

Annual Monitoring Report 2013

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 The 2013 Lichfield District Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) covers the period 1st April 2012 - 31st March 2013 and monitors the success of the District Council's policies in relation to a series of indicators. The purpose of this report is to monitor the effectiveness of the authorities policies to help us understand what is happening within the District now, and what could happen in the future.

1.2 The AMR is structured in chapters which reflect the structure of the Local Plan Strategy. It should be noted that at the time of publication the emerging Local Plan Strategy is currently subject to Examination in Public. Further details can be found via the examination website. www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplanexamination

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, so that the authority can assess how policies are responding to the issues within the District.

1.4 Updated planning practise guidance was published on 29th August 2013. The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) website was launched in test form for a six week review period prior to the publication of the final version of the guidance later in 2013. Once published the final version of the NPPG will replace all existing planning practice guidance which will remain in place in the meantime. This edition of the AMR was produced prior to the publication of the updated practice guidance. Future editions of the document will take full account of the final version of the guidance.

1.5 Previous Annual Monitoring Reports have highlighted the effects of the severe global economic recession, and the data reported within this AMR demonstrates the continued effect that this has had on development within Lichfield District throughout the reporting year (2012 - 2013).

Summary

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

Sustainable Communities

There are currently 492 renewable installations across the District generating 1,897 MW of capacity per year. There have been a number of planning permissions granted this year for small scale renewable energy installations.

Infrastructure

Progress has been made on a number of items of infrastructure this year. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) is a living document and contains the latest available information.

Sustainable Transport

Transport plans have been included on two major applications this year. Parking Standards will be set out in the forthcoming Sustainable Design SPD.

Homes for the Future

The Local Plan: Strategy is currently within Examination in Public (EiP). The Inspectors Initial Findings published in September 2013 recommended an annual housing requirement of 480 dwellings.

There has been an increase in the number of housing completions this year. The net completions of 239 dwellings falls well short of that required to meet the target identified within the emerging Local Plan.

There has been an increased number of affordable housing completions this year, with many remain committed, which will assist in addressing the ongoing issues the District faces with regards to the provision of affordable housing. However, there is still a lack of committed affordable dwellings in Burntwood.

House prices in the District have decreased since last year (although this may be due to the data source changing). Prices continue to be significantly higher than the West Midlands average, cementing Lichfield District as one of the most attractive and desirable Districts in the region. Nationally house prices have declined this year.

Economic Development & Enterprise

There has been a small amount of business floor space completions during 2012/2013. However, there is still a relatively large stock of employment land available for development, located on a broad portfolio of sites within Fradley, Burntwood and Lichfield City. The land available is appropriate for all types of business use and will allow the District to continue to attract new employment opportunities.

Healthy & Safe Communities

The Open Space Assessment 2012 was published as part of the evidence for the Local Plan. It demonstrates that there is over provision of some types of open space and under provision of others across the District. There have been a number of significant improvements to parks within the District in the last few years.

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 be continued 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 within areas of flood risk, that were contrary to the Environment Agency's advice.

Built & Historic Environment

The Council continues to value and protect the historic sites which form an important element of the District's distinct character. Good progress has been made in undertaking Conservation Area Appraisals.

Only one major planning application has been refused on poor design grounds. This shows that the Council's project team approach to planning applications is ensuring well designed applications are submitted and approved.

Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

There are now 7 designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District with the designation of an eighth area underway at the time of writing. Progress on the neighbourhood plans continues in each area.

There has been a variety of consultation events throughout the District this year on different projects and documents which have been well attend and received by residents.

Summary of Indicators

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



Comfortably achieving, and meeting outline targets




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









Needs improving, targets are not being met

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
SC1	Renewable Energy Generation		There have been a number of planning permissions for renewable energy schemes granted this year. The District is generating 1,897 MW of capacity per year from renewable installations.
IP1	Infrastructure Delivery		Progress has been made on a number of items of Infrastructure. The IDP continues to be updated with new and updated information as this becomes available.
ST1	Number of Travel plans		There has been one travel plan acquired on a residential application at Fradley airfield which has a resolution to grant planning permission subject to s106.
ST2	Parking Provision		Parking Standards will be contained within the forthcoming Sustainable Design SPD.
ST3	Sustainable Transport		The private car is by far the most commonly used method of transport within the District (data from 2011 Census).
ST4	Population within 350m of a bus stop	-	-
ST5	Number of road related deaths and serious injuries	-	-
ST6	Accession Analysis	-	-
H1	Plan Period Housing Targets		The annual housing requirement is 480 dwellings per year. The District Council has currently under delivered against this target in the first five years of the plan period.
H2	Net Additional Dwellings		There has been an increase in the number of dwellings completed this year.
H3	Density of Completions		The average density of completions has decreased this year.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
H4	Housing Trajectory		The trajectory shows there has been an decrease in the number of dwellings this year. Further information on the trajectory is contained with the SHLAA 2013.
H5	New & Converted Dwellings - on Previously Developed Land		There has been an increase in the number of completions on previously developed land this year. Lichfield District still far exceeds the 45% target previously set by Staffordshire.
H6	Dwellings Mix		There has been a variety of dwelling types delivered this year, with a majority of two and three bedroom properties being delivered.
H7	Building for Life 12 Assessment		A majority of major developments assessed this year scored well under the Building for Life 12 criteria.
H8	Affordable Housing		There has been an increased number of affordable housing completions. There remains an identified need for further affordable homes.
H9	Committed Affordable Housing		There is a large number of committed and developed affordable units, however there are still shortages in some areas.
H10	Affordable Housing Viability		The emerging viability target of 40% is currently not being met. The target has increased slightly due to the national rise in house prices.
H11	Additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches		There has been no change in the number of pitches this year.
H12	Number of unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller Caravans		There has been an increase in the number of unauthorised sites, discussions are ongoing to resolve the situation.
E1	Additional Employment Floorspace		There has been a small level of employment floorspace completed during the year.
E2	Employment Development on Previously Developed Land		All employment floorspace completed this year occurred on previously developed land.
E3	Employment Land Available		There are still large areas of employment land available for development.
E4	Town Centre Uses		There has been an increase in town centre floorspace this year. This has been caused by the opening of Debenhams in Lichfield (with additional floorspace) and Aldi within Burntwood. Both of these developments occurred within the town centres.
E5	Number of Retail Assessments		There have been no developments requiring retail assessments this year.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
E6	Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments		There were two small office developments located within the town centres this year.
E7	Town Centre Health		The retention rates for both Burntwood and Lichfield have increased slightly according to the latest retail evidence. Additionally, the vacancy rate in Lichfield City has decreased this year.
E8	Lichfield District Tourism		The number of tourists in the District has decreased slightly this year.
HSC1	Open Space Provision		There is over provision of some typologies and under provision of others. The Open Space Assessment 2012 was published last year.
HSC2	Environmental Improvement Schemes		A number of schemes have been planned during the monitoring year
HSC3	Satisfied with Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation		A high percentage of residents are satisfied with the Districts open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.
NR1	Water Quality		There has been very little change in the quality of watercourses within the District.
NR2	Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice		No permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice.
NR3	Developments in the Countryside		There have been a number of planning permissions granted this year for a variety of rural based enterprises and businesses.
NR4	Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance		There has been a slight decrease in the area covered by SBIs this year. However, this has been cause by re-mapping the sites more accuratley.
NR5	To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSI's and SAC's		The Council continues to meet its conservation objectives.
NR6	To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area		Lichfield District Council continues to part fund a wildlife assessment group that which monitor these sites.
NR7	To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species		The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the implementation of the Districts Biodiversity Strategy.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
NR8	Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy		A steering group continues to work on targets for the District Biodiversity Strategy. A revised Biodiversity Strategy (2014 - 2024) is being prepared for publication in 2014.
NR9	To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB		A five year management plan is nearing its final year and another plan will need to be submitted to the secretary of state in 2013 to demonstrate our stator duty in respect of the AONB.
NR10	To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy		There is only a small area of the District within the National Forest.
NR11	To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan		The District Council continues to contribute to FOM targets by carrying out woodland management and planting on sites within the District.
NR12	To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area		Lichfield District Council is a member of the Green Heart Partnership - this is a landscape based partnership which seeks to tie together all environmental initiatives including .
NR13	To promote the Central Rivers Initiative vision		The District Council continues to provide funding for the Central Rivers Initiative and is a board member of the scheme.
NR14	Tree Preservation		There has been an increase in new TPOs this year. There have been no prosecutions for tree damage during the monitoring year.
NR15	Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)		There is one AQMA in Lichfield District at Muckley Corner. Monitoring continues across the District and should there be a need for further AQMAs, this will be reported.
BE1	Number of Planning Permission Refused for Major Developments on poor design grounds		There has been one major applications refused this year on poor design grounds.
BE2	Conservation Area Improvement Schemes		There have been no schemes this year as the funding for such schemes has ceased, this indicator will be deleted from future AMRs.
BE3	Conservation Area Appraisals		Good progress has continued with the Conservation Area Appraisals this year.
BE4	Buildings at Risk		The number of buildings on the list has increased this year. This is due to a survey which has looked at all listed buildings within the District including grade II buildings which had not previously been surveyed.
NP1	Neighbourhood Plans		There are 7 designated areas, with a further area designation being consulted upon. There is also further interest in other parts of the District to undertake neighbourhood plans.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
CE1	Registered users on Objective		There has been a decrease in the number of registered users of our online consultation system. This is partly due a large number of duplicate users being removed from the database.
CE2	Public Engagement		There has been continued good levels of public interest in consultation events.
CE3	Hits on our web pages		Our web pages continue to receive a high number of visitors, especially the Local Plan home page.
CE4	Section 106 community engagement		Partnership working continues to allocate funds and hold public events and consultations across the District.
CE5	Consultations linked to regeneration		The Implementation team have run various consultations related to projects across the District.
CE6	Countryside		The Countryside team continue extensive work within the community.

Summary of Indicators

2 Introduction: Spatial Portrait

2.1 This is the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for the monitoring year which runs from the 1st April 2012 to the 31st March 2013. All the figures and statistics published in this report refer to this reporting year, unless otherwise stated. This is the eighth 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 in 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.

Structure of the AMR

2.3 The AMR follows the structure of the Local Plan Strategy. Each chapter will begin with the Strategic Objectives and Local Plan policies being monitored. This will be followed by a series of indicators which are designed to monitor the effectiveness of the policies within the Local Plan. As the AMR's principal function is to monitor the effectiveness of the Local Plan, the structure should make it easier to use and relate to the Local Plan.

