

## Authority Monitoring Report 2018

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## 1 Executive Summary

**1.1** The 2018 Lichfield District Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. This report monitors the effectiveness of the authorities policies set out in the Local Plan Strategy.

**1.2** The AMR is structured to reflect the chapters of the Local Plan, and therefore can be read in conjunction with the Local Plan. The Local Plan Strategy was adopted on 17th February 2015.

**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 one new planning permission granted this year for small scale renewable energy installations, and one application for the retention of ground mounted solar panels.

#### **Infrastructure**

Progress has been made on a number of items of infrastructure this year with many projects being completed. Lichfield District Council continues to collect CIL and will distribute this according to its governance arrangements.

#### **Homes for the Future**

There has been a significant increase in the number of housing completions this year compared to last years figure. The net completions of 552 dwellings exceeds the target 478 dwellings as identified within the emerging Local Plan. The District Council has permitted 649 net new dwellings this year. There has been an increase in the number of affordable housing completions and the number of committed affordable dwellings this year when compared with the previous year.

### **Economic Development & Enterprise**

62,954m<sup>2</sup> employment floorspace has been completed this year. There is still a relatively large stock of employment land available for development, located on a broad portfolio of sites within Fradley, Burntwood and Lichfield City. The land available is appropriate for all types of business use and will allow the District to continue to attract new employment opportunities.

### **Healthy & Safe Communities**

The latest Open Space Assessment was published in 2016. It demonstrates that there is over provision of some types of open space and under provision of others across the District. Developments will continue to be required to provide open space where appropriate. 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. There has been an increase in the number of Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) 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. Three buildings have been added to the Buildings at Risk register with another three being removed this year.

### **Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement**

There are 16 designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District. Progress on the neighbourhood plans continues in each area with two plans having successfully passed through referendums and are now made, three plans have passed examination and a further two have been submitted for examination. 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.

## 2 Introduction: Spatial Portrait

**2.1** This Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. All the figures and statistics published in this report refer to this reporting year, unless otherwise stated. This is the thirteenth 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 can be read alongside that document. Each chapter begins with the Strategic Objectives and Local Plan policies being monitored. This is followed by a series of indicators which are designed to monitor the effectiveness of the policies within the Local Plan. Changes to indicators are outlined in Appendix A.

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

### Lichfield District Local Plan

**2.5** The Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029 was adopted by Full Council on Tuesday 17 February 2015. The Local Plan Strategy is the first part of the Local Plan for Lichfield District. The Local Plan Allocations Focused Changes document was submitted for examination in May 2018.

### Local Development Scheme

**2.6** Lichfield District Council's current [Local Development Scheme](#) (LDS) became effective in December 2017. The table below shows the time-scales for the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations Development Plan Documents as set out in the LDS.

**Table 2.1 Local Plan Allocations**

Stage	Date
Focused Changes consultation	January - February 2018
Submission	May 2018
Examination in Public	July 2018
Adoption	December 2018

**Table 2.2 Local Plan Review**

Stage	Date
Local Plan Review Scoping Consultation	April 2018 (consultation now complete)
Preferred Options	January 2019
Publication	September 2019
Submission	January 2020
Examination in Public	March 2020
Adoption	December 2020

## Lichfield District Key Statistics

**2.7** The following section provides a summary of key statistics relating to Lichfield District for 2017-2018. This section is broken down into specific topic areas. Much of the information in this section is drawn from the 2011 Census as this represents that latest data available.

### People and Society

**2.8** The 2011 Census provides the latest demographic information for Lichfield District.

**Table 2.3 People and Ethnicity**

	2017 Mid-year Populations (Source: ONS Mid year estimates)					
	District		West Midlands		England	
	2011 Census	2017	2011 Census	2017	2011 Census	2017
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Total Population	100,654 (100%)	103,507 (100%)	5,601,847 (100%)	5,860,706 (100%)	53,012,456 (100%)	55,619,430 (100%)
Under 15 (0-14 years old)	17.5%	16,476 (15.91%)	19.5%	1,083,469 (18.5%)	18.9%	10,048,365 (18.06%)
15-64 Years old (Working Age)	62.4%	62,715 (60.59%)	63.3%	3,701,481 (63.15%)	64.8%	35,540,554 (63.9%)
65+ Years old (Older People)	20.1%	24,316 (23.5%)	16.9%	1,075,756 (18.35%)	16.3%	10,030,511 (18.04%)
Ethnic Composition (%) (Source 2011 Census)						
	District		West Midlands		England	
White British	94.6%		82.8%		85.5%	
White Irish / White Other	2.1%					
Mixed	1.1%		2.4%		2.2%	
Asian or Asian British	1.5%		10.2%		7.6%	
Black or Black British	0.5%		3.2%		3.4%	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	0.3%		1.5%		1.7%	

## Education

Table 2.4 Education Statistics

	Staffordshire 2016 - 2017	Average for 2016 - 2017 (England)	Source
% of pupils achieving a 9-4 pass (English & Maths GCSE)	61.3%	58.5%	Department for Education (Data shown is for the academic year)
Average 'A' Level Points Score per candidate	35.12	32.09	

## Employment

Table 2.5 Lichfield District Employment

Type of Employment	Lichfield (Number of Employees)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Residents (economically active) in employment	49,300	80.1	76.4	78.4	Nomis - ONS Annual Population Survey, 2017 (January - December 2017)
Residents (economically active) unemployed <sup>(1)</sup>	1,400	2.7	5.2	4.4	
Job Density	Total Jobs	Lichfield (density)	West Midlands (density)	Great Britain (density)	Source
Job Density <sup>(i)</sup>	56,000 Jobs	0.90	0.79	0.84	ONS - Job Density, 2016
Unemployment	Lichfield (numbers)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Total People claiming Universal Credit	670	1.1	2.7	2.1	ONS Claimant count by age and sex - not seasonally adjusted (March 2018)

1. Those of working age not in employment

## Employment by Occupation

Table 2.6 Employment by Occupation

Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	7,600 (15.4%)	(10.6%)	(10.9%)	ONS Annual Population Survey, January 2017 - December 2017
Professional Occupations	10,600 (21.5%)	(17.8%)	(20.3%)	

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



Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	5,300 (10.7%)	(13.1%)	(14.4%)	ONS Business Register and Employment Survey, 2016
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	7,800 (15.9%)	(10.4%)	(10.3%)	
Skilled Trade Occupations	4,700 (9.5%)	(11%)	(10.3%)	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	# (ii)	(9.4%)	(9.1%)	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	#	(7.0%)	(7.5%)	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	#	(8.0%)	(6.3%)	
Elementary Occupations	#	(12.2%)	(10.5%)	

