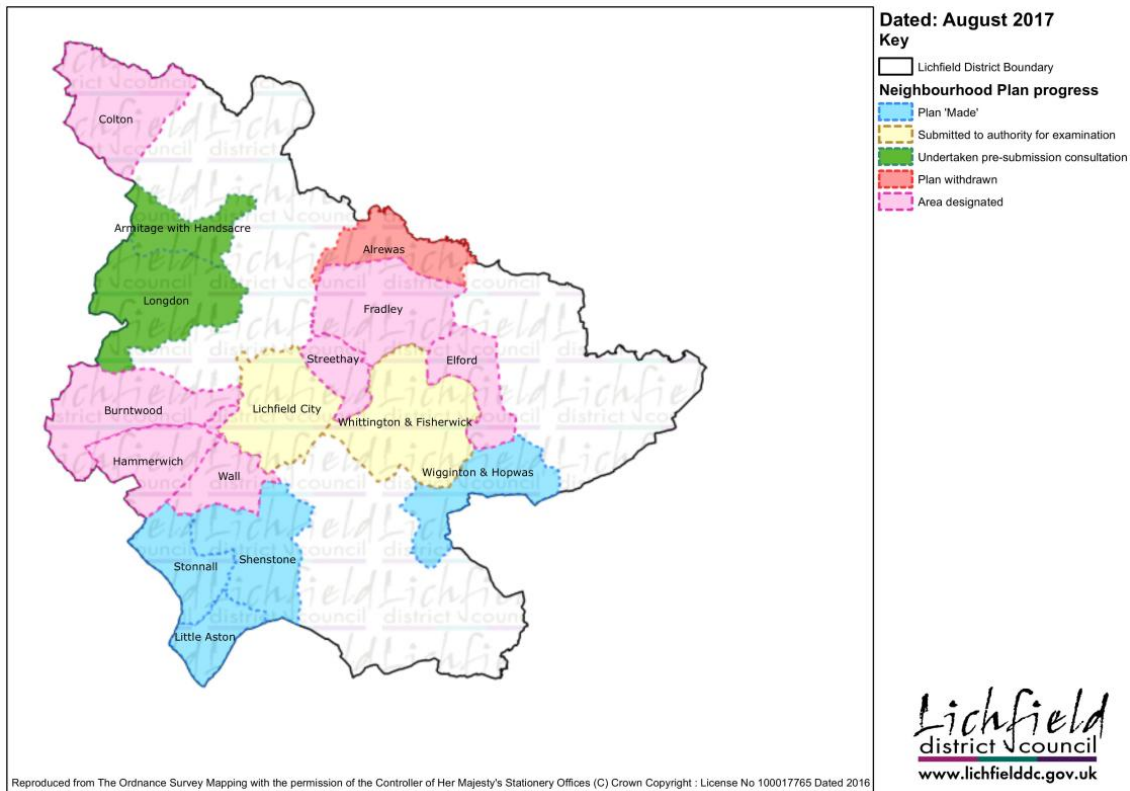
11 Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

Introduction

11.1 Whilst this chapter is not related to a specific section of the Local Plan it is considered important to continue to monitor community engagement in relation to spatial policy and the implementation of development plans.

Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Area Designations

11.2 Neighbourhood Plans are community produced documents which when 'made' (adopted) form part of the Development Plan for the District. The District Council will advise and guide Parishes producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The map below shows the sixteen designated Neighbourhood Areas within the District and their progress at the end of the monitoring year.



Picture 11.1 Neighbourhood Plan Progress Map

Indicator NP2: Progress with Neighbourhood Plans

11.3 This indicator shows the progress of Neighbourhood Plans in regards to the statutory stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process at the end of the monitoring year. Neighbourhood Plans are live projects and up-to-date information can be found at <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Neighbourhood-plans/Neighbourhood-Plans.aspx>

Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Area Designated		Pre-submission Consultation	Local Authority Publicity Period	Submitted for Examination	Examiners Report Received	Referendum	Made
Alrewas	19/02/2013	Communities work on their plan	21/05/2014 - 02/07/2014	12/02/2015 - 17/03/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015 (1)	-	-
Armitage with Handsacre	09/07/2013		02/05/2017 - 28/07/2017	-	-	-	-	-
Burntwood	08/04/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Colton	15/03/2016		-	-	-	-	-	-
Elford	14/08/2015		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fradley	09/12/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Hammerwich	09/12/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Lichfield City	10/12/2013		15/07/2016 - 09/09/2016	07/07/2017 - 18/08/2017	-	-	-	-
Little Aston	19/02/2013		03/11/2014 - 14/12/2014	06/03/2015 - 24/04/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015	Feb 2016	April 2016
Longdon	09/07/2013		11/07/2016 - 21/08/2016	-	-	-	-	-
Shenstone	19/02/2013 (area modified 08/10/2013)		03/11/2014 - 04/01/2014	09/10/2015 - 20/11/2015	Dec 2015 - April 2016	April 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
Stonnall	19/02/2013		10/11/2014 - 05/01/2015	16/01/2015 - 20/03/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015	Feb 2016	April 2016
Streethay	09/12/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Wall	08/04/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Whittington & Fisherwick	08/04/2014		30/01/2017 - 13/03/2017	28/07/2017 - 08/09/2017	-	-	-	-
Wigginton & Hopwas	09/07/2013	14/08/2015 - 25/09/2015	23/10/2015 - 04/12/2015	Dec 2015 - Feb 2016	Feb 2016	Sep 2016	Dec 2016	

Table 11.1 Progress with Neighbourhood Plans

1. This Neighbourhood Plan was withdrawn on 11/2/16

11.4 This financial year has seen two further Neighbourhood Plans successfully pass through referendum. Continued progress has been made on a number of plans across the District within the year. Communities continue to work on their Neighbourhood Plan. It is anticipated that next year's AMR will show substantial progress of many of the Neighbourhood Plans.

Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective

11.5 Objective is the consultation portal used by the District Council for all matters relating to the Local Plan. It allows consultees to register and comment on plans and publications paragraph by paragraph. Registered users also receive email or postal updates when new documents are published for consultation.

Registered users on Objective	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Consultees	4,003	7,736	7,882	7,520	7,358	7,309	7,333	7660
Agents	335	344	397	396	404	363	369	406

Table 11.2 Registered Objective Users

Indicator CE2: Public Engagement in Local Plans & Neighbourhood Plans

11.6 During this monitoring year the District Council has consulted on a number of neighbourhood plans, Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) documents. These consultations were logged using Objective.

Document	Number of Comments	Contributing Consultees
Local Plan Allocations Open Consultations - Regulation 18 Consultation	96	93
Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 List Consultation - October 2016	6	4
Draft Local Plan Allocations Consultation - Regulation 19 (1)	To be identified within next year's AMR	To be identified within next year's AMR

Table 11.3 Consultations

1. Consultation ended 12th May 2017

Indicator CE3: Hits on webpages

11.7 A new website for Lichfield District Council was launched in July 2015 that provides information to residents, businesses and visitors.

Indicator	2017
Page views	1,538,957
Sessions	634,087
Users	393,155

Table 11.4 Website Analytics

Indicator CE4: Section 106/CIL community engagement

11.8 The Spatial Policy & Delivery Team liaise with Parish Councils, partners and other community groups to implement community projects across the District using Section 106 contributions collected from developments. During 2015/2016 projects have taken place across the District using developer contribution. Further information on Section 106 can be found online at <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Planning-obligations/Section-106.aspx>

Year	Consultation	Consultees	Involvement
2016/2017	Amended Regulation 123 List	All	This four week consultation which took place between 12th October and 10th November gave people the opportunity to comment upon proposed amendments to the previously adopted Regulation 123 list.

Table 11.5 Section 106 and CIL Community Engagement

Indicator CE6: Countryside

11.9 The Parks Team based in Leisure Services run community based events on its sites in relation to the management and enhancement of the District's wildlife. They provide educational and practical events so people can take part in wildlife management

Scheme	Consultation
Gentleshaw Common SSSI, Chasewater Heaths SSSI, Pipehill Common, Muckley Corner Common, Christian Fields LNR, Ironstone Road Heathland, Coulter Lane, Saddlers Wood, Larks Rise, Beacon Park, Darnford Park Conservation Projects and Education	<p>Gentleshaw Common has now been transferred to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on a 99 year lease.</p> <p>A number of volunteer based events were completed on various sites.</p> <p>Volunteers learn about wildlife management and contribute to a site's conservational and recreational value. The council works with local schools to highlight the importance of wildlife on its sites.</p>

Table 11.6 Countryside

Key Finding One

There are currently sixteen designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District. Four Neighbourhood Plans have successfully passed referendum and are now made.