2.4 The indicators were renamed last year according to the new chapter structure of the document. Appendix B provides a list of the old and new indicator names where there have been changes. New indicators will be introduced where necessary and as data becomes available in line with the monitoring framework within the emerging Local Plan.

2.5 A series of these Indicators are deemed to monitor 'significant effects' in the District taking steer from the Sustainability Appraisal. These 'Significant Effect Indicators' have been summarised in Chapter 12.

2.6 The beginning of this report provides a spatial portrait of Lichfield District, using key information from a range of sources to give a picture of the District. The main body of the AMR focuses on the performance and targets based around the aforementioned indicators. The report includes statistics for this reporting year, and previous years where appropriate, so any trends are easily identifiable. As with earlier editions of the report the most up to date information has been used where available.

Lichfield District Local Plan

2.7 The Local Plan Strategy proposed submission document was published in July 2012 and is currently under Examination in Public (EiP). The hearing sessions for the Local Plan Strategy took place in June and July 2013, with the Inspector publishing his Initial Findings in September 2013. More information on the examination can be found online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplanexamination. The Local Plan: Strategy will be followed by the Local Plan: Allocations document which together will form the Local Plan for Lichfield District.

Local Development Scheme

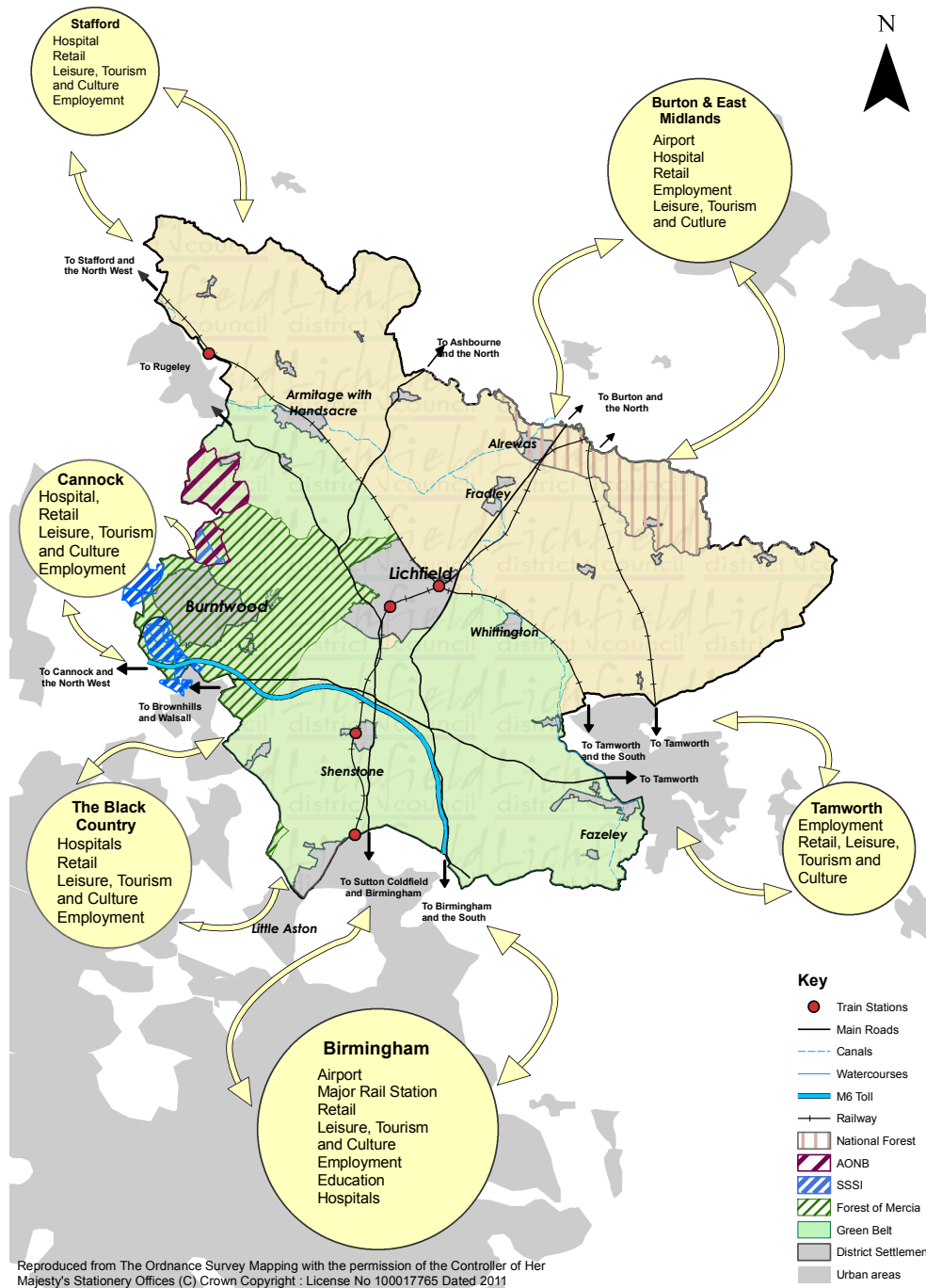
2.8 Lichfield District Council's current Local Development Scheme (LDS) became effective in July 2012. The table belows show the timescales for the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations Development Plan Documents as set out in the LDS.

Stage	Local Plan Strategy	Local Plan Allocations
Commencement of the preparation process	March 2007	July 2009
Proposed Submission Publication Date	July 2012	April 2014
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2013	July 2014
Commencement of the Hearing Sessions	July 2013*	October 2014
Adoption and Publication	December 2013*	April 2015

Table 3.2 Local Plan Strategy & Allocations of Land Timescales

*Subsequent to the Hearing sessions in June/July 2013 the Inspector has published his Initial Findings which will require the Council to undertake further work. This work is expected to be completed within 6 months. This has led to the timescales slipping slightly.

Lichfield District's Spatial Context



Map 2.1

2.9 Lichfield District is an attractive semi-rural region in South East Staffordshire and has strong links to the West Midlands conurbations. It covers an area of 33,130 hectares and has a population of approximately 100,654 (2011 census). There are two main urban areas within the District, the City of

Lichfield located in the centre of the District and the town of Burntwood to the west. Lichfield and Burntwood account for the majority of the District's population, with Burntwood having just under 30,000 residents and Lichfield just over 30,000 (2011 Census). There is also a large rural hinterland, especially within the north and east of the District which houses many villages and several high quality, contrasting rural landscapes. Approximately half of the District is covered by Green Belt which generally covers the area between the West Coast Mainline and the southern and western border to the District (as illustrated in map 2.1).

District Infrastructure

2.10 Lichfield District has well developed inter-urban infrastructure with good highway links to the rest of the region and beyond. The A38 and A5 are the major arterial roads which run through the District and provide quick and direct access to Birmingham and the south and also to the M1 and M6. The M6 Toll provides good linkages between the South East and North West and has also helped to relieve congestion on the M6. The M6 Toll has been a major attraction for business investment in the area. Bypasses to Burntwood and Rugeley have also helped relieve congestion within and around urban areas.

2.11 There are bus services within and between Lichfield, Burntwood and the wider rural area, however there are some gaps in these services with some of our rural communities having significant access issues to public transport. The South of the District also suffers from a lack of bus services.

2.12 Lichfield City is well serviced by rail, with two stations on the Cross City Line which leads to Redditch via Birmingham New Street. The trains from these stations run frequently with a train approximately every 20 minutes taking passengers into Birmingham in around 40 minutes. The Cross City Line has further stations within the District at Shenstone and Blake Street Station is located just outside the District. The West Coast Main Line also runs through the District, with trains stopping at Lichfield Trent Valley and Rugeley Trent Valley stations, and works to improve the West Coast Line have been recently completed. Rugeley Trent Valley station is also located on a line connecting Cannock with Birmingham.

2.13 The first phase of the High Speed 2 rail proposal takes the line from London to join the West Coast Mainline north of Lichfield at Elmhurst, and therefore the proposed route is shown to come through Lichfield District to the east of Weeford, to the west of Whittington, through Streethay, and to Elmhurst. The second phase of the route has now been published for consultation, this continues the route of HS2 through the northern rural areas of the District past the Ridwares, Kings Bromley and Colton..

Lichfield District Key Statistics

2.14 The following section provides a summary of key statistics relating to Lichfield District for 2012-2013. This section will be 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

2.15 The 2011 Census provides the latest demographic information for Lichfield District. Since the publication of the census data 'Interim 2011-based population projections' have also been published which predict the District's population in 2013.

	Mid-year Populations (Source: ONS Mid year estimates)					
	District		West Midlands		England	
	2011 Census	2013 ^{*(i)}	2011 Census	2013*	2011 Census	2013*
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Total Population	100,654 (100%)	102,438 (100%)	5,601,847 (100%)	5,687,164 (100%)	53,012,456 (100%)	54,068,352 (100%)
Under 16 (0-15 years old)	17.5%	17,830 (17.4%)	19.5%	1,108,794 (19.5%)	18.9%	10,220,351 (18.9%)
16-64 Years old (Working Age)	62.4%	62,157 (60.7%)	63.3%	3,568,460 (62.7%)	64.8%	34,530,767 (63.9%)
65+ Years old (Older People)	20.1%	22,451 (21.9%)	16.9%	1,009,911 (17.8%)	16.3%	9,317,234 (17.2%)
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%	

Table 3.4 People and Ethnicity

2.16 The population of Lichfield District continues to grow steadily and, the Interim 2011-based population projections predict that the District's population has increased slightly since the 2011 Census. The 2011 census illustrates the growth in the District's population by 7,422 since the 2001 census. This increase seems to have occurred mainly due to in-migration into the District.

2.17 The majority of Lichfield District residents are within the working age category, however this is below the national average for the same age group. This difference is explained by Lichfield District's higher proportion of older people, which currently sits at 3.8% above the national average.

i *Interim 2011-based subnational population projections

2.18 The ethnic make-up of Lichfield differs to the West Midlands and National ethnic compositions with 'White British' people accounting for a significantly larger proportion of the population.

	Indicies of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)			Source (for 2007 data)
	IDM 2004	IDM 2007	IDM 2010	
Rank of Average Score	259	258	237	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010 - ODPM
Rank of Income	258	258	243	
Rank of Employment Scale	223	237	231	

Table 3.5 Indicies of Multiple Deprivation

2.19 There has been no new Indicies of Multiple Deprivation data published this year. Lichfield District continues to rank well within the indices of deprivation, and finds itself in the top third least deprived local authority areas in the country. There has however been a decrease in the District's scoring for the income, the employment and overall average categories, this is perhaps as a result of the economic downturn which is shown to be affecting the latest figures which were released for 2010.