**Table 2.7 Employee Jobs**

Employment by Industry		Employee Jobs	Lichfield %	West Midlands %	Great Britain %	Source
Primary Service (mining and quarrying)		35	0.1	0.0	0.2	ONS Business Register and Employment Survey, 2016
Energy and Water		300	0.6	1.1	1.1	
Manufacturing		5,000	10	11.8	8.1	
Construction		2,500	5	3.9	4.6	
Services	Wholesale and Retail, including motor trades	8,000	16	17.2	15.3	
	Transportation and Storage	3,000	6	6.1	4.9	
	Accommodation and Food Services	7,000	14	6.6	7.5	
	Information and Communication	1,250	2.5	2.7	4.2	
	Financial and other Business Services	9,900	19.8	18.6	22.8	
	Public Admin, Education and Health	10,500	21	27	26.5	
Other Services (Including Arts, Entertainment and Recreation)		3,750	7.5	4.8	4.6	

ii # - sample size too small for reliable estimate

## Average Income

Table 2.8 Average Weekly Income

Gross Weekly Pay of Full-time Workers	Lichfield	West Midlands	Great Britain	Source
Weekly earnings by residents	£609.80	£517.40	£552.70	ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings - Workplace Analysis, 2017
Weekly earnings by workplace	£492.80	£514.90	£552.30	

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

## Housing

Table 2.9 House Prices within the District

	August 2014	August 2015	February 2017	February 2018
Average Property Price - Lichfield District	£243,452	£268,247	£282,453	£308,610
Source	Hometrack (Sept 2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)	Hometrack (February 2017)	Hometrack (February 2018)
Average Property Price - West Midlands	£191,000	£202,397	£214,877	£225,658
Source	CLG (2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)	Hometrack (February 2017)	Hometrack (February 2018)

**2.10** Property values in Lichfield District are higher than most of the neighbouring authorities, and are significantly higher than the West Midlands average (£82,952 higher in 2018). The house prices in Lichfield City and many of the surrounding villages are particularly high due to the historic character of the city and attractive nature of adjoining villages and countryside.

## 3 Sustainable Communities

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 1</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 2</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 3</b>	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.

<b>Core Policy 2</b>	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
<b>Core Policy 3</b>	Delivering Sustainable Development
<b>Policy SC1</b>	Sustainability Standards for Development
<b>Policy SC2</b>	Renewable Energy

### Introduction

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

<b>Policy SC1</b>	<b>Sustainability Standards for Development</b>
<b>Policy SC2</b>	<b>Renewable Energy</b>

### Indicator SC1: Renewable Energy Generation

**3.2** There have been two applications for small scale renewable energy schemes permitted within the year.

**Table 3.1 Renewable Energy Generation**

Application No.	Location	Type of Renewables
17/00344/FUL	Annie's Barn, Huddlesford Grange Farm, Huddlesford Lane, Huddlesford, Lichfield	Retention of 16 ground mounted solar panels
17/01659/PNC	Screwfix Distribution Centre, Unit 1, Nanscawen Road, Fradley Park, Lichfield	Prior Notification (Commercial): Installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels

#### Key Finding One

There has been one new renewable energy generation installation this year and an application for the retention of ground mounted solar panels. There continues to be generation at small and domestic levels.

## 4 Infrastructure

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 4</b>	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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<b>Core Policy 4</b>	Delivering our Infrastructure
<b>Policy IP1</b>	Supporting & Providing our Infrastructure

### Introduction

**4.1** This section of the AMR monitors the delivery of infrastructure in line with the Local Plan. The infrastructure requirements for the District are detailed within the [Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#) (IDP). The IDP is a living document which is continually updated as new and updated evidence becomes available. The latest IDP was published in 2018.

**4.2** The District Council has continued to progress work on the Community Infrastructure (CIL). Lichfield District Council adopted CIL at Full Council on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016, with CIL charging commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

<b>Core Policy 4</b>	<b>Delivering our Infrastructure</b>
<b>Policy IP1</b>	<b>Supporting &amp; Providing our Infrastructure</b>

### Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery.

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

**Table 4.1**

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
Lichfield Southern Bypass	GBSLEP Growth Deal funding and National Productivity Investment Funds have been secured to deliver the underbridge between Birmingham Road and the Lichfield South SDA and the remaining section through the SDA to London Road will be delivered through a S278. It is expected that this final section of the Lichfield Southern Bypass will be open in 2020/21.	Erection of up to 450 dwelling	12/00182/OUTMEI – subject to unsigned S106.

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
East of Lichfield (Streethay) SDA - Primary School	<p>Planning application for the erection of new primary school within the East of Lichfield (Streethay) Strategic Development Allocation (SDA) submitted (ref: 17/00268/REMM). (NB - application approved after the base date of this AMR).</p> <p>Construction set to start July 2018 with school due to open September 2019.</p>	Erection of primary school and associated facilities.	17/00268/REMM
Lichfield Trent Valley Station	Lichfield Trent Valley has been awarded Access for All funding to improve disabled access in the form of lifts to facilitate access to the Cross City and London bound platforms. Construction to begin 2018/19.	-	-
Friarsgate	Planning application for Friarsgate redevelopment approved in May 2016 (ref: 15/01365/FULM). Detailed design work continuing, main contractor appointed, planning conditions continuing to be discharged. <sup>(1)</sup>	Development comprising retail, commercial, residential uses, relocated bus station, multi-storey car park and associated landscaping, public realm, servicing, access and highway improvement works.	15/01365/FULM
Burntwood Town Centre	A number of applications have been determined to enable the delivery of retail/leisure provision and homes. Scope of public realm improvements agreed initial options and design work to commence June 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversion of building to form 3no units (1 24 hour gym and 2 retail units) and permission secured in 2017 for a Coffee Unit.</li> <li>Application currently being determined for a mixed use development comprised of retail and D1 uses and includes 14 apartment units.</li> </ul>	17/01586/COU
Broadband Improvements	The Superfast Staffordshire programme began in 2013. As of May 2018, 95.7% of Lichfield District is now UK Superfast covered (>24Mbps). This value is ahead of the 94% of premises within the District expected to be covered by the end of 2018.	-	-
Cannock Chase SAC & River Mease SAC	Developer contributions secured on schemes within the Cannock Chase SAC zone of influence and River Mease water catchment to mitigate for impacts of development on the SAC's.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers have been appointed to take forward the implementation of mitigation actions.</li> <li>A number of audits and additional studies have been completed which will enable the prioritisation of mitigation projects.</li> </ul>	-

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

- On the 26th June 2018 Full Council approved the recommendation to terminate the agreement between Lichfield District Council and U+I. Therefore the Friarsgate development will not proceed and Lichfield District Council will consider future options for the site.

