



Authority Monitoring Report 2016

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 The 2016 Lichfield District Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) (previously titled Annual Monitoring Report) covers the period 1st April 2015 - 31st March 2016. 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 Strategy, and therefore should be read in conjunction with the Local Plan Strategy. 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 a small number of planning permissions granted this year for small scale renewable energy installations, all of which are for solar panels.

Infrastructure

Progress has been made on a number of items of infrastructure this year with many projects being completed. Lichfield District Council are due to adopt a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in April 2016.

Homes for the Future

There has been a slight decrease in the number of housing completions this year compared to last years figure. The net completions of 200 dwellings falls well short of the target 478 dwellings as identified within the emerging Local Plan. The District Council has permitted 1282 net new dwellings this year. There has been an increased number of affordable housing completions and the number of committed affordable dwellings this year.

Economic Development & Enterprise

4,520m² 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 Open Space Assessment 2012 was published as part of the evidence for the Local Plan. 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 District's 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 and with 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.

Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

There are now 16 designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District. Progress on the neighbourhood plans continues in each area with two plans having held referendums, four plans receiving their examiners report and one plan being withdrawn. There has been a variety of consultation events throughout the District this year on different projects and documents which have been well attended 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 a small number of 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	-	Next year's AMR will provide data after a full monitoring year has been completed.
ST1	Number of Travel plans		Three planning permissions were granted this year which required a travel plan.
ST2	Parking Provision	-	Next year's AMR will provide data after a full monitoring year has been completed.
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 overall reduction in the number of 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 little change in the density of housing completions this year.
H4	Housing Trajectory		The trajectory shows there has been a decrease in the number of dwellings this year. Further information on the trajectory is contained with the SHLAA 2016.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
H5	New & Converted Dwellings - on Previously Developed Land		88% 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.
H7	Building for Life 12 Assessment		All developments assessed this year scored well under the Building for Life 12 criteria.
H8	Affordable Housing		There has been a slight increase in the number of affordable housing completions.
H9	Committed Affordable Housing		There has been an increase in the number of committed affordable housing.
H10	Affordable Housing Viability		The dynamic model demonstrates that 40% 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 an increase in the number of unauthorised caravans this year.
H13	Self-build and Custom Build Register	-	Next year's AMR will provide data after a full monitoring has been completed.
H14	Permitted New Dwellings		There has been an increase in the number of permitted new dwellings this year.
E1	Completed Employment Floorspace		4,520m ² employment floorspace has been completed this year.
E2	Employment Development on Previously Developed Land		All 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		Only 7.5% of completed floorspace was located within the Districts town centres.
E7	Town Centre Health		The vacancy rate in Lichfield City Centre has increased this year. Burntwood's vacancy rate has decreased this year.
E8	Lichfield District Tourism		No change since the last AMR.
HSC1	Open Space Provision		There is over provision of some typologies and under provision of others. An Open Space Assessment was published in 2012 and will be updated in due course. 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 no changes in areas of biodiversity importance.
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.
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 Districts Biodiversity Strategy.
NR8	Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy		The Ecology Team will be preparing a five year Biodiversity Strategy from Summer 2016.
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 has been very little partnership progress in the past years.
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 decreased this year. There have been no prosecutions for tree damage during the monitoring year. There has been an increase in the number of works on trees in conservation areas.
NR15	Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)		There is one AQMA in Lichfield District at Muckley Corner. Monitoring continues across the District and should there be a need for further AQMAs, this will be reported.
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		Fourteen Conservation Area Appraisals have now been adopted.
BE4	Buildings at Risk		One building has been removed from the list this year. 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 a slight 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	-	Due to a corporate updating of the Councils website, data is currently unavailable.
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 2015 to the 31st March 2016. All the figures and statistics published in this report refer to this reporting year, unless otherwise stated. This is the eleventh 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 A series of the indicators within the document are designed to monitor 'significant effects' in the District informed by a Sustainability Appraisal. These 'Significant Effect Indicators' are summarised in Chapter 12.

2.5 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

2.6 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 and will be followed by the Local Plan Allocations document. 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

2.7 Lichfield District Council's current Local Development Scheme (LDS) became effective in February 2015. The table belows show the timescales 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	July 2009
Proposed Submission Consultation	July 2012	Jan 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2013	May 2016
Commencement of the Hearing Sessions	June 2013	September 2016
Adoption and Publication	February 2015	January 2017

Table 2.1 Local Plan Strategy & Allocations of Land Timescales

Lichfield District Key Statistics

2.8 The following section provides a summary of key statistics relating to Lichfield District for 2015-2016. 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

2.9 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.

	2014 Mid-year Populations (Source: ONS Mid year estimates) ⁽ⁱ⁾					
	District		West Midlands		England	
	2011 Census	2014	2011 Census	2014	2011 Census	2014
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Total Population	100,654 (100%)	102,093 (100%)	5,601,847 (100%)	5,713,284 (100%)	53,012,456 (100%)	54,316,618 (100%)
Under 16 (0-15 years old)	17.5%	17,443 (17.1%)	19.5%	1,114,220 (19.5%)	18.9%	10,303,556 (18.9%)
16-64 Years old (Working Age)	62.4%	61,521 (60.4%)	63.3%	3,569,489 (62.5%)	64.8%	34,475,354 (63.5%)
65+ Years old (Older People)	20.1%	23,129 (22%)	16.9%	1,029,575 (18%)	16.3%	9,537,708 (17.6%)
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

i 2015 figures are published in June 2016, next years AMR will include these figures.

	Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)				Source
	IMD 2004	IMD 2007	IMD 2010	IMD 2015	The English Indices of Deprivation, Statistical Release, September 2015
Rank of Average Score	259	258	237	247	
Rank of Income	258	258	243	246	
Rank of Employment Scale	223	237	231	236	

Table 2.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

Education

	Staffordshire 2014-2015	Average for 2014-2015 (England)	Source
% of pupils achieving 5+ GCSE grades A*-C	64.9%	64.2%	Department for Education (Data shown is for the academic year)
Average 'A' Level Points Score per candidate	698.4	700.3	

Table 2.4 Education Statistics

Employment

Type of Employment	Lichfield (Number of Employees)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Residents (economically active) in employment	52,700	79.1	70.7	73.4	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics October 2014 - September 2015
Residents (economically active) unemployed	1,500	2.8	5.7	5.4	
Job Density	Total Jobs	Lichfield (density)	West Midlands (density)	Great Britain (density)	Source
Job Density (ii)	51,000 Jobs	0.82	0.76	0.8	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2013
Unemployment	Lichfield (numbers)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Total People claiming Job Seekers Allowance	280	0.5	2.0	1.6	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics August 2015

Table 2.5 Lichfield District Employment

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

Employment by Occupation

Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	7,700 (14.7%)	(9.7%)	(10.3%)	ONS Annual Population Survey, September 2015
Professional Occupations	11,500 (21.9%)	(18.1%)	(19.7%)	
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	6,500 (12.4%)	(12.7%)	(14.1%)	
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	7,800 (14.8%)	(11.1%)	(10.7%)	
Skilled Trade Occupations	# (iii)	(11.5%)	(10.6%)	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	#	(9.3%)	(9.3%)	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	#	(7.2%)	(7.7%)	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	#	(8.1%)	(6.3%)	
Elementary Occupations	7,100 (13.5%)	(11.9%)	(10.8%)	

Table 2.6 Employment by Occupation

Employment by Industry		Employee Jobs	Lichfield %	West Midlands %	Great Britain %	Source
Primary Service (agriculture and mining)		100	0.1	0.1	0.4	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2014
Energy and Water		700	1.5	1.3	1.1	
Manufacturing		4,500	10.5	12.4	8.5	
Construction		2,300	5.4	4.2	4.5	
Services	Wholesale and retail, including motor trades	7,100	16.3	18.1	15.9	
	Transport Storage	2,200	5.1	5.0	4.5	
	Accommodation and food Services	4,000	9.2	5.8	7.1	
	Information and Communication	1,200	2.7	2.7	4.1	
	Financial and other business services	8,600	19.9	18.2	22.2	
Public admin, education and health		9,900	22.8	27.8	27.4	

iii sample size too small for reliable estimate

Employment by Industry	Employee Jobs	Lichfield %	West Midlands %	Great Britain %	Source
Other Services	2,800	6.4	4.4	4.4	

Table 2.7 Employee Jobs

Average Income

Gross Weekly Pay of Full-time Workers	Lichfield	West Midlands	Great Britain	Source
Earnings by residents	£593.3	£492.5	£529.6	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2015
Earnings by workplace	£491.7	£493.1	£529.0	

Table 2.8 Average Income

2.10 The earnings by residents in Lichfield District is higher than both the regional and national figures. However the earnings by workplace within Lichfield District is lower than the regional and national figures. 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
Average Property Price - Lichfield District	£206,114	£257,553	£208,808	£235,515	£229,833	£243,452	£268,247
Source	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	Hometrack (2012)	Hometrack (2013)	Hometrack (Sept 2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)
Average Property Price - West Midlands	£158,245	£174,404	£166,993	£180,000	£188,000	£191,000	£202,397
Source	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	CLG (2012)	CLG (2013)	CLG (2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)

Table 2.9 House Prices within the District

2.11 Property values in Lichfield District are higher than most of the neighbouring authorities, and are significantly higher than the West Midlands average (£65,850 higher). 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.

Crime

Type of Crime	Incidents recorded					Source
	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	
All recorded crime	4,308	4,076	3,669	3,626	3,677	Lichfield District Community Safety Delivery Plan 2016 - 2019
Anti-social behaviour	2,262	1,807	1,754	1,897	2,015	
Violence against the person	800	714	616	755	895	
Theft offences	2,281	2,113	1,991	1,887	1,732	
Robbery	45	32	33	21	34	
Criminal damage & arson offences	778	758	591	529	535	
Drug offences	154	216	207	189	180	
Sexual offences	67	54	68	89	111	

Table 2.10 Crime levels

2.12 Lichfield District is served by the Trent Valley District of the Staffordshire Police force, which also serves Tamworth Borough and East Staffordshire Borough. The crime statistics shown are taken from the Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership's Safety Delivery Plan 2016-2019 which monitors crime statistics in greater detail. This document can be read online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Residents/Community/Community-safety/Downloads/Lichfield-District-community-safety-delivery-plan.pdf

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 policies 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
15/00834/FULM	Parchfields Farm, Blithbury Road, Colton	Installation of 1.7mw solar PV farm (6,776 x 250w panels)
15/01391/FUL	Netherstowe House and The Old Coach House, Netherstowe Lane, Lichfield	46 solar PV panels

Table 3.1 Renewable Energy Generation

Key Finding One

There has only been two renewable energy generation schemes granted planning permission within the reporting year both of which are for solar panels. 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.
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Core Policy 4	Delivering our Infrastructure
Policy IP1	Supporting & Providing our Infrastructure

Introduction

4.1 This section of the AMR will monitor 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 2015, and can be read online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Resource-centre/Evidence-base/Infrastructure/Infrastructure-delivery-plan-IDP.aspx

4.2 The District Council has continued to progress work on the Community Infrastructure (CIL). Lichfield District Council is due to adopt CIL at Full Council on 19th April 2016, with the date from which CIL will be charged being 13th June 2016.