Education

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average for 2012(England)	Source
% of pupils achieving 5+ GCSE grades A*-C ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	67.6%	70.4%	76.9%	81.3%	86.9%	81.8%	Department for Education, 'In Your Area' website
Average 'A' Level Points Score per candidate ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	693.7	707.6	699.1	745.9	685.1	733	

Table 3.6 Education Statistics

2.20 The percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSEs has once again increased significantly and means that the Lichfield District average is now higher above the national average.

2.21 The Staffordshire 'A' level points score has decreased significantly since last year and now is below the national average.

Employment

2.22 Lichfield District benefits from relatively low levels of unemployment and is viewed as a prime location for businesses to locate. Lichfield District's unemployment rate is lower than that of the West Midlands region and 4% lower than the national average. There has been a decrease in number of people claiming job seekers allowance in Lichfield District since last years AMR with a majority of those claimants being between the ages of 24-50.

ii score is for Lichfield District

iii score is for Staffordshire County

2.23 In terms of unemployment, Lichfield District performs well at a level of 4.8% compared to the Regional and National figures which stands at 8.8% and 7.8% respectively. The level of unemployment has decreased slightly this year.

2.24 There are still positive outcomes for Lichfield District as 84% of the working population are in employment which is considerably higher than the figures for the West Midlands region and only slightly lower than Great Britain.

Type of Employment	Lichfield (Number of Employees)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source	
Residents (economically active) in employment	50,800	84.1	75.2	77.1	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics April 2012 - March 2013	
Residents (economically active) unemployed	2,500	4.8	8.8	7.8		
Job Density	Total Jobs	Lichfield (density)	West Midlands (density)	Great Britain (density)	Source	
Job Density ^(iv)	47,000 Jobs	0.75	0.74	0.78	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2011	
Unemployment					Source	
Total People claiming Job Seekers Allowance	1,101	1.8	4.1	3.3	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics August 2013	
Job Seeker Claimants		% (as a proportion of the age group of the population)	% (as a proportion of the age group of the population)	% (as a proportion of the age group of the population)	Source	
Aged 18-24 (Total)	370	5.0	7.4	6.1	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics August 2013	
Length of claim	Up to 6 months	255	3.4	4.4		3.8
	6-12 months	75	1.0	1.5		1.2
	Over 12 months	45	0.6	1.6		1.2
Aged 25-49 (Total)	535	1.7	4.4	3.5		

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

Type of Employment		Lichfield (Number of Employees)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Length of claim	Up to 6 months	310	1.0	2.0	1.7	2011 Census
	6-12 months	95	0.3	0.9	0.7	
	Over 12 months	1125	0.4	1.5	1.1	
Aged 50+ (Total)		190	0.9	2.5	2.0	
Length of claim	Up to 6 months	115	0.6	1.0	0.9	
	6-12 months	25	0.1	0.4	0.4	
	Over 12 months	50	0.2	1.0	0.8	

Table 3.7 Lichfield District Employment

Employment by Occupation

Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	6,852 (14%)	255,592 (10.1%)	2,734,900 (10.9%)	2011 Census
Professional Occupations	9,043 (18.4%)	401,102 (15.8%)	4,400,375 (17.5%)	
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	6,158 (12.6%)	282,595 (11.1%)	3,219,067 (12.8%)	
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	5,720 (11.2%)	289,595 (11.4%)	2,883,230 (11.5%)	
Skilled Trade Occupations	5,756 (11.7%)	309,088 (12.2%)	2,858,680 (11.4%)	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	3,804 (7.8%)	241,235 (9.5%)	2,348,650 (9.3%)	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	3,479 (7.1%)	216,918 (8.6%)	2,117,477 (8.4%)	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	3,227 (6.6%)	223,017 (8.8%)	1,808,024 (7.2%)	
Elementary Occupations	4,977 (10.2%)	317,734 (12.5%)	2,792,318 (11.1%)	

Table 3.8 Employment by Occupation

2.25 Table 3.8 displays the labour market divided by occupation. The 2011 Census shows that the largest section of the Districts labour force works within professional occupations, associate professional and technical roles and senior management roles.

Average Income

Average Annual Income (gross)	Lichfield	West Midlands	Great Britain	Source
Earnings by residents	£28,490	£24,404	£26,416	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2012

Table 3.9 Average Income

2.26 The average income for residents of Lichfield District is higher than both the national and regional average. No new data has been published for the earnings by workplace, however historically data has shown that the average earnings by workplace within the District is lower than the average residents earnings. This would indicate that jobs within the District are lower paid and that there is a significant out migration of people from the District to higher salaried jobs available elsewhere. This could partly be explained by Lichfield's proximity to major urban settlements such as Birmingham and transport links which would allow easy commuting to much of the West Midlands conurbation and London.

Housing

2.27 Property values in Lichfield District are higher than most of the neighbouring authorities, and are significantly higher than the West Midlands average. Lichfield District is seen as an attractive commuter area for Birmingham and the larger salaries associated with jobs there. 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.

	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	2011	July 2012	July 2013
Average Property Price - Lichfield District	£210,075	£206,114	£257,553	£208,808	£235,515 ^(v)	£229,833
Source	CLG (2008)	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	Hometrack (2012)	Hometrack (2013)
Average Property Price - West Midlands	£174,002	£158,245	£174,404	£166,993	£180,000	£188,000
Source	CLG (2008)	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	CLG (2012)	CLG (2013)

Table 3.10 House Prices within the District

2.28 Since last years report, house prices within the District have decreased slightly. House prices in the region have shown an increase in , however properties are still significantly more expensive than the West Midlands averages (£41,833 higher) reaffirming Lichfield's position as one of the most desirable Districts to live within the West Midlands.

v figure source: Hometrack - CLG data is no longer produced to Local Authority Area)

Crime

2.29 Lichfield District is served by the Trent Valley District of the Staffordshire Police force, which also serves Tamworth Borough Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council. The crime statistics shown below are taken from the Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership's Annual Strategic Assessment which monitors crime statistics in great detail. A summary of the main findings from the latest published report is provided below.

Type of Crime	Incidents recorded				Source
	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	
ALL RECORDED CRIME	5,688	4,829	4,615	4,326	Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership - Annual Strategic Report 2011 - 2012
Domestic Burglaries	280	296	359	255	
Anti-social behaviour	3,678	3,140	2,262	1,807	
Violent Crime	1,159	1,138	887	906	
Vehicle Crime - theft of motor vehicle	186	115	145	101	
Vehicle Crime - theft from motor vehicle	551	381	388	325	
Arson	44	28	31	26	
Criminal damage	1,126	886	786	758	

Table 3.11 Crime levels

3 Sustainable Communities

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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

Introduction

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

Policy SC1	Sustainability Standards for Development
Policy SC2	Renewable Energy

Indicator SC1: Renewable Energy Generation

3.2 The Carbon Reduction Report provides information on the installation of renewable technologies. The latest data includes planning applications up to the 20th July 2012. There has been no new dated published since last years AMR.

3.3 The report shows that there are currently 492 renewable installations across the District generating 1,897 MW of capacity per year. A huge majority of these installations are solar panel installations with only four of the installations being for other types of renewable energy.

3.4 In the current monitoring year there have been several applications for renewable energy generation, these are detailed in the table below. A majority of these applications are for solar panels at premises across the District. There has been planning permission granted for a wind turbine within the District. These are not large enough to provide any measurable contribution so no return can be given for this indicator.

Application No.	Location	Type of Renewables
12/00271/FUL	120 Bridge Cross Riad, Chase Terrace	Solar Panels
12/00169/FUL	Statfold Farm, Clifton lane, Tamworth	Installation of one 50kW wind turbine (35.4m to hub) and associated works
12/01136/FUL	John Brown Nurseries Ltd	Installation of 44 ground mounted photovoltaic panels
12/01135/FUL	The Gables, Walsall Road	Installation of 40 ground mounted photovoltaic panels.
12/00263/FUL	The George Hotel, Lichfield	Retention of seventeen 3.91 kW free standing solar panels on flat roof
12/00498/FUL	Land adjacent Park Cottage Farm	Installation of a freestanding solar array

Table 3.1 Renewable Energy Generation

Key Finding One

There are currently 492 renewable installations across the District generating 1,897 MW of capacity per year.

Key Finding Two

There have been several renewable energy generation schemes granted planning permission within the reporting year a majority of which are for solar panels. There continues to be generation at small and domestic levels. The District and the Council should consider how to implement such schemes as part of future developments.

4 Infrastructure

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

Introduction

4.1 This section of the AMR will monitor the delivery of infrastructure in line with the Local Plan. The infrastructure requirements for the District are detailed within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). The IDP is a living document which is continually updated as new and updated evidence becomes available. The IDP will be the best place to find information about the infrastructure needs of the District and details on how these requirements may be delivered.

4.2 The District Council has commissioned viability work and is seeking to take forward the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within the District. This will assist in delivering the infrastructure required to deliver the spatial strategy. The Council will consult on a draft charging schedule in the new year.

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

Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery.

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

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
Lichfield Southern Bypass	Developer and Staffordshire County Council developing design of bypass within the South Lichfield SDA. Designed and development work underway for the under bridge.	-	-
Wall Island	Pinch Point Program funding secured (£0.9 million) with work due to commence in spring 2014.	-	-
Lichfield Trent Valley Station	Piecemeal improvements to station are planned with a new ticket office and shelter planned to be constructed during 2014.	-	-

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
Broadband Improvements	Broadband improvement program being rolled out across Staffordshire with Lichfield District being part of the first tranche.	-	-
Improvements to Friary Grange Leisure Centre	Improvements to changing facilities, reception area and café currently underway having secured funding.	-	-
Lichfield City Skate Park	Funding secured for smaller of two proposed schemes to serve Lichfield City. Contract is due to be let with construction set to start in 2014.	-	12/01066/COU & 12/01299/COU
Cannock Chase SAC & River Mease SAC	Developer contributions secured on schemes within the Cannock Chase SAC zone of influence and River Mease water catchment to mitigate for impacts of development on the SAC's.	-	-
Chasewater	Improvements underway as part of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme.	-	-
Local Nature Reserve	Local Nature Reserve delivered at Christianfields to the north of Lichfield.	-	-

Table 4.1

Key Finding One

Progress has been made on a number of key items of infrastructure this year. The most up to date and detailed information is available within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). The District Council is currently progressing work on the Community Infrastructure Levy.

5 Sustainable Transport

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

Introduction

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

Core Policy 5	Sustainable Transport
Policy ST1	Sustainable Travel

Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans

5.2 This indicator has been introduced to monitor the effectiveness of the Local Plan in ensuring Travel Plans are secured with major developments within the District.