## Indicator IP2: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

**4.4** The Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a locally set charge on development. Lichfield District Council adopted CIL in 2016 and. This indicator will monitor the amount of CIL received and spent within the financial year.

**4.5** The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) places a responsibility on the District Council has a CIL Charging Authority to report each financial year on income and expenditure associated with CIL.

**4.6** In accordance with Regulation 62 of The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) between the period of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 Lichfield District Council as the CIL Charging Authority collected a totalled of £286,797.04 in CIL receipts. During this period no CIL expenditure took place nor was any CIL receipts transferred to any local council under Regulation 59A or 59B (Meaningful Proportion).

**4.7** Further, additional guidance relating to the application process which will support the allocation of CIL was adopted by Cabinet in June 2018.

Table 4.2

Year	CIL recieved	CIL spent
2016-17	£11,310.25	£0
2017-18	£286,797.05	£0

### Key Finding One

The District Council continues to collect developer contributions through CIL. The amount collected has increased this year. Monies will be allocated in line with the CIL Regulations and the Councils adopted CIL Administration and Governance Procedures.

## 5 Sustainable Transport

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 5</b>	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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<b>Core Policy 5</b>	Sustainable Transport
<b>Policy ST1</b>	Sustainable Travel
<b>Policy ST2</b>	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.

<b>Core Policy 5</b>	<b>Sustainable Transport</b>
<b>Policy ST1</b>	<b>Sustainable Travel</b>

### 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.

**Table 5.1 Travel Plans**

Development	Planning Reference	Travel Plan Secured
Land off Nanscawan Road, Fradley	17/00059/FULM	Yes
Land north east of Wood End Lane, Fradley	17/00276/FULM	Yes
Former Norgren Factory, Eastern Avenue, Lichfield	17/00060/OUTFLM	Yes

<b>Policy ST2</b>	<b>Parking Provision</b>
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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. Through the Development Management process the District Council seeks to achieve these standards.

<b>Core Policy 5</b>	<b>Sustainable Transport</b>
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## Indicator ST3: Sustainable Transport

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

**Table 5.2 Sustainable Transport: Journey to Work**

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 5.3 Modes of Transport**

	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Cycle	Motorbike/ Moped	Other	Source
Work	6%	40%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	LDC Citizens Survey 2011



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

## Indicator ST5: Road related casualties

Table 5.4 Road related casualties in Lichfield District

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Source
Fatal	1	2	5	7	2	4	Staffordshire County Council  (2017)
Serious	10	19	15	26	39	17	
Slight	168	251	255	283	284	209	

### Key Finding One

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

### Key Finding Two

There has been a decrease in road related casualties over the last year within the District, particularly slight and serious incidents when compared to previous years. There was an increase in fatal casualties in 2017.

## 6 Homes for the Future

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 6</b>	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.
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**Table 6.1**

<b>Core Policy 6</b>	Housing Delivery
<b>Policy H1</b>	A Balanced Housing Market
<b>Policy H2</b>	Provision of Affordable Homes
<b>Policy H3</b>	Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople

### 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.

<b>Core Policy 6</b>	<b>Housing Delivery</b>
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### Indicator H1: Plan Period Housing Targets

**6.2** The Local Plan Strategy seeks to deliver 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](#) and [Five Year Housing Land Supply Paper](#).

**Table 6.2 Plan Period and Housing Targets**

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)

## Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings

Table 6.3 Additional Dwellings

H2: Additional Dwellings in Previous Years	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions 2008-2018	2,908
Demolitions / Conversions Away 2008-2018	153
Net Completions 2008-2018	2,755
H2: Additional Dwellings for the Reporting Year 2017 - 2018	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions	577
Demolitions/Conversions away	25
Net Completions	552

**6.4** This year has seen a significant increase in the number of completions compared to last year. This figure exceeds the requirement 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 (July 2018) 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

Table 6.4 Density of Completions

	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Average density of new dwellings completed (dwellings per hectare)	49	17.2	47.1	28.4	28.2	68.67	33.85

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

**6.7** The average density of completions has decreased this year when compared to the previous year as a result of over 80% of completions being 2, 3 and 4 bed houses. Whereas in previous years flatted and/or apartment schemes have led to a higher average densities being recorded.

## Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory

**6.8** The housing trajectory is available to view in the [Five Year Housing Land Supply](#) document, which sets out whether the District has a 5 year housing land supply and gypsy and traveller sites for the period of 1st April 2018.

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

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

Table 6.5 Dwellings completed by land type

	Brownfield		Greenfield		Garden Land (Greenfield)	
	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%
2011/2012	161	77%	47	23%	-	-
2012/2013	207	82%	45	18%	-	-
2013/2014	215	65%	21	6%	93	28%
2014/2015	330	84%	25	6%	36	9%
2015/2016	180	88%	10	5%	14	7%
2016/2017	287	73%	93	24%	14	3%
2017/2018	360	62.4%	197	34.1%	20	3.5%

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

### Policy H1

### A Balanced Housing Market

## Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix

**6.11** 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.

Table 6.6 Indicative Dwelling Mix

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

**Table 6.7 Housing types completed 2017/18**

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H1 (1 bed house)	8	1.4%
H2 (2 bed house)	156	27%
H3 (3 bed house)	210	36.4%
H4+ (4+ bed house)	99	17.2%
F1 (1 bed flat)	30	5.2%
F2+ (2+ bed flat)	56	9.7%
B1 (1 bed bungalow)	0	0%
B2+ (2+ bed bungalow)	18	3.1%

**Table 6.8 Completions by Number of Bedrooms**

Number of Bedrooms	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
1 Bed	9.6%	5.2%	13.7%	11.7%	13.3%	13.5%	6.5%
2 Bed	28.3%	22.2%	41%	25.1%	30.8%	30.2%	37.95%
3 Bed	46.1%	43.7%	27.7%	43.3%	34.3%	31.2%	37.95%
4+ Bed	15.8%	29%	17.6%	19.9%	21.6%	25.1%	17.5%

**6.12** 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 75.9% of the dwellings delivered this year, an increase on the previous years figure.

<b>Policy H2</b>	<b>Provision of Affordable Homes</b>
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**Indicator H8: Gross Affordable Housing Completions**

**6.13** Lichfield District has an identified deficit of affordable and social housing, particularly in the main urban areas of Lichfield City and Burntwood.