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	Developer and Staffordshire County Council developing design of bypass within the South Lichfield SDA. SCC Highways design and development work underway for the under bridge.	Erection of up to 450 dwelling	12/00182/OUTMEI – subject to unsigned S106.
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 to the station. Delivery date not yet confirmed.	-	-

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
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 is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.	-	-
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.	-	-
Chasewater	Improvements underway as part of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme.	-	-

Table 4.1

Indicator IP2: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

4.4 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new, locally set charge on development. It is intended to give more certainty to developers over how much their development will need to contribute to meeting the costs of infrastructure. The Draft Charging Schedule (DCS) was submitted in November 2015 for independent examination. Examination of the DCS duly took place on the 28th January 2016 with the report from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) received on the 24th February 2016. The Report concluded that, subject to certain recommended modifications, the Draft CIL CS provides an appropriate basis for the collection of the levy in Lichfield District. Lichfield District Council is due to adopt CIL at Full Council on 19th April 2016, with the date from which CIL will be charged being 13th June 2016.

4.5 Following the adoption of CIL future AMRs will monitor the CIL receipts and expenditure for each financial year.

Key Finding One

Considerable progress has been made in regard to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Lichfield District Council is due to adopt CIL in April 2016, with charging commencing 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 Corner of Stafford Road and Eastern Avenue, Lichfield (Police Office)	15/00391/FULM	Yes
Land at Junction of The Sportsway and Milestone Way, Burntwood	14/00612/FULM	Yes
Land at Limburg Avenue Lichfield	14/00465/FULM	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. Next years AMR will provide data on Parking Provision once a full monitoring year is completed.

Indicator ST3: Sustainable Transport

5.4 The District Council intends to monitor these local indicators in the future to provide more up-to-date data. However 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	Source
Fatal	1	2	5	3	Staffordshire County Council
Serious	10	19	15	2	
Slight	168	251	255	57	

Table 5.4 Road related casualties

Key Finding One

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

Key Finding Two

The Sustainable Design SPD was adopted in December 2015, future AMRs will report on the provision of parking in line with the newly established standards.

Key Finding Three

There has been a reduction in the number of road related casualties within Staffordshire this year.

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 (2015).

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 2008-2016	1,937
Demolitions / Conversions Away 2008-2016	56
Net Completions 2008-2016	1,881
H2: Additional Dwellings for the Reporting Year 2015 - 2016	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions	204
Demolitions/Conversions away	4
Net Completions	200

Table 6.3 Additional Dwellings

6.4 This year has seen a slight decrease in the number of completions compared to last year. This figure is well below 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 2016) 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
Average density of new dwellings completed (dwellings per hectare)	33.3	29.5	49 (29.5 *(iv))	17.2	47.1 (23.7*)	28.4	28.2

Table 6.4 Density of Completions

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

Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory

6.7 Table 6.5 shows the housing trajectory for the District for the five year period as reported in the Five Year Housing Land Supply Paper 2016. The trajectory contains past completions from 1st April 2008 until the end of the current reporting year. The remainder of the trajectory shows the anticipated future growth of the District over the following 5 year period.

Year	Gross Housing Completions	Net Housing Completions	Cumulative Net Completions
2008/2009	277	273	273

iv minus small flattened schemes which skew figures

Year	Gross Housing Completions	Net Housing Completions	Cumulative Net Completions
2009/2010	107	102	375
2010/2011	329	316	691
2011/2012	208	201	892
2012/2013	252	239	1131
2013/2014	329	324	1455
2014/2015	231	226	1681
2015/2016	204	200	1881
2016/2017	(389)	(361)	(2242)
2017/2018	(676)	(633)	(2875)
2018/2019	(1037)	(976)	(3851)
2019/2020	(1235)	(1164)	(5015)
2020/2021	(819)	(769)	(5784)

Table 6.5 Housing Trajectory

6.8 There has been a decrease in the number of completions during this reporting year. The submitted Local Plan Strategy proposes a number of Strategic Development Allocations which will significantly boost the supply of housing land available within the District.

6.9 As well as the effects of the recession, completions could continue at a lower rate unless further housing allocations are made, or additional sites come forward, for development. The Local Plan Strategy as modified seeks to allocate Strategic Sites for some 5,850 dwellings on Strategic Development Allocations and a Broad Development Location. Further to this the Local Plan Allocations document will consider further allocations.

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

6.10 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%	-	-

	Brownfield		Greenfield		Garden Land (Greenfield)	
	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%
2013/2014	215	65%	21	6%	93	28% ^(v)
2014/2015	330	84%	25	6%	36	9%
2015/2016	180	88%	10	5%	14	7%

Table 6.6 Dwellings completed by land type

6.11 There has been an increase in the proportion of completions on brownfield sites to that recorded last year, and 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 to be required to deliver the housing requirement over the plan period.

6.12 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 meet 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 District's housing needs.

Policy H1	A Balanced Housing Market
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Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix

6.13 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 6.7 Dwelling Mix

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H1 (1 bed house)	1	0.5%
H2 (2 bed house)	36	17.6%
H3 (3 bed house)	70	34.3%
H4+ (4+ bed house)	44	21.6%

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

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
F1 (1 bed flat)	22	10.8%
F2 (2 bed flat)	23	11.2%
B1 (1 bed bungalow)	4	2%
B2 (2 bed bungalow)	4	2%

Table 6.8 Housing types completed 2014/15

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

Table 6.9 Completions by Number of Bedrooms 2014/2015

6.14 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 65.1% of the dwellings delivered this year.

Indicator H7: Building for Life 12 Assessments

6.15 This indicator is designed to monitor the number and proportion of new build completions at housing sites, which exceed 10 new dwellings, and how they achieve against the Building for Life 12 (BFL12) criteria. This is a government endorsed assessment which has been designed to ensure quality new housing. As more projects are assessed to the BFL12 criteria at the planning application stage, the level of criteria met should increase.