Development	Planning Reference	Travel Plan Secured
National Memorial Arboretum	12/00593/	Transport Assessment carried out
Land at Fradley Park, Halifax Avenue	10/01498/OUTMEI	Yes

Table 5.1 Travel Plans

Policy ST2	Parking Provision
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Indicator ST2: Parking Provision

5.3 This indicator will be monitored in the future once parking standards have been established within the forthcoming Sustainable Design SPD or community based plans where appropriate.

Core Policy 5	Sustainable Transport
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Indicator ST3: Sustainable Transport

5.4 As previously stated the District Council intends to monitor these local indicators in the future to provide more up-to-date data. The most current data available is still from the 2011 census and is set out below to give an indication of the travel patterns within the District.

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

Table 5.2 Sustainable Transport: Journey to Work

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

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

Table 5.3 Modes of Transport

5.5 Both the 2011 Census data and the data collected in the citizens survey illustrate that the most commonly used mode of transport is the car, which is used for a majority of trips to work, shops and leisure facilities. The 2011 Census shows that a significantly higher proportion of residents travel to work using the car than the regional and national averages. The policies in the Local plan Strategy seek to promote more sustainable patterns of travel.

5.6 Lichfield District has a higher proportion of commuters via train than the wider region and this can be accredited to the presence of train stations within the District that are located on the Cross-City line that links directly to Birmingham, but also to the direct links to London via the West Coast Mainline.

5.7 The following indicators have been included in previous editions of the AMR. These will be continued to be monitored as they assist in providing a more detailed picture of the transport issues within the District.

Indicator	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	Target
ST4: Population within 350m of bus stop with a minimum service provision of 30 minutes	78.3% (87.1% for Staffordshire)	74.9% (84.8% for Staffordshire)	77.9% (84.5% for Staffordshire)	Data not yet available	LTP target is 90% of population of 6 major urban areas in Staffordshire by 2010/2011
ST5: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries	261	213	202	Data not yet available	To reduce the number of pedestrians and pedal cycle users killed or seriously injured from the 1994/98 baseline. The figure has reduced by 57.9% compared to the 1994/98 baseline
Countywide patronage for buses (Staffordshire)	22,575,000	22,682,422	20,800,000 ^(vi)	Data not yet available	LTP3 in 2011 is now in place with a target to increase countywide bus

vi provisional figure provided by Staffordshire County Council

Indicator	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	Target
					patronage from the 08/09 baseline.

Table 5.4 Transport Indicators

Indicator ST6: 'Accession' accessibility analysis

5.8 'Accession' analysis is a tool used to measure the accessibility of new dwellings on large developments to a number of key services and facilities. For example, it uses a 30 minute journey time by bus, or a ten minute walk time, from the start point to a particular service. If this can be achieved, the service is considered accessible from the particular development location. All of the dwellings completed during the reporting year have been included in the 'Accession' analysis.

5.9 In previous years the AMR has set a target of 90% accessibility for all services and historically only access to industrial estates has met this target, with other service achieving significantly below the 90% target. The table below shows how accessibility of major new residential developments in previous years.

Service	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013	
	Number of Completions Accessible	% of Completions Accessible	Number of Completions Accessible	% of Completions Accessible	Number of Completions Accessible	% of Completions Accessible
Hospitals	4	1.2	28	13.5	Data not yet available	Data not yet available
Town Centres	289	88.1	185	89.4		
GPs	297	90.5	187	90.3		
High Schools	285	86.9	186	89.9		
Primary Schools	304	92.7	190	91.8		
Industrial Estates	293	89.3	187	90.3		
Total Dwellings	329		207		239	

Table 5.5 Accession analysis of major residential schemes

Key Finding One

There have been two major schemes with travel assessments and travel plans granted or given a resolution to grant planning permission this year.

Key Finding Two

Parking standards will be set within the forthcoming Sustainable Design SPD.

6 Homes for the Future

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

Table 6.1

Introduction

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

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

6.2 The NPPF requires Local Authority's to set their own housing targets to meet the 'full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing' in the district, this is particularly relevant as the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy was abolished in May 2013. In 2012 Lichfield District, along with Cannock Chase District and Tamworth Borough Councils, commissioned Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners (NLP) to undertake a study to look at the housing requirements for the three Local Authorities. The NLP report recommends a housing target of 410-450 dwellings per year for Lichfield District. This would equate to between 8,200 and 9,000 homes across the plan period. The submitted Local Plan used a figure of 8,700 (435 per annum) as a housing target, recognising that some of the needs of Tamworth Borough and Cannock Chase District will be met within Lichfield District.

6.3 Within the Initial Findings report produced by the Inspector conducting the Examination in Public (EiP) into the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy it was concluded that an annual housing rate of 435 dwellings per year which included 1,000 to meet the needs arising in Tamworth Borough and Cannock Chase District Councils was unsound and that this could be remedied by providing a site/sites to deal with an annual housing rate of 480 dwellings (with 430 to meet the requirements of Lichfield District) which equates to 900 additional homes to 2028.

6.4 Further information on the District's housing target and five year supply can be found within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013).

Plan Period	Number of Dwellings
Local Plan Strategy Annual Target (from Inspectors Initial Findings)	480 per annum

Table 6.2 Plan Period and Housing Targets

Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings

H2: Additional Dwellings in Previous Years	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions 2008-2013	1,173
Demolitions 2008-2013	42
Net Completions 2008-2013	1,131
H2: Additional Dwellings for the Reporting Year 2011 - 2012	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions	252
Demolitions/Conversions away	13
Net Completions	239

Table 6.3 Additional Dwellings

6.5 Since 2008 an average of 226 dwellings have been built per year. The current year of 2012/13 has seen a significantly increased number of completions from those reported last year. A large proportion of these completions occurred on the East of Rugeley Strategic Development Allocation (SDA) contained within the Local Plan Strategy. This figure is still well below the target of 480 dwellings per year within the Local Plan: Strategy.

6.6 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 2013) suggests that there is still a good supply of deliverable sites that are could come forward over the short to medium term.

Indicator H3: Density of Completions

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Average density of new dwellings completed (dwellings per hectare)	31	33.3	29.5	49 (29.5 ^(vii))	17.2

Table 6.4 Density of Completions

vii minus small flatted schemes which skew figures

6.7 The average density of new builds this reporting year is 17.2 dwellings per hectare, which is significantly lower than the average density seen previously. This figure takes into account the total site area, including open space, access and associated infrastructure. This year a number of barn conversions and schemes in the rural areas have been completed, these tend to have larger site areas which has skewed the figured considerably.

Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory

6.8 Table 6.4 is the housing trajectory for the District for the current plan period. The trajectory contains past completions from 1st April 2008 until the end of the current reporting year. The remainder of the trajectory shows the anticipated future growth of the District over the following 5 year period. This information is covered in greater detail within the 5 year supply section of the SHLAA 2013.

Year	Gross Housing Completions	Net Housing Completions	Cumulative Net Completions
2008/2009	277	273	273
2009/2010	107	102	375
2010/2011	329	316	691
2011/2012	208	201	892
2012/2013	252	239	1131
2013/2014	-	416	1547
2014/2015	-	472	2019
2015/2016	-	397	2416
2016/2017	-	605	3021
2017/2018	-	537	3558

Table 6.5 Housing Trajectory

6.9 There has been a significant increase in the number of completions during this reporting year when compared to 2011/2012. This is partly due to the East of Rugeley SDA which delivered approximately 150 dwellings during the reporting year. This shows the importance of large sites in delivering increased numbers of dwellings. The submitted Local Plan Strategy proposes a number of Strategic Development Allocations which will significantly boost the supply of housing land available within the District.

6.10 As well as the effects of the recession, completions could continue at a lower rate unless further housing allocations are made, or additional sites come forward, for development. The local Plan Strategy as submitted seeks to allocate Strategic Sites for some 4,700 dwellings on Strategic Development Allocations and a Broad Development Location. Additionally the SHLAA (2013) identifies 841 potential housing sites within the District with 8,640 dwellings identified as deliverable.

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

6.11 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 is seen as preferable and to developments on greenfield sites.

	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013	
	Number of Dwellings	Percentage	Number of Dwellings	Percentage	Number of Dwellings	Percentage	Number of Dwellings	Percentage
Brownfield	98	92%	249	76%	161	77%	207	82%
Greenfield	9	8%	80	24%	47	23%	45	18%

Table 6.6 Dwellings completed by land type

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

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

Policy H1

A Balanced Housing Market

Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix

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

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

Table 6.7 Dwelling Mix

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H1 (1 bed house)	1	0.4%
H2 (2 bed house)	36	14.3%

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H3 (3 bed house)	107	42.5%
H4+ (4+ bed house)	73	29%
F1 (1 bed flat)	12	4.8%
F2 (2 bed flat)	17	6.7%
B1 (1 bed bungalow)	-	-
B2 (2 bed bungalow)	3	1.2%
B3 (3 bed bungalow)	3	1.2%
B4 (4 bed bungalow)	-	-

Table 6.8 Housing types completed 2012/13

Number of Bedrooms	% 2008/2009	% 2009/2010	% 2010/2011	% 2011/2012	% 2012/2013
1 Bed	4.7	0.9	3	9.6	5.2%
2 Bed	26.4	38.3	33.7	28.3	22.2%
3 Bed	38.3	29.0	37.4	46.1	43.7%
4+ Bed	30.7	27.1	25.8	15.8	29%

Table 6.9 Completions by Number of Bedrooms

6.15 As was the case last year, the largest proportion of completions were 3 bed properties, followed by a significant number of larger (4+ bedrooms) and 2 bed properties. 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 almost 70% of the dwellings delivered this year.

Indicator H7: Building for Life 12 Assessments

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

6.17 The Building for Life has changed this year with developments now been scored against 12 criteria. Building for Life 12 is designed to be used from the outset of planning developments; it scores proposals against 12 categories using a traffic light system. Development should seek to achieve as many 'Greens' as possible, with developments which achieve 12 'Greens' being awarded the BFL12 Platinum standard.

Development	Application Number	Number of Dwellings	Buildings for Life Score	Notes/Comments
Handsacre Service Station	08/01051/FULM	14	10 Greens	Well laid out scheme which makes good use of an awkwardly shaped site. Provides a range of dwelling types and is designed to be distinctive
Former Poplars Public House	08/00356/REMM	15	7 Greens	Shape of site has limited lay out opportunities; the way in which the new development relates to the existing frontage is particularly weak.
East of Rugeley SDA (Phase 1)	09/00991/REMM	81	10 Greens	Very good site configuration, which links well to the retained/improved landscape and to further phases of the overall development.
East of Rugeley SDA (Phase 2a)	10/00616/REMM	79	9 Greens	Very good site; however the design and finish of buildings is not as considered as the first phase of the development. Again the site layout links well to other built phases and the landscape. Parking courts are large and the demarcation of spaces detracts from their overall quality.
Victoria Hospital	08/00716/REMM	61	6 Greens	This site obtained a number of 'Amber' ratings under BFL12, particularly in relation to the distinction between the public and private spaces within the site. Notwithstanding the frontage properties which sit well in Friary Road, the scheme appears dense, not helped by a predominance of 3 storey units, and cars which dominate the street scene.