**Table 6.9 Affordable Completions**

Development	Completions	Under Construction
Rugeley ERZ Local Centre, Rugeley	44	-
Land at Sportsway and Milestone Way	4	20
Streethay SDA, Phase 1, Burton Road	19	33
Halifax Avenue, Land at Fradley Park	30	3
<b>Gross Completions</b>	<b>97</b>	

**6.14** The gross completions of 97 affordable dwellings represents an increase in the number completed since last year. Affordable housing equates to approximately 16.8% of the total completions in the District.

### Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing

Table 6.10 Developed and Committed Affordable Housing

Housing market Sub Area (SHMA)	Committed
Lichfield City	22
Burntwood	31
Lichfield District North	154
Lichfield District South	0
Tamworth	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

**6.15** There are a further 207 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

**6.16** 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](#).

### Halifax House Price Index

Table 6.11

Figures are for England and Wales (Feb 2009 = 519.1 Base Figure)			
Period	Index (1983 = 100)	Standardised Average Price (£)	Source
April 2017	711.6	219,515	Lloyds Banking Group - Halifax House Price
September 2017	728.4	222,070	
April 2018	715.6	221,108	

**6.17** Data from the Halifax House Price Index illustrates that house prices have continued to increase nationally during 2017/18. As is illustrated within the first section of this report, house prices within Lichfield District are significantly higher than the regional and national averages. The index has increased 38% from the base figure.

### 'BCIS' General Building Cost Index

**6.18** 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 20% from the base figure.

**Table 6.12 BCIS**

	February 2018 <sup>(1)</sup> (March 2009 = 286.3)
BCIS General Building Cost Index	345.8

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

## Alternative Land Use Value

**6.19** 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.

**6.20** The data for Alternative Land Use Value was previously sourced from the Valuation Office Agency's (VOA) Property Market Reports which are no longer produced. The Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) now produced the 'Land Value Estimates for Policy Appraisal' with the latest version having been published in May 2018. This provides an updated figure for the agricultural land value for Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire. 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.

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

	Estimated value of a typical agricultural site per hectare
Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire	£21,250 (£8,599 per acre)

## Suggested Affordable Housing Viability Target

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

**Table 6.14**

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
25-27%	31-34%	40%	37%	35%

**6.22** The affordable housing viability target has decreased this year. Data demonstrates that whilst house prices have continued to rise so have building costs (as demonstrated by the latest BCIS data) and it is this rise in building costs along with a slight decrease in the alternative land use value which has caused the viable target to decrease slightly.

## Indicator H11: Additional Gypsy & Traveller Pitches

Table 6.15 Pitches for Gypsy & Traveller

Existing pitches lost	0
New pitches	0

**6.23** 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

Table 6.16 Unauthorised caravans

Number of unauthorised caravans	27
Number of unauthorised encampments	7

## Indicator H13: Self-build and Custom Build Register

**6.24** 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.

Table 6.17 Self-build and Custom Build Register

	2017/2018
Number of individuals registered	34
Number of associations of individuals registered	1
Preference for type of house	Majority detached house
Preference for the number of bedrooms	Majority 3 to 4 bedrooms
Preference for general location	Very little information, with responses varying from 0.25 acre to 4 hectares

## Indicator H14: Number of plots granted self-build relief

**6.25** Self build relief has been granted to 22 plots in the District this financial year.

Table 6.18 Number of plots granted self- build relief

Year	Number of plots
2016/17	9
2017/18	22



## Indicator H15: Permitted New Dwellings

Table 6.19 Permitted new dwellings

	Number of permitted new dwellings	
	Gross	Net
2008/2009	535	517
2009/2010	327	317
2010/2011	208	191
2011/2012	251	234
2012/2013	179	167
2013/2014	1202	1183
2014/2015	1209	1191
2015/2016	1296	1282
2016/2017	1027	1005
2017/2018	649	595
<b>Total</b>	<b>6883</b>	<b>6682</b>

**6.26** The number of permitted new dwellings has decreased this year in comparison to the previous three years, this is due to the majority of Strategic Development Allocations within the District now having planning permission.

### Key Finding One

The District's housing completion rates have significantly increased this year.

### Key Finding Two

The average density of housing completions this year is 33.85 dwellings per hectare. This is a decrease on last years value. 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 62.4% of all completions taking place on brownfield sites.

**Key Finding Four**

The current viable level of affordable housing is 35%.

**Key Finding Five**

Permission for 649 gross new dwellings was granted this year.

## 7 Economic Development & Enterprise

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 7</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 8</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 9</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 10</b>	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.

<b>Core Policy 7</b>	Employment & Economic Development
<b>Core Policy 8</b>	Our Centres
<b>Core Policy 9</b>	Tourism
<b>Policy E1</b>	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 [Employment Land Availability Assessment](#) (ELAA) is updated annually, identifies sites that have the potential for employment development and their potential future capacity in terms of uses, floorspace and number of jobs. The following indicators include data published within the ELAA.

<b>Core Policy 7</b>	<b>Employment &amp; Economic Development</b>
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### Indicator E1: Completed Employment Floorspace

Table 7.1 Completed employment floorspace

Application Number	Address	Site Area (ha)	Use Class	Floorspace completed (m <sup>2</sup> )	Town Centre	Previously developed land
16/00585/FULM & 16/00586/FULM	Land at Easthill, Wood End Lane, Fradley	12.7	B8	51,279	No	No
15/01114/COU	Land north of Britannia Park, Lichfield	0.55	B8	260	No	No
17/01327/FULM	Former Ash & Lacy pressings, Lynn Lane, Shenstone	0.88	B2/B8	1815	No	Yes

Application Number	Address	Site Area (ha)	Use Class	Floorspace completed (m <sup>2</sup> )	Town Centre	Previously developed land
15/01196/COU	Levesley Group HQ, Rykneild House	2.4	B8	9600	No	No
<b>Total Floorspace completed (m<sup>2</sup>):</b>				62,954		

### Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land

**7.3** A majority of the employment land completed this year has taken place on previously undeveloped land. A majority of the floor space completed is from the large development at Easthill, Wood End Lane with the completed unit now being occupied by Screw-fix.

### Indicator E3: Available Employment Land

Table 7.2 Available employment land 2017-2018

'Available' Supply (2017-2029)	Uses	Ha	Floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> )
Sites currently under construction	<b>Total</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>23,879</b>
	B1/B2/B8	12.98	23,699
	B1a (Offices)	0.12	180
Sites with planning permission	<b>Total</b>	<b>45.80</b>	<b>174,527</b>
	B1/B2/B8	45.80	174,527
	B1a (Offices)	0	0
Available sites	<b>Total</b>	<b>43.54</b>	<b>140,077</b>
	B1/B2/B8	43.54	140,077
	B1a (Offices)	0	0
Total 'Available Supply'	<b>Total</b>	<b>102.44</b>	<b>338,483</b>
	B1/B2/B8	102.44	338,483
	B1a (Offices)	It should be noted that a majority of the above supply is available for B1/B2/B8 uses and as such could contribute toward specific B1a office supply.	