6.16 The Building for Life was redesigned in 2012 with developments being scored against 12 criteria. Building for Life 12 is designed to be used from the outset of planning developments; it scores proposals against 12 categories using a traffic light system. Development should seek to achieve as many 'Greens' as possible, with developments which achieve 12 'Greens' being awarded the BFL12 Platinum standard.

Development	Application Number	Number of Dwellings	Buildings for Life Score
Boney Hay Road, Former Greyhound Pub	14/00034/FUL	20	7
Davidson Road, City Wharf	14/00028/FULM	24	10

Table 6.10 Building for life

6.17 Both developments surveyed this year scored well. It is expected in next year's AMR there will be more developments assessed against Building for Life.

6.18 Building for Life 12 should continue to be used from the outset on major developments to ensure that sites plan to achieve as many 'green' scores as possible.

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

6.19 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
Boney Hay Road, Former Greyhound Pub	20	0
Davidson Road, City Wharf	24	0
Gross Completions	44	0

Table 6.11 Affordable Completions

6.20 The gross completions of 44 affordable dwellings represents an increase in the number completed since last year. Affordable housing equates to approximately 21.6% of the total completions in the District, which is double last years proportion.

Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing

Housing market Sub Area (SHMA)	Committed
Lichfield City	26
Burntwood	55
Lichfield District North	84
Lichfield District South	0
Tamworth	26
Total	191

Table 6.12 Developed and Committed Affordable Housing

6.21 There are a further 191 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

6.22 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
April 2009	500.0	154,490	Lloyds Banking Group
October 2009	535.1	165,349	
April 2010	544.4	168,212	
October 2010	533.8	164,919	
April 2011	519.1	160,393	
October 2011	528.3	163,227	
April 2012	518.1	160,073	
October 2012	512.7	158,426	
April 2013	537.8	166,175	
September 2013	552.6	170,733	
April 2014	574.6	177,524	
November 2014	605.0	186,941	
April 2015	635.5	196,355	
September 2015	656.5	202,859	
April 2016	686.8	212,204	

Table 6.13

6.23 Data from the Halifax House Price Index illustrates that house prices have continued to increase nationally during 2016. 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 Halifax House price index has increased by 32.3% from the base date.

'BCIS' General Building Cost Index

6.24 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 8% from the base figure.

	January 2016 (March 2009 = 286.3 ^(vi))
BCIS General Building Cost Index	318.8

Table 6.14 BCIS

Alternative Land Use Value

6.25 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.

6.26 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. As was reported in last years AMR the VOA are set to publish new data on the land value figures for agricultural land on a regional basis in during 2016.

6.27 In the interim the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have produced '[Land value estimates for policy appraisal](#)'^(vii) (December 2015) which provides an updated figure for the agricultural land value within the West Midlands. 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.

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

Table 6.15 Average agricultural land value estimates by region, per hectare

Suggested Affordable Housing Viability Target

6.28 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 40%. The District Council's emerging target of 40% on qualifying sites has not been met and this can be attributed to the economic downturn. The aim for the future will be to increase the viable affordable housing target. Table 6.15 is an extract from the Affordable Housing Viability Assessment and demonstrates how the BCIS and Halifax House Price Indexes are used to calculate the current viable target for affordable housing.

vi latest 'Firm' BCIS figure available at the date of publication

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

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
20%	23%	20-25%	17-20%	25-29%	25-27%	31-34%	40%

Table 6.16

6.29 The affordable housing viability target has increased this year. Data demonstrates that whilst house prices have continued to rise so have building costs (as demonstrated by the latest BCIS data).

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

Existing pitches lost	0
New pitches	0

Table 6.17 Pitches for Gypsy & Traveller

6.30 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	50
Number of unauthorised encampments	11

Table 6.18 Unauthorised caravans

Indicator H13: Self-build and Custom Build Register

6.31 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	
Number of associations of individuals registered	
Preference for type of house	
Preference for the number of bedrooms	
Preference for general location	

Table 6.19 Self-build and Custom Build Register

Indicator H14: 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
Total	5207	5082

Table 6.20 Permitted new dwellings

6.32 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 decreased 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 28.2 dwellings per hectare. This is similar to last years value which shows the District Council continue 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 88% of all completions taking place on brownfield sites.

Key Finding Four

The current viable level of affordable housing is 40%.

Key Finding Five

Permission for 1296 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 will be 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
10/00145/COU	RJK Construction, Overly Lane, Alrewas	0.15	B1a	115	No	Yes
11/00374/COU	Pool House, Dam Street, Lichfield	0.09	B1a	139	Yes	Yes
15/01372/COU	Shaw Lane Farm, Shaw Lane, Kings Bromley	0.1	B8	175	No	Yes
11/01319/FULM	31a Sandford Street, Lichfield	0.08	B1a	201	Yes	Yes

Application Number	Address	Site Area (ha)	Use Class	Floorspace completed (m ²)	Town Centre	Previously developed land
13/00063/COU	Midwest Motor, Unit 1, Trent Valley Trading Estate, Station Road	0.08	B8/A1	340	No	Yes
15/00067/FUL	Orica Building, Fisherwick Road, Fisherwick	0.38	B2	367	No	Yes
12/01052/FUL	Units 9 & 11, Trent Valley Trading Estate, Station Road	0.1	B1c	600	No	Yes
15/00377/COU	Former Go Bananas, Smiths Close, Burntwood Business Park, Zone 3, Burntwood	0.24	B1b	830	No	Yes
13/00701/COU	Unit 4, Burntwood Business Park, Zone 1, Burntwood	0.8	B2/B8	1,753	No	Yes
Total Floorspace completed (m²):				4,520		

Table 7.1 Completed employment floorspace

Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land

7.3 All completed employment development this year has been on previously developed land. The target should continue to be a minimum of 75% 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