Table 6.10 Building for life

6.18 The above developments show that a majority of the developments surveyed scored well, with the first two phases of the East of Rugeley SDA scoring particularly well. The poorest scoring site was the development on the site of former Victoria Hospital within Lichfield City which achieved 'Greens' in half of the BFL12 categories categories.

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

Policy H2

Provision of Affordable Homes

Indicator H8: Gross Affordable Housing Completions

6.20 Lichfield District has an identified deficit of affordable and social housing, particularly in the main urban areas of Lichfield City and Burntwood. Currently the Local Authority require contributions to affordable housing in line with the saved policies within 1998 Lichfield District Local Plan. The Local

Plan:Strategy proposes a new method of calculating affordable housing contribution levels on developments, taking viability into account. Further information on viability is provided below in local Indicator H10.

Development	Completions	Under Construction
East of Rugeley SDA (Hawksyard) (Phase 2a)	8	0
East of Rugeley SDA (Hawksyard) (Phase 2b)	8	4
East of Rugeley SDA (Hawksyard) (Phase 3)	17	0
The Friary Car Parl, The Friary	0	6
Lullington Road, 2	7	0
Gross Completions	40	10

Table 6.11 Affordable Completions

6.21 The gross completions of 40 affordable dwellings represents a significant in proportion from last year, with a majority of those completed being delivered on the East of Rugeley SDA. Affordable housing equates to approximately 16.7% of the total completions in the District, which is a significantly higher proportion than last years, this is due to the larger overall number of completions.

6.22 There are a currently 10 affordable dwellings under construction and many more committed, which will further increase the District's provision.

Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing

Housing market Sub Area (SHMA)	Committed
Lichfield City	15
Burntwood	0
Lichfield District North	82
Lichfield District South	0
Tamworth	25
Total	122

Table 6.12 Developed and Committed Affordable Housing

6.23 There are a further 122 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 which would include significant affordable housing provision.

6.24 As was the case last year Burntwood no longer has any affordable dwellings committed or under construction which is identified as an issue considering that Burntwood is a large settlement with deficiencies in affordable housing provision. This is partly due to the lack of larger developments within the settlement which would meet the threshold to trigger the requirement for affordable housing provision.

Indicator H10: Affordable Housing Viability

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

Halifax House Price Index

Figures are for England and Wales			
Period	Index (1983 = 100)	Standardised Average Price (£)	Source
April 2009	500.0	154,490	Lloyds Banking Group
October 2009	535.1	165,349	
April 2010	544.4	168,212	
October 2010	533.8	164,919	
April 2011	519.1	160,393	
October 2011	528.3	163,227	
April 2012	518.1	160,073	
October 2012	512.7	158,426	
April 2013	537.8	166,175	
September 2013	552.6	170,733	

Table 6.13 Halifax House Price Index

6.26 The details from the Halifax House Price Index shows that nationally house prices have risen in the past 12 months, this reflects the national uplift in the property market. The Halifax House Price Index has increased to between 12% and 16% (from the base case) from 4-8% last year. As was illustrated within the first section of this report, house prices within Lichfield District are significantly higher than the regional and national averages.

'BCIS' General Building Cost Index

6.27 The Building Cost Information Service (BCIS), is a leading provider of cost and price information for the UK construction industry. The BCIS Index Number is therefore an important component in calculating development viability. There has been an increase in the BCIS index of approximately 8% from the base figure.

	October 2012 (provisional figure)
BCIS General Building Cost Index	309.6

Table 6.14

Alternative Land Use Value

6.28 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.

6.29 The data for Alternative Land Use Value is sourced from the Valuation Office Agency's (VOA) Property Market Reports. Whilst the figures do not directly relate to Lichfield District or to Staffordshire, it will be important to take into account National trends as depicted in the tables below. The VOA no longer publishes the Property Market Report, therefore the most recently published data will be used, alternative sources for this data will have to be sought in future to continue to update the viable affordable housing target.

Agricultural Land Values (unequipped) (£/Ha) 1st January 2011			
Area	Arable	Dairy	Mixed
Shropshire	16,055	14,820	14,820
Herefordshire	16,675	16,055	16,055
Leicestershire	14,829	14,820	14,820

Table 6.15 Agricultural Land Values

Suggested Affordable Housing Viability Target

6.30 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 between 25-29%. The District Council's emerging target of 40% on qualifying sites has not been met and this can be attributed to the economic downturn. The aim for the future will be to increase the viable affordable housing target. Figure 6.1 is an extract from the Affordable Housing Viability Assessment and demonstrates how the BCIS and Halifax House Price Indexes are used to calculate the current viable target for affordable housing.

	2009	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Suggested Viable Affordable Housing Target	20%	20%	23%	20-25%	17-20%	25-29%

Table 6.16 Suggested Affordable Housing Viability Target

6.31 The affordable housing viability target has increased slightly since last year, this has been caused by the national increase in house prices reflected by the Halifax House Price Index.

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

Existing pitches lost	0
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New pitches	0
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Table 6.17 Pitches for Gypsy & Traveller

6.32 There has been no change in the number of authorised pitches for Gypsies and Travellers this year.

6.33 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

	2012-2013	Source
Number of unauthorised caravans	30	LDC Housing Department.

Table 6.18 Unauthorised Caravans

6.34 The District Council aims to ensure adequate provision on authorised sites. The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment was published in November 2012 for a formal 6 week consultation. The report forms part of the evidence base for the emerging Local Plan. The report identifies that Lichfield will need to provide a further 4 pitches on those already delivered.

Key Finding One

The District's housing completion rates have increased significantly since last year, but are still below the average rate which would be required to meet the housing targets.

Key Finding Two

The SHLAA published in November 2012 has identified 841 potential development sites within the District with 8,640 dwellings identified as deliverable, showing Lichfield District has a good range of potential housing sites.

Key Finding Three

The District Council continues to plan with the flexibility to meet the annual housing requirement of 480 homes identified through the examination of the Local Plan: Strategy.

Key Finding Four

This year the average density of completions decreased to 17.2 dwellings per hectare, which is lower than last year. This figure has been skewed by a number of rural barn conversion schemes. This shows the District Council continue to place importance on the effective use of land, and although this target is no longer required the District is ensuring that developments make the best use of their respective sites.

Key Finding Five

The target for housing development on previously developed land was met again this year, with 82% of all completions taking place on brownfield sites.

Key Finding Six

The current viable level of affordable housing has increased this year to between 25-29%.

7 Economic Development & Enterprise

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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

Table 7.1

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. However, the economic downturn resulted in a slow down of development in the past few years which is again reflected in this years figures.

7.2 The District Council continues to monitor new and existing locations of business land to ensure that sites are being utilised to their full and most appropriate use. The District Council also maintains a broad portfolio of sites which can be used to attract new investment to the District. The Employment Land Review provides detail about the Districts employment land portfolio and can be viewed at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/evidence.

7.3 Many of the indicators in this chapter involve the 'use classes order' which is used to classify all building uses within the planning process. Table 7.1 provides definitions of these classes:

Use Class Order	Definition
A1	Shops - retail sale of goods to the public, includes hire shops and services such as hairdressers, undertakers, dry cleaners, Internet cafés and food stores which sell food to be eaten off the premises.
A2	Financial and Professional Services - banks, building societies and Bureau de Change. Also services such as estate agents, and betting shops. Principally where services are provided to visiting members of the public.
B1a)	Business - Offices other than those in use within Class A2.

Use Class Order	Definition
B1b)	Business - Research and Development: laboratories and studios.
B1c)	Business - Light Industry and small scale industry.
B2	General Industry - General Industry and any other that is not classified under Class B1.
B8	Storage and Distribution - storage and distribution centres, wholesale warehouses and repositories.
D2	Assembly and leisure - cinemas, dance and concert halls, sports and leisure facilities such as gyms, swimming pools, casinos and bingo halls.

Table 7.2 Definitions of Use Class Order

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

7.4 The Local Plan: Strategy supports employment growth and seeks to create between 7,300 and 9,000 jobs across the plan period. In order to achieve this emerging policy suggests that an employment portfolio of 79.1Ha of land will be allocated for employment uses informed by the Employment Land Review with approximately 10 additional hectares to be allocated in the Allocations document. The following indicators set out the employment land provision within Lichfield District.

Development	Application Reference	Area (Ha)	Total floor space all types (m ²)	B1a) floor space comp. (m ²)	B1b) floors pace comp. (m ²)	B1c) floor space comp. (m ²)	B2 floor space comp. (m ²)	B8 floor space comp. (m ²)	Demolition of emp. floor space	Change of Use (no net gain in employment floorspace)
Triangle (next to Trent Valley Station)	12/00937/COU	0.6	74	-	-	-	-	74	-	-
Barn A, Croxall Hall	06/00816/COU	0.16	375	375	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unit 7A, Burntwood Buisness Park	11/00981/COU	0.05	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Former Dale Joinery Britannia Business Park	12/00600/COU	0.94	3,760	-	-	-	-	3,760	-	Yes
Unit 25, Burntwood Buisness Park	12/00996/COU	1.76	6,784	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 5, Burntwood Buisness Park	12/01340/COU	1.06	5993	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 5A and 5B Burntwood Buisness Park	12/01362/COU	0.1	543	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes

Development	Application Reference	Area (Ha)	Total floor space all types (m ²)	B1a) floor space comp. (m ²)	B1b) floors pace comp. (m ²)	B1c) floor space comp. (m ²)	B2 floor space comp. (m ²)	B8 floor space comp. (m ²)	Demolition of emp. floor space	Change of Use (no net gain in employment floorspace)
Packington Moor Farm, Jerrys Lane	12/01294/COU	0.23	760	-	-	-	-	760	-	-
Unit 4, Burntwood Buisness Park	13/00106/COU	0.19	1,554	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 3A, Burntwood Buisness Park	13/00105/COU	0.13	757	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 4B, Burntwood Buisness Park	13/00095/COU	0.17	1,391	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 4A, Burntwood, Buisness Park	13/00092/COU	0.17	1,304	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 2, Burntwood Buisness Park	13/00093/COU	0.4	2,034	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 17, Burntwood Buisness Park	13/00197/COU	0.5	806	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Mount Villa, Trent Valley Road, Lichfield	09/00837/FUL	0.18	164	164	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jervis Court, 3, Burntwood Town Centre	11/00619/COU	0.001	139	139	-	-	-	-	-	-
Access Bookings, 30 St John Street, Lichfield	12/00524/COU	0.1	315	315	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals			27,253	993	-	-	-	4,594	-	-

Table 7.3 Completed employment floorspace

7.5 There has only been a small net gain in employment floorspace of 1,827m² being completed during the current reporting year. There have been a large number of change of use applications on units at Burntwood Business Park this year, which ensures that the units can be used for a range of employment opportunities.