Key Finding Two

The Spatial Policy & Delivery team continue to carry out extensive public consultation and engagement exercises on a range of projects and plans and there continues to be a high level of public interest and engagement in such events.

Appendix A Indicator Changes

Indicator Name	Changes	AMR Chapter
Indicator SC1: Renewable Energy Generation		Sustainable Communities
Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery		Infrastructure
Indicator IP2: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)		
Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans		Sustainable Transport
Indicator ST2: Parking Provision		
Indicator ST3: Sustainable transport		
Indicator ST5: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries		
Indicator H1: Plan Period Housing Targets		Homes for the Future
Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings		
Indicator H3: Density of Completions		
Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory		
Indicator H5: New & Converted Dwellings - On Previously Developed Land		
Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix		
Indicator H7: Building for Life Assessments	Removed from AMR	
Indicator H8: Affordable Housing Completions		
Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing		
Indicator H10: Affordable Housing Viability		
Indicator H11: Additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches		
Indicator H12: Number of unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller Caravans		
Indicator H13: Self-build and Custom Build Register		
Indicator H14: Number of Plots Granted Self-Build Relief	New indicator	
Indicator H15: Permitted Applications for New Dwellings	New indicator number	
Indicator E1: Completed Employment Floorspace		Economic Development & Enterprise
Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land		
Indicator E3: Available Employment Land		
Indicator E4: Town Centre Uses		
Indicator E5: Number of Retail Assessments		
Indicator E6: Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments		
Indicator E7: Town Centre Health		
Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism		

Indicator Name	Changes	AMR Chapter
Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision		Healthy & Safe Communities
Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes		
Indicator HSC3: Satisfaction with Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation		
Indicator NR1: Water Quality		Natural Resources
Indicator NR2: Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice		
Indicator NR3: Developments in the Countryside		
Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance		
Indicator NR5: To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSI's and SAC's		
Indicator NR6: To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area		
Indicator NR7: To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species		
Indicator NR8: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy	Removed from AMR	
Indicator NR9: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB		
Indicator NR10: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy		
Indicator NR11: To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan		
Indicator NR12: To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area		
Indicator NR13: To promote the Central Rivers Initiative Vision		
Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation		
Indicator NR15: Air Quality Management Area		
Indicator BE1: Number of Planning Permissions Refused for Major Developments on poor design grounds		Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement
Indicator BE3: Conservation Area Appraisals		
Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk		
Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Plans		
Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective		
Indicator CE2: Public Engagement		
Indicator CE3: Hits on webpages		
Indicator CE4: Section 106/ CIL community engagement		
Indicator CE6: Countryside		

Table A.1 Indicator Changes

Glossary

Term	Acronym	Description
Affordable Housing		Housing provided with subsidy both for rent and shared ownership, for people who are unable to afford their own home in the general housing market, because of the disparity between local housing costs and incomes.
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	A report submitted to Government by local or regional planning bodies on a yearly basis. The purpose of the report is to assess Local Development Framework or Regional Spatial Strategy production progress and policy effectiveness. The AMR follows a series of core indicators and implements the council's own local indicators to provide an assessment of how successful the council's current policies are.
Biodiversity		The variety of life encompassing all species, genetics and ecosystems, including plants and animals.
Biodiversity Alert Site	BAS	Sites that form a part of the county's nature conservation resource, but these sites are of a lower significance than other conservation sites due to their lower quality, smaller size, damage or disturbance. The degree of protection merited by each site is assessed on an individual basis.
(Cannock Chase) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	AONB	AONBs were created by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act in 1949 to preserve and enhance its natural beauty. These sites are smaller than national parks and management of the sites is different, but local planning authorities are given the power to operate development control within the site. Part of the Cannock Chase AONB crosses into Lichfield District near Burntwood, and the council contributes to the management and other initiatives which are designed to protect the AONB.
Community Infrastructure Levy	CIL	A new provision which empowers, but does not require, Local Authorities to obtain a financial contribution on most types of new development based on the size and type of the Community Infrastructure Levy CIL development. The proceeds of the levy are to be spent on local and sub-regional infrastructure to support the community.
Conservation Area		Areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character, appearance or setting of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.
Indices of Multiple Deprivation	IMD	The index combines a number of indicators which focus on a range of social, economic and housing issues within areas of England. These are then used to provide an overall deprivation rank for these areas. The Index contains 354 Districts (of which Lichfield District is one) and each District is ranked with the poorest scoring ones coming first in descending order. The index is published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).
Greenfield Land/Site		A plot of land or site which has never been built on before, or where the remains of any structure have been absorbed into the landscape/habitat over time.
Infrastructure		The physical features that make up the transport network. (Roads, rails, bus stops and stations)
Infrastructure Delivery Plan	IDP	A plan to implement the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure, required to create sustainable communities in line with a Local Plan.