Address	Status	Application Number	Site Area (ha)	Floorspace (m ²)	Proposed Use Class
Land East of Burton Old Road, Lichfield	Planning Permission Full	14/00799/FULM	13.68	40,970	B1/B2/B8
Land at Rugeley Power Station	Planning Permission Outline	03/00627/OUT	3.3	11,777	B1/B2/B8
Land at East Hil, Fradley	Planning Permission Full	12/00609/REMM	24.6	96,870	B1/B2/B8
Land North of Wood End Lane, Fradley Park	Planning Permission Full	10/01403/REMM	4.2	9,290	B8
Land at Halifax Close, Fradley Park	Planning Permission Full	10/01403/REMM	10.9	44,585	B8
176 Birmingham Road, Shenstone Woodend	Under Construction	11/00959/COU	0.16	293	B1/B2
Land North of Britannia Park, Britannia Way, Lichfield	Under Construction	15/01148/COU	1.09	213	B8
Greenhough Road (Remainder), Lichfield	Under Construction	13/00809/FULM	0.26	2,594	B1a

Address	Status	Application Number	Site Area (ha)	Floorspace (m ²)	Proposed Use Class
Land at Lichfield South Business Park, Birmingham Road	Planning Permission Outline	14/00395/OUT	4.79	12,500	B1a
Units A & B, Main Street, Alrewas	Under Construction	14/00897/COU	0.2	2,103	B8
Unit 20 Cinder Road, Burntwood Business Park, Zone 3	Under Construction	15/00500/FULM	1.09	4,060	B8
Land at RJK Construction, Overly Lane	Under Construction	14/01059/FUL	0.15	260	B1a
Total:			64.42	225,515	

Table 7.2 Available employment land

7.4 Lichfield District has 64.42 Ha of employment land available for employment development. This is available 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	340	0	0	340
Not in town centres	0	0	115	0	0	115

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
Royal Oak, Manor Road, Kings Bromley (New Co-op)	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	74	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	7.5	

Table 7.5 Employment Completions within town centres

7.6 Only two developments were completed within the District's town centres, both were for B1a use.

Indicator E7: Town Centre Health

	Burntwood		Lichfield		Source
	2006	2011	2006	2011	
Retention rates for shopping and leisure expenditure (comparison goods)	5%	8%	45%	50%	Update of Retail Evidence (January 2012) ^(viii)

Table 7.6 Retention Rates

	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%	

viii This data will be updated when a new retail evidence study is commissioned

	Total retail premises in Lichfield City Centre	Vacant Shops in Lichfield City Centre	Vacancy Rate (Lichfield City)	Source
July 2014	299	21	7.0%	Health Check
December 2014	299	25	8.3%	
June 2015	299	26	8.7%	
December 2015	306	28	9.15%	

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
December 2014	64	4	6.25%	
June 2015	64	4	6.25%	
December 2015	66	3	4.55%	

Table 7.8 Burntwood Retail

Core Policy 9

Tourism

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 ^(ix)	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	Data not yet available, released in summer 2016
Visitors to the Tourist Information Centre (Lichfield Garrick)	47,490	53,323	53,322	48,736	37,427	
Average Tourist Spend (per visit)	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	
Total income from tourism in the District	£121,347,072	£166,065,735	£165,385,044	176,639,694	180,085,818	

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

Indicators for Tourism ^(ix)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of hotel spaces granted planning permission (new)	-	0	79	0	0	

Table 7.9 Tourism Figures

Key Finding One

This year 4,520m² 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, 64.42ha of land is under construction and/or has secured planning permission for employment development.

Key Finding Three

Very little employment development has been occurred within the Districts town centres, only 7.5% of this year's employment completions were located in the town centres.

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

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 2012, 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	Central and southern Burntwood are deficient in this typology
Natural and Semi-natural greens and open spaces	Have a primary purpose of sustaining wildlife, conservation and biodiversity. They can include woodlands, urban forestry, scrubland, grassland, wetland, open and running water and nature reserves.	1,983	No single site over 500Ha in the District No 100Ha sites around Alrewas, Fradley and the eastern edge of the District
Amenity Greenspace	Found within housing areas where it is used to enhance the appearance of an area and provide space for activities such as jogging, dog walking and children's play close to home. Also found in town and city centres where they are used by people to walk	124.4	Burntwood, Little Aston, Shenstone, Hamstall Ridware and Wiggington are deficient in this typology.
Allotments and Community Gardens	Open space generally owned by local councils and is rented out to clubs and individuals for the purpose of growing fruit and vegetables.	17 recorded sites	There is a greater provision of allotments in the northern area of the District. It is identified that there is an unmet demand of allotments in Lichfield City.
Cemeteries and Churchyards	Cemeteries are designated areas of land intended for the interment of human remains. Churchyards are burial grounds within the walled boundary of a	25.54	None

Type of Green Space	Definition	Area (Ha)	Areas of Deficiency
	church. This type of land has minimal disruption so has wildlife and biodiversity importance		
Provision for Children and Young People	Specifically for children's and young persons play with its primary purposes being for play and social interaction, for example areas of equipped play, ball courts and skate parks.	10 (approx) at 44 spaces	Settlements short on equipped play include: Alrewas, Drayton Basset, Fazeley, Hammerwich, Hamstall Ridware, Hill Ridware, Kings Bromley, Longdon, Little Aston, Shenstone, Upper Longdon, Wiggington, Lichfield and Burntwood.
Green Corridors	Mainly used for environmentally sustainable forms of transport. It provides linkages between housing area and makes use of linear routes such as disused railway lines, roads or canal and river banks Biodiversity can often flourish here.	628.4 Km in length	Fewer sustainable transport links in Burntwood, Armitage with Handsacre and Little Aston.