7.6 Whilst there has been a decrease in the amount of employment floorspace completed compared to last year there have been an increased number of applications approved for employment uses which should come forward in the coming years.

Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land

Total floorspace built on previously developed land	Amount of B1 floorspace built on previously developed land	Amount of B2 floorspace built on previously developed land	Amount of B8 floorspace built on previously developed land	Target (outlined Last year)
1827	993	-	834	75%

Table 7.4 Floorspace on previously developed land

7.7 The target set last year sought a minimum of 75% of employment development to occur on previously developed land. All sites which lead to a net increase in employment floor space this year have been on previously developed land.

7.8 The target should continue to be a minimum of 75% on previously developed land, and with almost all of the potential sites allocated in the current Local Plan being brownfield sites, the District Council should continue to achieve the target set.

Indicator E3: Employment Land Available

Development	Application Number	Employment Land Review Ref	Use Type	Total Remaining Land available for all types (Ha)	Land available for B1 development (Ha)	Land available for B2 development (Ha)	Land available for B8 development (Ha)	Land Status
Boley Park Extension, Burton Old Road	11/00928/OUTM	P8	B1/2/8	13.68	-	-	-	LP Allocation/ Planning Permission Full
Land north of Britannia Park, Britannia Way	-	P6	B1/2/8	2.4	-	-	-	LP Allocation
Wellington Crescent, Fradley	-	P12-P16	B1/2/8	3.86	-	-	-	LP Allocation
Fradley Park North, Fradley park Phase 2	10/01403/REM - part of site has resolution to grant planning permission for residential scheme, this area has been removed from the total of available land	P17-P19	B1/2/8	31.7	-	-	-	LP Allocation/ Planning Permission Full
Land south of Auction Centre, Wood End	-	P20	B2/8	4.53	-	-	-	LP Allocation
Fradley Park Phase 3, Land at East Hill	12/00534/REMM	P11	B1/2/8	24.6	-	-	-	LP Allocation/ Planning Permission Full
Burntwood Business Park Zone 5	Site is to be reallocated for residential through Local Plan Strategy	P21	B1/2/8	11.2	-	-	-	LP Allocation
Burntwood Business Park Zone 1	-	P1-P3	B1/2/8	2.05	-	-	-	LP Allocation

Development	Application Number	Employment Land Review Ref	Use Type	Total Remaining Land available for all types (Ha)	Land available for B1 development (Ha)	Land available for B2 development (Ha)	Land available for B8 development (Ha)	Land Status
Rugeley ERZ	03/00627/OUT	P9	B1/2/8	3.3	-	-	-	Planning Permission - Not Started
Former Lucas Site	12/00343/FULM	P10	B1/2/8	2.01	-	-	-	Started
Trent Valley Road (GKN)	07/00083/OUTM (Expired)	E4	B1/2/8	2.34	0.327	0.067	0.525	LP Allocation
Former Integra and Hepworth Site	08/01271/FULM	P5	B1/2/8	3.1	-	-	-	Started
Former Industrial Instrument Services, Shenstone	09/00414/FULM	E42		0.58	-	-	0.58	Started
RJK Construction, Overlay Lane, Alrewas	10/00145/COU	-	B1	0.15	0.15	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Shenstone Park Farm	10/01269/COU	-	B1	0.03	0.03	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Motor Vehicle Service Units 6 & 10, Mile Oak Business Centre	10/01447/COU	-	B2	0.3	-	0.3	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Former Swan National Fleet Hire Depot, Burton Road, Lichfield	10/00438/COU	E1	B2	0.73	-	0.73	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Land adjacent 31a Sanford Street, Lichfield	10/00303/FULM	-	B1	0.08	0.08	-	-	Not Started
Lonkhill Farm, Ashby Road	10/00496/COU		B1/2/8	0.9	-	-	-	Not Started
Roxanne, Hangar 5, Wood End Lane (Extension)	11/01305/FULM	E37	B2/8	0.3	-	-	-	Under Construction
Lyavale Express Extension	11/00248/FULM	-	B2	0.16	-	0.16	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Pool House, 30 Dam Street	11/00374/COU			0.03	0.03	-	-	Under Construction
176 Birmingham Road, Shenstone	11/00959/COU	-	B1	0.03	0.03	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Former Martin & Field Unit No. 11	11/01105/COU	E4	B2/8	0.11	-	-	-	Under Construction
Defence Medical Service Whittington	11/00425/FULM	-		28.53	-	-	-	Under Construction
City Wharf (Blocks C & D), Davidson Road, Lichfield	06/00308/REMM	P4	B1	0.4	0.4	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Unit 5, Dove Close Lane, Fradley	12/00458/COU	E33	B2/8	1.3	-	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Fazeley Saw Mills, Lichfield Street	12/00775/FUL	-	B1	0.4	-	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Unit 7, Blenheim Way, Fradley	12/00833/FULM	E32	B2/8	3.21	-	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started

Development	Application Number	Employment Land Review Ref	Use Type	Total Remaining Land available for all types (Ha)	Land available for B1 development (Ha)	Land available for B2 development (Ha)	Land available for B8 development (Ha)	Land Status
Unit 9 & 11, Trent Valley Trading Estate	12/01052/FUL	E19	B1	0.1	0.1	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Greenhough Road Remainder	06/01000/FULM	E5	B1	0.26	0.26	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
Total				142.37	1.4	1.26	1.1	

Table 7.5 Land available by class order

7.9 Lichfield District has 142.37 Ha of employment land available for employment development. This is available across a range of sites which can provide for all types of employment development.

7.10 A number of smaller sites are under construction with many having the benefit of planning permission for employment development. This means that there is a good supply of land which is being maintained for employment use to enhance the District's employment and economy in the future.

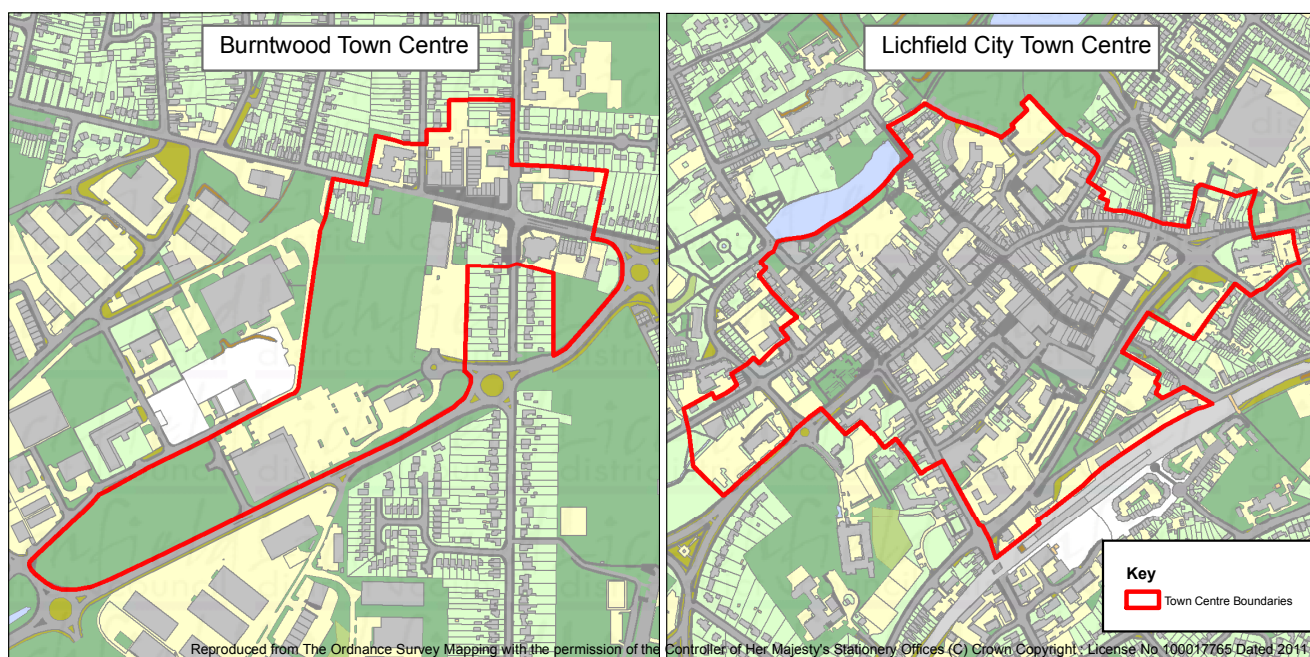
7.11 Large areas of land can be found at the large employment parks at Burntwood and Fradley and these sites continue to be the major areas targeted for employment development, however these areas have again seen no development during the reporting year.

Core Policy 8

Our Centres

Indicator E4: Town Centre Uses

7.12 Indicator E4 examines the extent to which development is occurring within the urban area. Town centre uses are specified as type A1, A2, B1a and D2 classes for the purposes of monitoring. Map7.1 illustrates the two town centre areas within the District as identified within the Local Plan: Strategy.



Map 7.1 Town Centre Boundaries

	Total Amount of A1 floorspace completed (m ²)	Total Amount of A2 floorspace completed (m ²)	Total Amount of B1a) floorspace completed (m ²)	Total Amount of D2 floorspace completed (m ²)	Loss of floorspace (type and amount m ²)	Net new floorspace (m ²)
In town centres	1,419	315	139	-	0	1,873
Not in town centres	54	-	539	-	86	504

Table 7.6 New floorspace for 'town centre' uses

Development	Reference	Floorspace (m ²)	Floorspace Type	In Towncentre?
Gain in Floorsapce				
Aldi, Bridge Cross Working Mens Club, Chasetown	11/00370/FULM	1419	A1	Yes
Unit A, Davidson Road, Lichfield	12/00842/COU	54	A1	No
Barn A, Croxall Hal	06/00816/COU	375	B1a	No
Mount Villa, Trent Valley Road, Lichfield	09/00837/FUL	164	B1a	No
Jervis Court, 3, Burntwood Town Centre	11/00619/COU	139	B1a	Yes
Access Bookings, 30 St John Street, Lichfield	12/00524/COU	315	B1/A2	Yes

Development	Reference	Floorspace (m ²)	Floorspace Type	In Towncentre?
Loss in Floorspace				
36 Swallow Croft, Lichfield	12/01248/COU	86	A5	No

Table 7.7 Table of developments contributing to E4

7.13 There have been a number of small developments with 'town centre' uses completed this year. The largest being the new Aldi store in Burntwood, which is located within the Burntwood town Centre boundary. Of the three developments which were not within the identified town centres only the small office development at Croxall Hall was not within close proximity to the town centre boundaries.