**7.4** Table 7.2 is extracted from the [ELAA](#) and demonstrates that there is approximately 102 Ha of employment land available for employment development of which 58.9 Ha is either under construction or has the benefit of planning permission. The available supply is located across a range of sites which can provide for all types of employment development.

## 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.

Table 7.3 New floorspace for 'town centre' uses

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

<b>Policy E1</b>	<b>Retail Assessments</b>
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## Local Indicator E5: Number of Retail Assessments

Table 7.4 Retail Assessments

Development	Planning reference number	Retail Assessment
Former Norgren Factory, Eastern Avenue, Lichfield	17/00060/OUTM	Yes

## Indicator E6: Location of Completed Developments

Table 7.5 Employment Completions within town centres

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

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

## Indicator E7: Town Centre Health

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

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

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

**Table 7.7 Lichfield Retail**

	Total retail premises in Lichfield City Centre	Vacant Shops in Lichfield City Centre	Vacancy Rate (Lichfield City)	Source
June 2015	299	26	8.7%	Health Check
December 2015	306	28	9.15%	
June 2016	302	26	8.61%	
December 2016	302	19	6.39%	
July 2017	301	20	6.64%	
December 2017	306	16	5.23%	
March 2018	306	18	5.88%	

**Table 7.8 Burntwood Retail**

	Total retail premises in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacant Shops in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacancy Rate (Burntwood Town Centre)	Source
June 2015	64	4	6.25%	Health Check
December 2015	66	3	4.55%	
June 2016	66	3	4.55%	
December 2016	67	3	4.47%	
July 2017	65	6	9.23%	
December 2017	66	4	6.06%	
March 2018	66	4	6.06%	

**Core Policy 9**

**Tourism**

## Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism

**7.7** Lichfield has a strong tourist industry and numerous tourist attractions including the Cathedral, the Erasmus Darwin and Samuel Johnson Museums, the Lichfield Garrick Theatre, Drayton Manor Theme Park and the National Memorial Arboretum.

**Table 7.9 Tourism Figures**

Indicators for Tourism Source: Visit Lichfield <sup>(1)</sup>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total estimated number of tourists in the District	5,011,668	5,352,718	5,457,146	5,959,466	5,948,467
Average Tourist Spend (per visit)	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	£40.51	Estimated at £33
Total income from tourism in the District	£165,385,044	£176,639,694	£180,085,818	£196,662,378	£196,299,411
Number of hotel spaces granted planning permission (new)	79	0	0	0	0

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

### Key Finding One

This year 62,954m<sup>2</sup> of employment developments have been completed within the District providing an increase in employment floorspace.

### Key Finding Two

Lichfield District maintains a large portfolio of sites which are available for employment development, 58.9ha of land is under construction and/or has secured planning permission for employment development.

### Key Finding Three

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

## 8 Healthy & Safe Communities

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 11</b>	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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<b>Core Policy 10</b>	<b>Healthy &amp; Safe Lifestyles</b>
<b>Core Policy 11</b>	<b>Participation in Sport &amp; Physical Activity</b>
<b>Core Policy 12</b>	<b>Provision for Arts and Culture</b>
<b>Policy HSC1</b>	<b>Open Space Standards</b>
<b>Policy HSC2</b>	<b>Playing Pitch &amp; Sport Facility Standards</b>

### Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision

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

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

**Table 8.1 Types of Green Space in the District**

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



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

## Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes

**8.3** No new environmental improvement schemes have been completed in the 2017/2018 financial year.

## Indicator HSC3: Satisfaction with Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation

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

Table 8.2 Parks satisfaction survey

How satisfied are you with the park overall?	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Completely satisfied	62%	55.6%	61.7%	66%	58.7%
Satisfied	36.4%	42.9%	38.3%	32%	41.3%
Dissatisfied	0.8%	1.5%	0%	0%	0%

How satisfied are you with the park overall?	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Completely dissatisfied	0.8%	0%	0%	2%	0%

**Key Finding One**

100% of respondents to the park satisfaction survey in 2017 were either completely satisfied or satisfied with the park overall.

## 9 Natural Resources

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 12</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 13</b>	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.

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

<b>Core Policy 13</b>	<b>Our Natural Resources</b>
<b>Policy NR9</b>	<b>Water Quality</b>

### 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).

**Table 9.1 Environment Agency Water Quality (Water Framework Directive)**

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

**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.

**Table 9.2 Permissions granted contrary to EA advice**

	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	Target
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**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.

<b>Core Policy 13</b>	<b>Our Natural Resources</b>
<b>Policy NR1</b>	<b>Countryside Management</b>
<b>Policy NE2</b>	<b>Development in the Green Belt</b>

### 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.

**Table 9.3 Planning permissions granted for rural enterprises**

<b>Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises</b>			
<b>Development</b>	<b>Planning Application Reference</b>	<b>Description of Proposal</b>	<b>Proposal within Green Belt</b>
Tithe Barn Bungalow Tithe Barn Lane Gentleshaw Rugeley	17/00593/FUL	Formation of a menage	Yes
Heart Of The Country Shopping Village London Road Lichfield	17/00551/COU	Change of use of land to outdoor restaurant, conversion of timber shed to preparation area and erection of a timber canopy.	Yes
Blue Gates Farm, Brookhay Farm, Lichfield	17/00436/FUL	Erection of barn, ménage and associated works.	No
Land Adjacent Maple Lodge, Abnalls Lane, Lichfield	16/01131/COU	Change of use to agricultural land to recreational use for camping. Including vehicular access, erection of shower block and associated facilities.	Yes
Longdon Stud Limited, Longdon Stud Farm, Bardy Lane, Upper Longdon	17/00704/FUL	Installation of an all weather 3m wide exercise track	Yes
Churchfield Cottage, Smithy Lane, Longdon	16/00674/COU	Change of use from agricultural land to horse paddock and erection of stable block, comprising of 5no stable rooms and a store room	Yes
Land Opposite To 138 - 188 Chorley Road, Burntwood	17/00280/FULM	Erection of agricultural building and continued use of part of land for dog agility training	Yes
The Cottage, Goosemoor, Green Rugeley	17/00913/FUL	Erection of stable block and menage with associated works	Yes