Term	Acronym	Description
Local Development Scheme	LDS	The local planning authority's time-scale programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents that must be agreed with Government and reviewed every year.
Lichfield District 1998 Local Plan		An old-style development plan prepared by local planning authorities, to set out how the Districts planning system will operate. These plans will continue to operate for a time after the commencement of the new development plan system. A number of Local Plan policies have been saved to be taken forward to the new system. A list of these policies is provided within the appendices.
Local Plan		The plan for future development within Lichfield District up to 2028, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with communities and other bodies. The Local Plan when adopted forms the statutory plan for the District. The Lichfield District Local Plan will be divided into two documents; the Local plan: Strategy and the Local Plan: Allocations.
Local Plan: Strategy		This document. The local plan strategy contains the broad policy directions and long term strategy to manage development, infrastructure and services across the District. The strategy consists of strategic policies which set out how the strategy will be implemented and monitored.
Local Plan: Allocations		Second part of the Lichfield District Local Plan which will contain policy based allocations to manage development within the District until 2028.
Local Transport Plan	LTP	This Plan sets out proposals for transport provision in the county up to 2026, including walking, cycling, public transport, car based travel and freight, together with the management and maintenance of roads and footways.
National Planning Policy Framework	NPPF	Document containing all national planning policy published in March 2012. The National Planning Policy Framework replaced all previously issued Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPG).
Open Space		All space of public value, includes natural and semi-natural areas, parks, gardens, allotments and play areas. Open space also incorporates areas of water, canals, lakes and reservoirs, which offer opportunities for sport and recreation. They also act as a visual amenity and a haven for wildlife.
Previously Developed Land (Brownfield Land)	PDL	Land which is currently or has in the past been occupied by a permanent structure and associated infrastructure.
Planning Policy Statement	PPS	A document which sets out the government's views and instructions on the way that each local planning authority should implement its responsibilities and duties in relation to spatial planning.
Regional Spatial Strategy	RSS	The RSS was a strategy for how a region should look in 15 to 20 years time and possibly longer. It identified the scale and distribution of new housing in region, indicates areas for regeneration, expansion or sub-regional planning and specifies priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, minerals and waste treatment and disposal. Regional Spatial Strategies are due to be abolished in the near future.
Special Area of Conservation	SAC	Sites of European importance that can only be achieved once the site has been designated as a SSSI

Term	Acronym	Description
Site of Biological Importance	SBI	Sites of local importance, which represent the best remaining sites within the District.
Site of Special Scientific Interest	SSSI	The finest sites for wildlife and natural features, and are identified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The purpose of a SSSI is to preserve and protect valuable environments for future generations to enjoy, and they make a valuable contribution to the ecological processes upon which will all depend.
Sustainable Development		A widely used concept which was coined in the 1987 Brundtland Report: "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". Sustainable Development has become the driving force behind the governments planning system which has four main aims to help achieve sustainable development; social progress which recognises the needs of everyone; effective protection of the environment; the prudent use of natural resources; and the maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.
Tree Preservation Order	TPO	A mechanism for securing the preservation of single or groups of tree of acknowledged amenity value. A tree subject to an order may not be worked upon without the prior consent of the local planning authority.

Table 2.1