7.14 There have also been a number of new store operators locating within the town centres. Most notably within Lichfield City where Debenhams, Fat Face and a number of other stores have opened within the town centre. The Debenhams store also lead to a slight increase in retail floorspace through the use of existing storage areas within the store to provide a second floor. This provided a further 1,039m² of retail floorspace. There has been an increase in interest from retailers within Lichfield City this year, with a number of stores moving to the Three Spires shopping centre.

7.15 As the District's town centre areas are small it is unrealistic to concentrate all development within them, however, the NPPF emphasises the importance of town centre first policies, this is echoed through the Local Plan Strategy. Further information regarding the retail capacity of Lichfield District can be found updated retail evidence by England & Lyle published January 2012.

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

Development	Planning reference number	Retail Assessment
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Table 7.8

7.16 There have been no developments this year granted planning permission which required retail assessments to be submitted.

Indicator E6: Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments

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

Type of Floorspace	Percentage (%)	Target
% of all floorspace in town centres	0	

Table 7.9 Employment Completions within town centres

Development	Application Reference	Total floor space all types (m ²)	B1a) floor space comp. (m ²)	B1b) floors pace comp. (m ²)	B1c) floor space comp. (m ²)	B2 floor space comp. (m ²)	B8 floor space comp. (m ²)	Demolition of emp. floor space	In Town Centre?
Triangle (next to Trent Valley Station)	12/00937/COU	74	-	-	-	-	74	-	No
Barn A, Croxall Hall	06/00816/COU	375	375	-	-	-	-	-	No
Packington Moor Farm, Jerrys Lane	12/01294/COU	760	-	-	-	-	760	-	No
Mount Villa, Trent Valley Road, Lichfield	09/00837/FUL	164	164	-	-	-	-	-	No
Jervis Court, 3, Burntwood Town Centre	11/00619/COU	139	139	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Access Bookings, 30 St John Street, Lichfield	12/00524/COU	315	315	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Totals		27,253	993	-	-	-	4,594	-	-

Table 7.10 Location of New Employment Development

7.17 Two of the employment developments completed this year were within the town centres identified within the Local Plan Strategy. These were both small scale office developments.

Indicator E7: Town Centre Health

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

Table 7.11

	Total retail premises in Lichfield City Centre	Vacant Shops in Lichfield City Centre	Vacancy Rate (Lichfield City)	Source
January 2009	295	20	6.7%	Lichfield District Venture - Lichfield City Retail Health Check
August 2009	296	31	10.5%	

	Total retail premises in Lichfield City Centre	Vacant Shops in Lichfield City Centre	Vacancy Rate (Lichfield City)	Source
December 2009	296	24	8.1%	
July 2010	296	24	8.1%	
May 2011	296	24	8.1%	
October 2011	296	21	7.1%	Update of Retail Evidence (January 2012)
April 2012	296	28	9.5%	Lichfield District Venture - Lichfield City Retail Health Check
August 2013	296	23	7.7%	Health Check

Table 7.12

7.18 The latest data for the retention rates of the town centres show that both Burntwood and Lichfield City's retention rates have increased slightly since 2006.

7.19 The vacancy rate in Lichfield City centre had decreased slightly in August 2013. Lichfield City centre continues to attract new investment with a number of new high street stores opening.

7.20 The District Council has identified that a new town centre is required in Burntwood to provide new office, retail and leisure space to serve the local residents needs. When combined with the ongoing plan to redevelop the Birmingham Road site in Lichfield (the 'Friarsgate' development) there is the potential for a considerable increase in retail and leisure provision within the two main settlements in the future. It is expected that with these developments the retention rates for retail and leisure expenditure would increase as would the health and vitality of the town centres, thereby benefiting the local economy.

Core Policy 9

Tourism

Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism

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

Indicators for Tourism ^(viii)	2010	2011	2012
Total estimated number of tourists in the District	3,677,988	5,030,789	5,001,598

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

Indicators for Tourism ^(viii)	2010	2011	2012
Visitors to the Tourist Information Centre (Lichfield Garrick)	47,490	53,323	53,323
Average Tourist Spend (per visit)	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33	Estimated at £33
Total income from tourism in the District	£121,373,604	£166,016,037	£165,052,729
Number of hotel spaces granted planning permission (new)	-	0	79

Table 7.13

7.22 Due to the nature of the tourist attractions and large number of coach trips to Lichfield, the majority of tourists visiting the District are day visitors. As Lichfield District receives a higher number of day visitors, this has been identified as an area where Lichfield District could work towards encouraging longer stays. In 2011 there has been a further decrease in visitors to the District, which has subsequently lead to a decrease in the total income that tourism provides. This could well be further evidence of how the economic down turn is effecting the Districts economy.

7.23 It has been long established that Lichfield District attracts day visitors and work to encouraging longer stays is required. Drayton Manor hotel opened during the reporting year and a Premier Inn is currently under construction within Lichfield City. Such developments will increase the over night stays within the District.

Key Finding One

There have been several sites for employment completed this year, however a large number of these have been change of use applications on existing employment sites. A number of new sites have been granted planning permission which shows Lichfield District is still attracting employment even with the continuing difficult economic climate.

Key Finding Two

There has been a small number of developments within the town centres during the reporting year with several schemes are currently under construction. The most notable development within town centres being the new Aldi store in Burntwood and Debenhams in Lichfield. Additionally, there has been a number of highstreet stores attracted to the District this year.

Key Finding Three

Lichfield District maintains a large portfolio of sites which are suitable for a range of business uses which total 142.37Ha. The employment land portfolio is above the target contained within the Local Plan: Strategy showing that Lichfield District has a good range of potential employment sites.

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

A large proportion of the sites are located at Fradley park and Burntwood Business Park. These sites are available for all types of business use which allows for a range of opportunities.

Key Finding Four

The Council continues to achieve in locating new employment land on previously developed land, with a vast majority of the available employment sites being on brownfield sites, thus reducing the environmental impact that such developments can have.

Key Finding Five

The Premier Inn application was revised this year with permission being granted for a 79 bed hotel on the site. Construction of this scheme is now underway.

8 Healthy & Safe Communities

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision

8.1 The Open Space Assessment was published in July 2012 and 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. This evidence has been used to inform the policy within the Local Plan.

8.2 For more detailed information on Open Spaces within the District please see the Open Space Assessment 2012. The quality, quantity and accessibility of Open Spaces will be monitored through updates to the Open Space Assessment.

Type of Green Space	Definition	Area (Ha)	Areas of Deficiency
Parks and Gardens	Area of informal recreation that is also used for community events, Includes; Urban Parks, Gardens, and Country Parks	79.17	Central and southern Burntwood are deficient in this typology
Natural and Semi-natural greens and open spaces	Have a primary purpose of sustaining wildlife, conservation and biodiversity. They can include woodlands, urban forestry, scrubland, grassland, wetland, open and running water and nature reserves.	1,983	No single site over 500Ha in the District No 100Ha sites around Alrewas, Fradley and the eastern edge of the District
Amenity Greenspace	Found within housing areas where it is used to enhance the appearance of an area and provide space for activities such as jogging, dog walking and children's play close to home. Also found in town and city centres where they are used by people to walk	124.4	Burntwood, Little Aston, Shenstone, Hamstall Ridware and Wiggington are deficient in this typology.
Allotments and Community Gardens	Open space generally owned by local councils and is rented out to clubs and individuals for the purpose of growing fruit and vegetables.	17 recorded sites	There is a greater provision of allotments in the northern area of the District. It is identified that

Type of Green Space	Definition	Area (Ha)	Areas of Deficiency
			there is an unmet demand of allotments in Lichfield City.
Cemeteries and Churchyards	Cemeteries are designated areas of land intended for the interment of human remains. Churchyards are burial grounds within the walled boundary of a church. This type of land has minimal disruption so has wildlife and biodiversity importance	25.54	None
Provision for Children and Young People	Specifically for children's and young persons play with its primary purposes being for play and social interaction, for example areas of equipped play, ball courts and skate parks.	10 (approx) at 44 spaces	Settlements short on equipped play include: Alrewas, Drayton Basset, Fazeley, Hammerwich, Hamstall Ridware, Hill Ridware, Kings Bromley, Longdon, Little Aston, Shenstone, Upper Longdon, Wiggington, Lichfield and Burntwood.
Green Corridors	Mainly used for environmentally sustainable forms of transport. It provides linkages between housing area and makes use of linear routes such as disused railway lines, roads or canal and river banks Biodiversity can often flourish here.	628.4 Km in length	Fewer sustainable transport links in Burntwood, Armitage with Handsacre and Little Aston.

Table 8.1 Types of Green Space in the District

8.3 According to the 2012 Open Space Assessment there is a lack of facilities for children and young people in some parts of the District. The Play Strategy policy aims to provide at least 1 equipped play area in all settlements. There have been several new play areas opened in the District and a some refurbished in the last few years which has improved the play provision for children.

8.4 Whilst there is a lack of allotments in the south of the District, this is a demand based provision and unless a greater demand is identified the current provision could be considered sufficient.

8.5 Whilst there is no 500 Ha site of natural open space with the District boundary, part of Cannock Chase does fall within Lichfield District and this means there is adequate provision of this typology accessible by the majority of the District.

8.6 In the future any developments which propose new, or which alter any type of Open Space, will be reported within this indicator.

Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes

8.7 There have been no schemes completed this year, however a scheme in Fazeley is planned and due to be completed early next year.

Scheme	Completed	Cost
Fazeley Memorial Square	To be completed 2014	£100,000

Table 8.2 Environment Improvement Schemes Completed

Indicator HSC3: Satisfaction with Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation

8.8 The way in which this indicator is monitored has changed for this years report. The Council conducted a random sample citizens survey during Autumn 2012 to gauge residents satisfaction with facilities within the District. The tables below show the satisfaction of residents across the district with Parks and sports and leisure facilities. A new Parks Satisfaction survey was conducted between May & September 2013. This also demonstrated that a high percentage of residents are satisfied with the District's parks.