Table 8.1 Types of Green Space in the District

Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes

Scheme	Completed	Cost
Fazeley Memorial Square	Priorities for remaining funding are currently being developed with the Town Council for implementation during 2016.	£18,000
Sankeys Corner Environmental Improvements, Burntwood	Further priorities for improvements have been identified by the Town Council and will be delivered during 2016.	£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 lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/beacon-park/views/

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

Table 8.3 Parks satisfaction survey

Key Finding One

The Open Space Assessment 2012 identifies areas of good provision and deficiencies with regard to a range of different types of open space. This assessment has informed policy within the Local Plan Strategy which seeks to ensure adequate provision in all types of open space for all residents within the District. The Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document sets out the Open Space Standards for new developments.

Key Finding Two

100% of respondents to the park satisfaction survey in 2015 were either completely satisfied or satisfied with the park overall. This the first year there has been no dissatisfied respondents.

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	-	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	Poor (2027)	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-Burntwood 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	Target
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	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
Land south of Little Hay Lane, Weeford	13/01214/OUTMEI	Erection of 6 no. broiler rearing units with associated feed bins, weighing rooms, control rooms and catching canopies and an agricultural storage building and site office (outline)	Yes
Fox Meadow Equestrian Ltd, Fox Meadow Farm, Cowhill Lane, Fradley	15/00327/FUL	Demolition of redundant poultry shed and erection of multi purpose building (including dog kennelling and associated facilities)	No
Sandyway Farm, Walsall Road, Lichfield	15/00434/COU	Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and erection of stable block comprising 2 stables and tack room	Yes
Land used by Hill View Farm Products Ltd, Gravelly Lane, Stonnall	15/00488/FUL	Change of use of land to the keeping of horses; construction of stable block comprising 4 stables, store/tack room, wc; creation of menage and associated works	Yes
Hamstall Fishery, Yoxall Road, Hamstall Ridware	15/00116/FULM	Fishing holiday accommodation comprising 7 no. timber cabins, additional fishing lake, associated landscape works and construction of timber walkway	No
Parchfields Farm, Blithbury Road, Colton	15/00834/FULM	Installation of 1.7 MW solar pv farm (6,776 x 250w panels) and associated infrastructure including electrical inverter cabins, transformer, switchgear, sub stations, storage building, access tracks, fencing, CCTV and landscape planting, and grid connection	No

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises			
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Proposal within Green Belt
2 The Bodnetts, Plantation Lane, Hopwas	15/01219/COU	Change of use to dwelling house for social work housing for housing up to 4 children, age group 8-17 with learning disabilities plus a max of 2 carers at any one time	Yes
Oak View Farm, Pessall Lane, Edingale	16/00080/COU	Change of use from agriculture to equestrian and formation of menage associated works	No
Positively Prepared ^(x) Planning Permissions for Development in the Green Belt			
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Included in table above
Land south of Little Hay Lane, Weeford	13/01214/OUTMEI	Erection of 6 no. broiler rearing units with associated feed bins, weighing rooms, control rooms and catching canopies and an agricultural storage building and site office (outline)	Yes
Sandywell Farm, Walsall Road, Lichfield	15/00434/COU	Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and erection of stable block comprising 2 stables and tack room	Yes
Land used by Hill View Farm Products Ltd, Gravelly Lane, Stonnall	15/00488/FUL	Change of use of land to the keeping of horses; construction of stable block comprising 4 stables, store/tack room, wx; creation of menage and associated works	Yes
2 The Bodnetts, Plantation Lane, Hopwas	15/01219/COU	Change of use to dwelling house for social work housing for housing up to 4 children, age group 8-17 with learning disabilities plus a max of 2 carers at any one time	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

x 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	
	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
Biodiversity Alert Site (BAS)	59	264.4	57	238.5	57	238.5	57	233.9	57	233.8	57	233.8
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	5	230.6	4	329.5	4	329.5	4	330.7	4	329.5 ^(xi)	4	329.5
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	13.0	1	10.7 *	1	10.7
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	1	550.3 ^(xii)	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

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	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 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

xi *change primarily caused by use of better quality boundary to district

xii **Much of the AONB is outside the District Boundary

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.
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 preparation 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.
Indicator NR8: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy	Maintain a Biodiversity Steering Group for development and implementation of Lichfield District's Biodiversity Strategy	The Ecology Team will be preparing a 5 year Biodiversity Strategy from Summer 2016. The terms of reference for the Biodiversity Steering Group are to be updated to cover multiple strategies/policies which directly link to the Biodiversity Strategy. Such documents include the Biodiversity Supplementary Document, Lichfield Biodiversity Opportunity Map and Biodiversity Offsetting Strategy.
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, Advisory Partnership 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 and as such it is difficult to deliver TNFs targets within the overlapping boundaries.
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 FOM 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> <p>The CRI project board has an action plan for delivery.</p>

Table 9.6 Biodiversity Indicators

Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Number of new tree preservation orders	8	7	10	8	10	10	3
Number of existing tree preservation orders deleted	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
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
Alrewas	10	8	12	15	26	18	26
Clifton Campville	-	-	-	0	0	2	0
Colton	3	2	3	5	7	3	2
Elford	6	4	3	3	8	3	3
Fazeley	-	6	6	1	3	3	3
Fradley	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Hamstall Ridware	-	1	0	1	2	0	0
Handsacre	-	3	3	1	0	0	0
Harlaston	-	1	4	3	2	1	3
Haunton	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Hints	2	2	2	5	5	1	3
Hopwas	-	2	0	0	1	0	3
Kings Bromley	8	5	7	4	13	8	7
Little Aston	26	17	18	27	36	29	25
Lichfield	17	28	26	22	22	31	46
Longdon Green	1	1	03	0	6	3	1
Mavesyn Ridware	-	1	1	0	2	2	2
Shenstone	12	2	7	8	11	12	9
Wall	-	12	1	2	2	3	4
Whittington	10	0	1	9	16	18	13
Wigginton	-	0	12	0	1	2	1

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

Table 9.7 Tree Preservation

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

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 (AQMAs) within Lichfield District. Detailed information on Air Quality within the District and on the AQMAs can be found in the Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessments which are produced by the Environmental Health Department of the District Council. ^(xiii)

9.11 There is currently one AQMA within Lichfield District, located at Muckley Corner. The latest report shows the AQMA at Muckley corner still exceeds the annual mean NO₂ objective. Monitoring also continues at other locations within the District.