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises			
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Proposal within Green Belt
Merryfields, Shute Hill, Chorley, Lichfield	17/00420/FUL	Erection of stable block and menage with associated works	Yes
Tuppenhurst Farm, Tuppenhurst Lane, Handsacre, Rugeley	17/01318/COU	Change of use from paddock to all weather surface riding arena (30m x 60m)	No
Land Rear Tuthills Cottage, Stockings Lane, Upper Longdon	17/01396/COU	Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian	No
White House Farm, Old London Road, Lichfield	16/01476/COU	Change of use and alteration of former agricultural building to form 4no office units	Yes
Positively Prepared <sup>(iii)</sup> Planning Permissions for Development in the Green Belt			

Table 9.4

Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal
Tithe Barn Bungalow, Tithe Barn Lane, Gentleshaw, Rugeley	17/00593/FUL	Formation of a menage.
Heart of the Country Shopping Village, London Road, Lichfield	17/00551/COU	Change Of Use of land to outdoor restaurant, including conversion of timber shed to preparation area and erection of timber canopy
Land Adj Maple Lodge, Abnalls Lane, Lichfield	16/01131/COU	Change of use of agricultural land to recreational use for camping. Including vehicular access, erection of shower block and associated facilities.
Longdon Stud Ltd, Longdon Stud Farm, Bardy Lane, Upper Longdon	17/00704/FUL	Installation of an all weather 3m wide exercise track.
Churchfield Cottage, Smithy Lane, Longdon	16/00674/COU	Change of use from agricultural land to horse paddock and erection of stable block, comprising of 5no stable rooms and a store room.

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

Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal
Land opposite 138-188 Chorley Road, Burntwood	17/00280/FULM	Erection of agricultural building and continued use of part of land for dog agility training.
Goosemoor Green, Rugeley	17/00913/FUL	Erection of stable block and menage with associated works.
Merryfields, Shute Hill, Chorley, Lichfield	17/00420/FUL	Formation of a menage.
White House Farm, Old London Road, Lichfield	16/01476/COU	Change of use and alteration of former agricultural building to form 4no office units.

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

## Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance

Table 9.5 Areas of Biodiversity

Site	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)
Site of Biological Interest (SBI)	77	983.1	85	826	85	818.8	85	826.3	87	826.2	87	826.2	88	830.6	88	830.6
Biodiversity Alert Site (BAS)	59	264.4	57	238.5	57	238.5	57	233.9	57	233.8	57	233.8	56	232.7	57	233.2
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	5	230.6	4	329.5	4	329.5	4	330.7	4	329.5 <sup>(1)</sup>	4	329.5	4	330.5	4	330.5
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	13.0	1	10.7 *	1	10.7	1	10.7	1	10.8

Site	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	1	550.3	1	550.3	1	550.3**	1	550.3**	1	550.3**	1	550.3**	1	550.3**	1	550.3
Source: Staffordshire County Council																

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

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

**Table 9.6 Condition of SSSI's within the District**

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



**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.

**Table 9.7 Biodiversity Indicators**

<b>Local Indicator</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>
<b>Indicator NR5:</b> 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.
<b>Indicator NR6:</b> 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
<b>Indicator NR7:</b> To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species	Protection and enhancement of the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and species. No net loss of Staffordshire BAP priority habitats and species	The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the implementation of the Districts Biodiversity and Development SPD and Biodiversity Strategy. This is also monitored through Development Control, which seeks biodiversity enhancement, mitigation and/or compensation should development occur at such sites. Lichfield District Council also contributes through the District's biodiversity strategy. Lichfield District Council is also an active partner of the Wildlife Sites Partnership.
<b>Indicator NR9:</b> To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB	Achieve schemes in the action plan.	The Council actively participates in an Officer Working Group and Joint Committee for the governance of AONB delivery and an annual monitoring report is produced to monitor progress against the management plan.
<b>Indicator NR10:</b> 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.
<b>Indicator NR11:</b> To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan	To contribute to the Forest of Mercia's own targets for woodland planting, management and access	The District Council continues to contribute to Forest of Mercia targets by carrying out woodland management and enhancement and planting trees on sites within the District where possible.
<b>Indicator NR12:</b> 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.
<b>Indicator NR13:</b> 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>

## Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation

Table 9.8 Tree Preservation

	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Number of new tree preservation orders	10	8	10	10	3	9	16
Number of existing tree preservation orders deleted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of prosecutions for tree damage	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Area	Number of applications for works on trees in conservation areas						
	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Alrewas	12	15	26	18	26	22	19
Clifton Campville	-	0	0	2	0	0	1
Colton	3	5	7	3	2	4	6
Elford	3	3	8	3	3	6	4
Fazeley	6	1	3	3	3	1	2
Fradley	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Hamstall Ridware	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Handsacre	3	1	0	0	0	3	0
Harlaston	4	3	2	1	3	1	1
Haunton	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
Hints	2	5	5	1	3	2	3
Hopwas	0	0	1	0	3	0	2
Kings Bromley	7	4	13	8	7	3	9
Little Aston	18	27	36	29	25	34	30
Lichfield	26	22	22	31	46	31	35
Longdon Green	03	0	6	3	1	6	3
Mavesyn Ridware	1	0	2	2	2	1	1
Shenstone	7	8	11	12	9	11	9
Wall	1	2	2	3	4	3	6
Whittington	1	9	16	18	13	12	13

	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Wigginton	12	0	1	2	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>147</b>

Table 9.9 Tree Preservation

Number of Applications for Works on Trees that have TPOs				
	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Burntwood	23	27	31	29
Little Aston	20	14	40	27
Lichfield	32	30	41	38
Northern Area	19	19	17	16
Southern Area	24	24	21	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>134</b>

## 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. The most recent report available is 2017, though the data it contains comes from January to December 2016.

**9.11** There are currently two AQMAS within Lichfield District, one located at Muckley Corner and the second on the A38 Streethay to Alrewas, which was designated in November 2015 and came into effect on 1st August 2016. During 2016, 13 sites exceeded the Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective, all of which were within one of the two AQMAS. Monitoring also continues at other locations within the District, but there were no exceedances of the annual mean objective anywhere else.

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

**Key Finding One**

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

**Key Finding Two**

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

**Key Finding Three**

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

**Key Finding Four**

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

## 10 Built & Historic Environment

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 14</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Priority 15</b>	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.

<b>Core Policy 14</b>	<b>Our Built &amp; Historic Environment</b>
<b>Policy BE1</b>	<b>High Quality Development</b>

### 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.

<b>Core Policy 14</b>	<b>Our Built &amp; Historic Environment</b>
<b>Policy BE1</b>	<b>High Quality Development</b>

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

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

### Indicator BE3: Conservation Area Appraisals

**10.3** Sixteen Conservation Area Appraisals have now been adopted, for Alrewas, Kings Bromley, Little Aston, Clifton Campville, Lichfield City, Shenstone, Bonehill & Fazeley, Colton, Harlaston, Hopwas, Fradley Junction, Haunton, Hints, Mavesyn Ridware, Elford and Hamstall Ridware. No further appraisals have been adopted this year.

### Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk

Table 10.1 Buildings at Risk

<b>Number of Buildings on the Buildings at risk survey</b>	17	<b>Target</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	
<b>Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings</b>		

Angel Croft Hotel and attached Outbuilding, Front Railings and Gates, Beacon Street	Planning and LBC granted for change of use to apartments. Work has commenced and building is nearly weatherproof. Works expected to be completed by end of 2018 at which point building will be inspected again to see if it can come off the register. Priority F – Repair scheme in progress and (where applicable) end user identified or functionally redundant building with new use agreed but not yet implemented.	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Manor House, Blithbury Road, Hamstall Ridware	No change to condition. Priority Category: A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed.	
Church Tower north of Church of St. John, Shenstone	No change to condition. Historic England have offered funding for repairs but not until financial year 2020/21. Priority Category B - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; solution agreed but not yet implemented	
Church Tower north of St John the Baptist, Edingale	No changes to condition. Priority Category: B - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; solution agreed but not yet implemented.	
<b>Grade II listed buildings (Surveyed in 2013 as part of Heritage at Risk project)</b>		
Remains of Bellamour Old Hall, Colton	Building is in very poor condition. Priority Category A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Armitage United Reform Church, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre	No change – building continues to deteriorate. Priority Category C - Slow decay; no solution agreed	
Stonehouses Cottages, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre	No change – building continues to deteriorate. Priority Category C - Slow decay; no solution agreed	
25 St John Street, Lichfield	Building has been vacant for a considerable time. Condition is deteriorating. Priority Category C - Slow decay; no solution agreed	
Bonehill Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change – building in very poor condition and deteriorating. Priority Category A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed	
Fazeley Mill (Tolsons Mill), Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change in condition. Building partly in use but not watertight so continues to deteriorate. There is a current planning application for conversion to apartments. Priority Category D - Slow decay; solution agreed but not yet implemented	
116 to 120 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change – unoccupied part of building continues to deteriorate. Priority Category C - Slow decay; no solution agreed	
122 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	No change – building in very poor condition and deteriorating. Priority Category A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed	
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. Priority Category C - Slow decay; no solution agreed	
Garden walls and pavilions at Manor Park, Kings Bromley	No change - still in same condition. Priority Category A - Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed	
4 Bore Street, Lichfield	Building has been vacant for a considerable time. Condition is deteriorating. Priority Category C - Slow decay; no solution agreed	
The Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Mavesyn Ridware	No change – still in same condition. Priority Category E - Under repair or in fair to good repair, but no user identified; or under threat of vacancy with no obvious new user (applicable only to buildings capable of beneficial use)	
Packington Hall, Tamworth Road, Packington	Planning application and LBC application approved, work not yet commenced - discussions with new owners are ongoing. Building has been scaffolded so is now protected from the weather. Priority Category D - Slow decay; solution agreed but not yet implemented	

**Key Finding One**

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

**Key Finding Two**

Three buildings have been removed from the Buildings at Risk list this year, whilst another three have been added.