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.

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.

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

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 an increase in the number of applications for works on trees in conservation areas. Three 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, Hanuton, 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	Planning and LBC granted for change of use to apartments. Building now boarded up but continues to suffer from vandalism.	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Front railings and wall to Angel Croft Hotel		

Church Tower north of Church of St. John, Shenstone	Talks with owners and other interested party on possible HLF bid still ongoing	
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	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Armitage United Reform Church, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Hansacre	No change - still in same condition	
Stonehouses Cottages, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre	Building continues to deteriorate	
2 Coleshill Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building remains watertight	
Bonehill Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building continues to deteriorate	
Fazeley Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building continues to deteriorate	
116 to 120 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – no change	
122 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – 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	
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	
Blackbrook Farmhouse, London Road, Weeford	No change - still in same condition	

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.

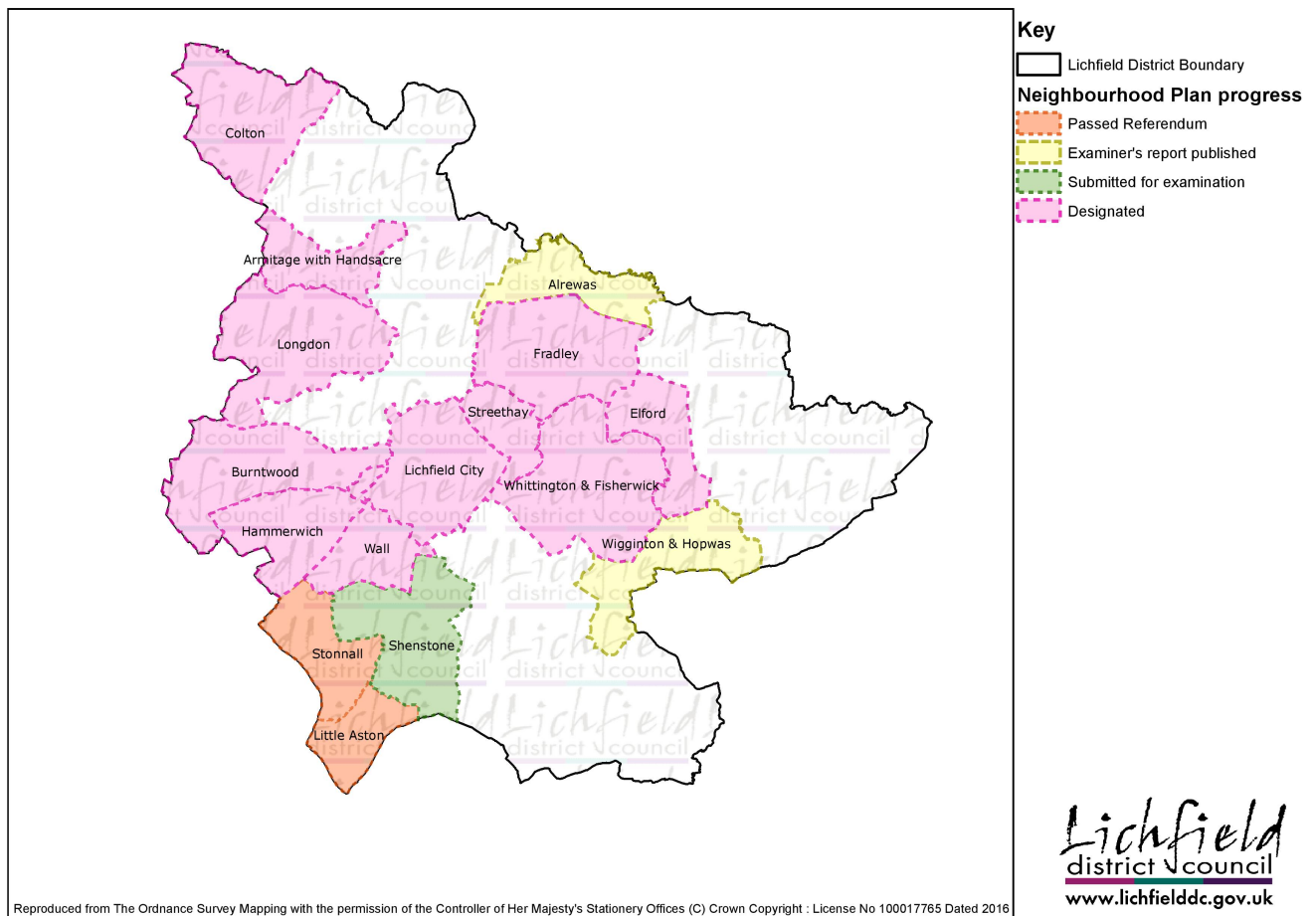
11 Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

Introduction

11.1 Whilst this chapter is not related to a specific section of the Local Plan it is felt 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 Plans at 31/03/16

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 www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

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 (xiv)	-	-
Armitage with Handsacre	09/07/2013		-	-	-	-	-	-
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		-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Aston	19/02/2013		03/11/2014 - 14/12/2014	06/03/2015 - 24/04/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015	Feb 2016	-
Longdon	09/07/2013		-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
Stonnall	19/02/2013		10/11/2014 - 05/01/2015	16/01/2015 - 20/03/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015	Feb 2016	-
Streethay	09/12/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Wall	08/04/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Whittington & Fisherwick	08/04/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Wigginton & Hopwas	09/07/2013	14/08/2015 - 25/09/2015	23/10/2015 - 04/12/2015	Dec 2015 - Feb 2016	Feb 2016	-	-	

Table 11.1 Progress with Neighbourhood Plans at 31/03/16

11.4 This financial year has seen the first two Neighbourhood Plans successfully pass through referendum. Four Neighbourhood Plans have received their examiners report. One Neighbourhood Plan was withdrawn following receipt of the examiners report. One new Neighbourhood Area has been designated. It is anticipated that next year's AMR will show a substantial progress of many of the Neighbourhood Plans.

xiv This Neighbourhood Plan was withdrawn on 11/2/16

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
Consultees	4,003	7,736	7,882	7,520	7,358	7,309	7,333
Agents	335	344	397	396	404	363	369

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
CIL Draft Charging Schedule	13	13
Elford Neighbourhood Plan Area	9	9
Trees, Landscaping & Biodiversity SPD	7	3
Sustainable Design SPD	1	1
Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Submission	9	9
Wigginton, Hopwas & Comberford Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Submission	11	10
Colton Neighbourhood Plan Area	9	9
Developer Contributions SPD	18	18
Draft Statement of Community Involvement	6	6

Table 11.3 Consultations

Indicator CE3: Hits on webpages

11.7 A new website for Lichfield District Council was launched in July 2015, therefore data for 2015/16 is not available. Next years AMR will provide data after a full monitoring year has been completed.

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
2015/2016	Draft Charging Schedule consultation, on line with hard copies in libraries was undertaken between 20 th March 2015 and 1 st May 2015.	All	This consultation stage gave people the opportunity to comment upon the scale and nature of the proposed CIL rates and supporting evidence.
2015/2016	Examination of CIL Draft Charging Schedule consultation.	Those who made representations on the DCS	The Examination gave people the opportunity to comment upon the scale and nature of the proposed CIL rates and supporting evidence.

Table 11.4 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>A number of officer or volunteer led events (sometimes with partner organisations) were completed on various sites throughout 2015-16.</p> <p>At these events members of the public learn about wildlife management and contribute to the improvement of these sites and their conservational and recreational value.</p> <p>The council works with local schools to highlight the importance of wildlife on its sites.</p>

Table 11.5 Countryside

Key Finding One

There are currently sixteen designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District. Two Neighbourhood Plans have successfully passed referendum and will be made in the coming months.

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.

12 Significant Effect Indicators

12.1 Significant effects indicators are a product of the sustainability appraisal process. They enable a comparison to be made between the predicted effects of policies on society, the environment and the economy and the actual effects measured during implementation of the same policies.

12.2 The following table shows how the sustainable framework objectives relate to the AMR indicators and the saved Local Plan policies.

Sustainability Framework Objectives	AMR Indicators	Local Plan Policy	Saved 1998 Local Plan Policy
A - To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality	NR9, NR10, NR11, NR12, NR13, H7	CP12, CP13, NR6, NR3, NR7, NR8, BE1	E2, E3, E4, E5A, E6, H3, R3, SOC3, L24, L26, L36, L37, L42, L48, L51, NA1, EA14, EA16, DC5, DC18, DC19
B - To promote biodiversity and geodiversity through protection, enhancement and management and management of species and habitats	NR4, NR5, NR6, NR7, NR8	CP12, CP13, NR6, NR3, NR7, NR8	G9, L49, L50, B24, DC17
C - To protect and enhance buildings, features and areas of archaeological, cultural and historic value and their settings	BE3, BE4	CP14, BE1	C1, C2, C3, C7, C9, EMP11, L28, L47, SA6, DC1, DC4, DC5, DC14, DC15, DC19, DC7
D - To mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change	SC1	CP3, SC1, SC2	E20A, S4
E - To encourage prudent use of natural resources	E3, H3, H9, NR1	CP7,	E14
F - To reduce flood risk	NR2	CP3	E15
G - To improve availability of sustainable transport options to jobs and services	ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6	CP5, ST1, ST2	E6, EMP2, T3, T4, T6, T8, L27, L28, L31
H - To encourage sustainable distribution and communication systems		CP1, CP2, SC1, SC2	EMP2, S4, DC16
I - To create mixed and balanced communities	H4, H8, H6, H9, H10, LI, ST3, ST4, HSC3, H7	CP1, CP2, CP3, CP4, CP6, H1, H2, H3, CP7, CP8	E6, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9, EMP2, EMP3, EMP5, S2, S3, SOC1, SOC2, L7A, L9, L10, L12, L13, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19, L21, L22, L23, L35, L37, L42, L49, B1, B5, B6, B9, B13, NA20, EA1, EA13, SA7, DC2, DC7, DC8, DC10
J - To promote safe communities, reduce crime and fear of crime	ST5	CP10	EMP3
K - To improve the health of the population		CP10, CP11, CP12, HSC1, HSC2	E17, R1, R5, L37, B24
L - To enable improved community participation	CE1, CE2, CE3, CE4, CE5, CE6		

Table 12.1 Sustainability Framework Indicators, against AMR indicators and Local Plan policy

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)	New indicator	
Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans		Sustainable Transport
Indicator ST2: Parking Provision	New indicator	
Indicator ST3: Sustainable transport		
Indicator ST4: Population within 350m of bus stop	Removed from AMR	
Indicator ST5: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries	Indicator name change, updated	
Indicator ST6: 'Accession' accessibility analysis	Removed from AMR	
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		
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	New indicator	
Indicator H14: Permitted Applications for New Dwellings	New indicator	
Indicator E1: Completed Employment Floorspace	Name change	Economic Development & Enterprise
Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land		
Indicator E3: Available Employment Land	Name change	
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	Updated	
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		
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 BE2: Conservation Area Improvement Schemes	Removed from AMR	
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 community engagement		
Indicator CE5: Consultations linked to regeneration	Removed from AMR	
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 .1