# 11 Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

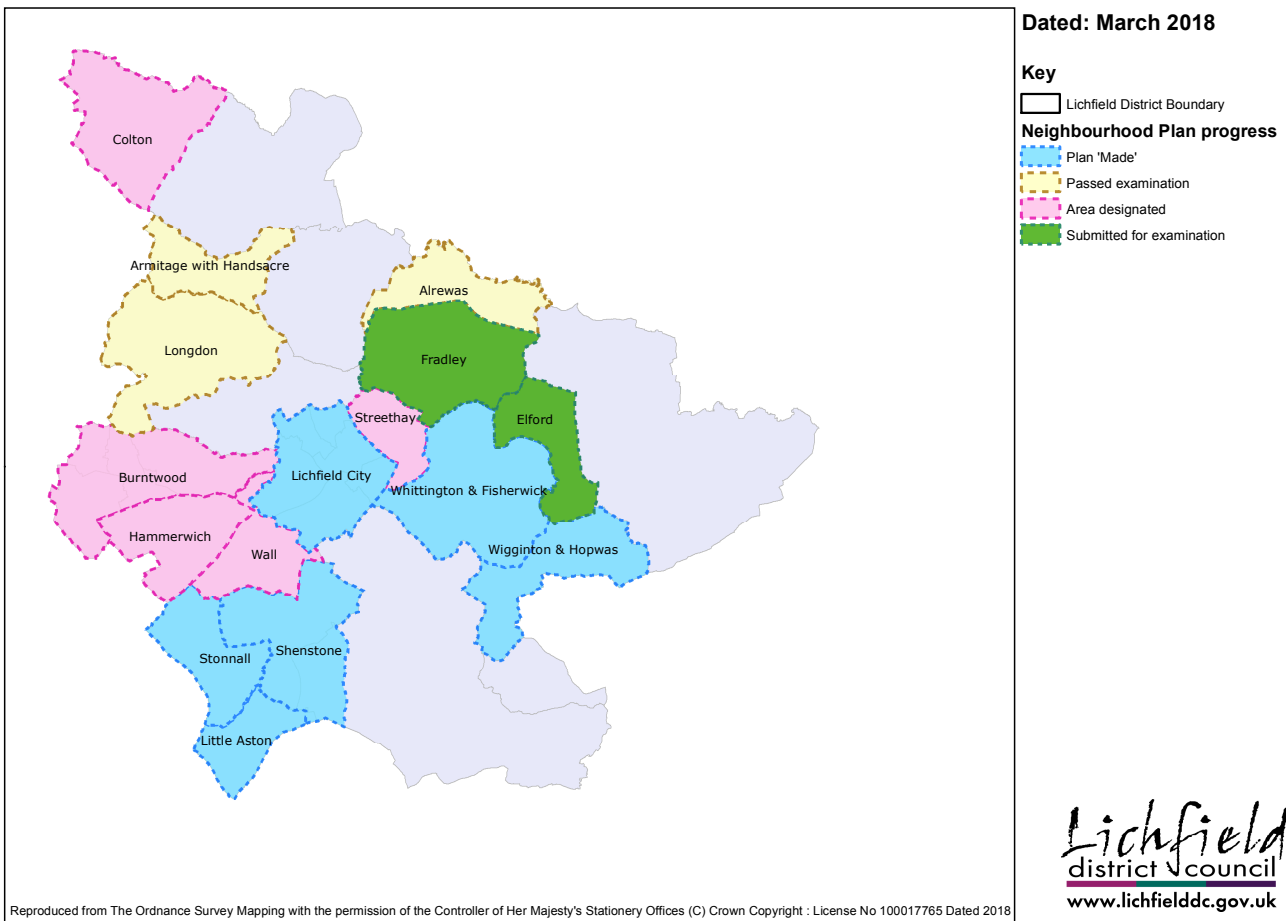
## Introduction

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

## Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Area Designations

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

Picture 11.1 Neighbourhood Plan Progress Map



## Indicator NP2: Progress with Neighbourhood Plans

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

**Table 11.1 Progress with Neighbourhood Plans**

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	05/01/2018 - 16/02/2018	February 2018	April 2018	-	-
Armitage with Handsacre	09/07/2013		02/05/2017 - 28/07/2017	23/02/2018 - 06/04/2018	April 2018	May 2018	-	-
Burntwood	08/04/2014		20/04/2018 - 04/06/2018	-	-	-	-	-
Colton	15/03/2016		-	-	-	-	-	-
Elford	14/08/2015		05/09/2017 - 17/10/2017	08/05/2018 - 19/06/2018	-	-	-	-
Fradley	09/12/2014		20/11/2017 - 15/01/2018	22/05/2018 - 03/07/2018	-	-	-	-
Hammerwich	09/12/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Lichfield City	10/12/2013		15/07/2016 - 09/09/2016	07/07/2017 - 18/08/2017	30/08/2017	26/10/2017	22/02/2018	April 2018
Little Aston	19/02/2013		03/11/2014 - 14/12/2014	06/03/2015 - 24/04/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015	Feb 2016	April 2016
Longdon	09/07/2013		11/07/2016 - 21/08/2016	26/01/2018 - 09/03/2018	March 2018	May 2018	-	-
Shenstone	19/02/2013 (area modified 08/10/2013)		03/11/2014 - 04/01/2014	09/10/2015 - 20/11/2015	Dec 2015 - April 2016	April 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
Stonnall	19/02/2013		10/11/2014 - 05/01/2015	16/01/2015 - 20/03/2015	July - August 2015	Aug 2015	Feb 2016	April 2016
Streethay	09/12/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Wall	08/04/2014		-	-	-	-	-	-
Whittington & Fisherwick	08/04/2014		30/01/2017 - 13/03/2017	28/07/2017 - 08/09/2017	27/09/2017	01/12/2017	22/02/2018	April 2018
Wigginton & Hopwas	09/07/2013	14/08/2015 - 25/09/2015	23/10/2015 - 04/12/2015	Dec 2015 - Feb 2016	Feb 2016	Sep 2016	Dec 2016	

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

**Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective**

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

Table 11.2 Registered Objective Users

Registered users on Objective	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Consultees	4,003	7,736	7,882	7,520	7,358	7,309	7,333	7660	7908
Agents	335	344	397	396	404	363	369	406	432

## 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.

Table 11.3 Consultations

Document	Number of Comments	Contributing Consultees
Draft Local Plan Allocations Consultation - Regulation 19	434	323
Rugeley Power Station Supplementary Planning Document	90	15
Draft Local Plan Allocations Focused Changes Consultation - Regulation 19	269	196
Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan Local Authority Consultation - Regulation 16	33	17
Armitage with Handsacre Neighbourhood Plan Local Authority Consultation - Regulation 16	32	28
Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan Local Authority Consultation - Regulation 16	12	3
Longdon Neighbourhood Plan Local Authority Consultation - Regulation 16	14	12
Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Local Authority Consultation - Regulation 16	2	2

## Indicator CE3: Hits on webpages

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

Table 11.4 Website Analytics

Indicator	2017	2018
Page views	1,538,957	1,493,054
Sessions	634,087	526,102
Users	393,155	329,428

## 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. 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>

Table 11.5 Section 106 and CIL Community Engagement

Year	Consultation	Consultees	Involvement
2016/2017	Amended Regulation 123 List	All	This four week consultation which took place between 12th October and 10th November gave people the opportunity to comment upon proposed amendments to the previously adopted Regulation 123 list.
2017/18	Allocation of non-site specific Section 106 funding	Parish Council	Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council and Armitage with Handsacre Parish Council were requested to identify projects to benefit from Section 106 contributions to support the provision of social, recreation, education, community and health.
2017/08	Allocation of non-site specific Section 106 funding	Parish Council	Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council were requested to identify projects to benefit from Section 106 contributions to support the provision of improvements to public open space.
2017/18	Allocation of non-site specific Section 106 funding	Parish Council	Fradley and Streethay Parish Council and the Health Authority were requested to identify projects to benefit from Section 106 contributions to support new or improvements to existing social, recreation, education, community and health facilities within the District of Lichfield.

## 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

Table 11.6 Countryside

Scheme	Consultation
Gentleshaw Common SSSI, Chasewater Heaths SSSI, Pipehill Common, Muckley Corner Common, Christian Fields LNR, Ironstone Road Heathland, Coulter Lane, Saddlers Wood, Larks Rise, Beacon Park, Darnford Park Conservation Projects and Education	<p>Gentleshaw Common was transferred to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on a 99 year lease in January 2016.</p> <p>The Wildlife trust engages with local schools, residents and visitors to highlight the importance of wildlife on this site.</p> <p>Volunteers learn about wildlife management and contribute to a site's conservational and recreational value.</p>

**Key Finding One**

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

**Key Finding Two**

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

## Appendix A Indicator Changes

Table A.1 Indicator Changes

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

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



## Glossary

Table .1

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	<b>AMR</b>	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	<b>BAS</b>	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	<b>AONB</b>	AONBs were created by the national parks and access to 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	<b>CIL</b>	A new provision which empowers, but not requires, 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	<b>IMD</b>	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)

Term	Acronym	Description
Infrastructure Delivery Plan	<b>IDP</b>	A plan to implement the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure, required to create sustainable communities in line with a Local Plan.
Local Development Scheme	<b>LDS</b>	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	<b>LTP</b>	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	<b>NPPF</b>	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 or 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)	<b>PDL</b>	Land which is currently or has in the past been occupied by a permanent structure and associated infrastructure.
Planning Policy Statement	<b>PPS</b>	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	<b>RSS</b>	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.

Term	Acronym	Description
Special Area of Conservation	<b>SAC</b>	Sites of European importance that can only be achieved once the site has been designated as a SSSI
Site of Biological Importance	<b>SBI</b>	Sites of local importance, which represent the best remaining sites within the District.
Site of Special Scientific Interest	<b>SSSI</b>	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 won 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	<b>TPO</b>	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.