2012 Citizens Survey	Percentage (%)
Percentage of residents satisfied with parks and open space	92%
Percentage of residents satisfied with sports and leisure facilities	83%
2013 Parks Satisfaction Survey	
Completely Satisfied	53.3%
Satisfied	38.9%

Table 8.3 Satisfaction with parks and gardens

Key Finding One

The Open Space Assessment 2012 identifies areas of good provision and deficiencies with regard to a range of different types of open space. This assessment has informed policy within the Local Plan Strategy which seeks to ensure adequate provision in all types of open space for all residents within the District. Recent surveys suggest a high proportion of residents are satisfied with the open and recreational spaces available to them.

9 Natural Resources

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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

Introduction

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

Core Policy 13	Our Natural Resources
Policy NR9	Water Quality

Indicator NR1: Water Quality

9.2 There are a number of rivers and water courses within the District including the River Trent. There are also a number of smaller rivers and tributaries, along with three major canals within Lichfield District. The Environment Agency monitors the water quality across the country and table 6. shows the most recent results for the water quality assessment in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. There is one Special Area of Conservation (SAC) watercourse in the District and this is a section of the River Mease where the quality is essential to the habitat of a protected species.

9.3 The Environment Agency now collect and publish data in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The Water Framework Directive looks at a watercourse catchment as a whole, rather than at particular sampling points. The results of this are presented in the table 9.1 below. New data will not be available annually as the WFD will monitor the quality of river catchments over a longer time frame, with wider intervals between data collection.

	Waterbody ID	Current Ecological Quality	Current Chemical Quality	2015 Predicted Ecological Quality	2015 predicted Chemical Quality	Overall Risk
River Trent (from Moreton Brook to River Tame)	GB104028047290	Poor Potential	Fail	Poor Potential	Fail	At Risk
River Mease (from Hooborough Brook to Trent)	GB104028046560	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Longdon/Armitage Catchment (tributary of River Trent)	GB104028047260	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Bourne-Bilson Brook Catchment (tributary of Trent)	GB104028047270	Good Status	Does not require assessment	Good Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
River Tame (from River Anker to River Trent)	GB104028047050	Poor Status	Fail	Poor Status	Fail	At Risk
East Lichfield catchment (tributary of Tame)	GB104028047020	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Black/Bourne Brook (from source to Tame)	GB104028047000	Poor Status	Good	Poor Status	Good	At Risk
Swarbourn River		Moderate Status	-			
Pyford Brook Catchment (tributary of trent)	GB104028047250	Moderate Potential	Good	Moderate Potential	Good	At Risk
Crane Brook		Moderate Potential	-			
River Blithe (from Tad Brook to River Trent)	GB104028046490	Moderate Potential	Does not require assessment	Moderate Potential	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Pur Brook Catchment (tributary of Blithe)	GB10428046510	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Ash Brook Catchment (tributary of Blithe)	GB104028046500	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Crane-Burntwood Brook (from source to Fotherley Brook)	GB104028046480	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	Moderate Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Fotherley Brook (from source to Blck-Bourne Brook)	GB104028046450	Poor Status	Does not require assessment	Poor Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk

	Waterbody ID	Current Ecological Quality	Current Chemical Quality	2015 Predicted Ecological Quality	2015 predicted Chemical Quality	Overall Risk
Coventry and Ashby Canals	GB70910212	Good Potential	Does not require assessment	Good Potential	Does not require assessment	Not Assessed
Trent & Mersey Canal (summit to Alrewas)	GB70410142	Good Potential	Does not require assessment	Good Potential	Does not require assessment	Not Assessed
Langley brook (Middleton Hall to Tame)	GB104028046900	Poor Status	Does not require assessment	Poor Status	Does not require assessment	At Risk

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

Source: The Environment Agency website 'What's in your backyard (Water Framework Directive)' base date 2008.

Key to Scoring: the scoring increases from poor, to moderate, to good. It should be noted that waterbodies that have a 'potential' rather than a 'status' are classed as "heavily modified" for example, canals or watercourses with man-made modifications that might limit the ecology. These watercourses can only be deemed to have an ecology potential rather than an ecology status.

9.4 Not all sites require a chemical quality analysis, because for example, discharges are not permitted in all areas, and therefore there may be no reason to monitor chemical quality.

9.5 The Environment Agency data, and the findings of the Water Cycle Study suggest 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.

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

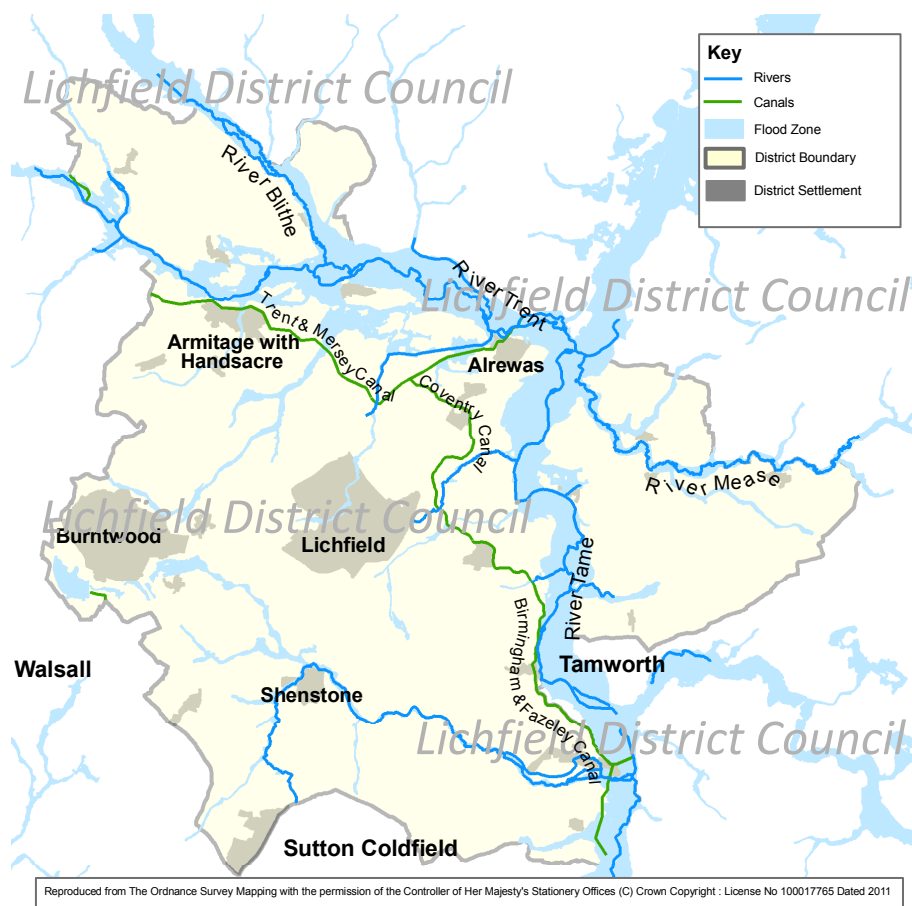
9.6 There are a number of areas within the District which are at risk of flooding, due to the rivers (River Mease, River Trent, River Tame and River Blithe) which flow through the District and these areas have been identified through the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The rivers largely run through agricultural land so the risk to larger settlements is limited, although there are some areas which have been known to experience levels of flooding in the past such as Elford and Fazeley.

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

Table 9.2 Permissions granted contrary to EA advice

9.7 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. The District Council continues to accept the advice of the Environment Agency regarding development in areas of flood risk and water quality grounds.

9.8 The publication of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has identified areas of flood risk within the District and the document will be used to help guide future development, avoiding these sensitive areas. The Council has also produced a Water Cycle Study and Surface Water Management Plan, in collaboration with the Environment Agency, as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.



Map 9.1 Watercourses & Flood Risk

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

Indicator NR3: Developments in the Countryside

9.9 The following table demonstrates that a number of planning permissions for rural enterprises have been granted this year within the District'. This demonstrates the importance of the rural economy to the District and also the diverse types of business's that are operating within the Districts rural areas. The District Council will continue to plan positively and encourage rural enterprise where appropriate. Policy within the Local Plan acknowledges the importance of a strong rural economy to the District and is supportive of appropriate proposals.

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises				
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Detrimental Impact on Countryside	Proposal within Green Belt (included below)
Land rear St Matthews Church, Harlaston	12/00219/COU	Change of use from agricultural to burial ground	No	No
Units 1&2 Common Barn Farm	12/00208/COU	Change of use from office to childrens nursery	No	No
The National Memorial Arboretum	12/00593/FULM	Demolition of existing visitor centre and development of a Remembrance Centre	No	No
Packington Moor Farm, Jerrys Lane	12/00383/COU	Change of use of store to business (B1)	No	Yes
Redhill Barn, Horsey Lane, Upper Longdon	12/00569/COU	Change of use of existing barn to commercial use	No	Yes
Anker Storage, Anker Court	12/00730/FUL	First floor extension to form offices (B1)	No	Yes
Little Hay Cattery	12/00959/COU	Use of former agricultural buildings for use as additional cattery pens	No	Yes
Roundhill Farm, Ogle Hay Road	12/00889/COU	Change of use of agricultural buildings for use as dog kennels and cattery	No	Yes
Watford House Residential Home	12/00675/FUL	Extension of residential home	No	Yes
Bradshaw Brothers Butchers	12/00255/FUL	Extension of existing farm shop	No	Yes
Lynn Nurseries, Lynn Lane	12/00273/FULM	Redevelopment of garden nursery for equestrian use	No	Yes
Staffordshire Regimental Museum	12/01351/FUL	Refurbishment and extension of trenches, provision of disabled access ramp and new path and viewing area	No	Yes
Positively Prepared ^(ix) Planning Permissions for Development in the Green Belt				
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Detrimental Impact on Countryside	Included in table above

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

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises				
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Detrimental Impact on Countryside	Proposal within Green Belt (included below)
Packington Moor Farm, Jerrys Lane	12/00383/COU	Change of use of store to business (B1)	No	Yes
Redhill Barn, Horsey Lane, Upper Longdon	12/00569/COU	Change of use of existing barn to commercial use	No	Yes
Anker Storage, Anker Court	12/00730/FUL	First floor extension to form offices (B1)	No	Yes
Little Hay Cattery	12/00959/COU	Use of former agricultural buildings for use as additional cattery pens	No	Yes
St Giles Church, Church Street	12/01034/COU	Extension to existing graveyard	No	No
Roundhill Farm, Ogle Hay Road	12/00889/COU	Change of use of agricultural buildings for use as dog kennels and cattery	No	Yes
Watford House Residential Home	12/00675/FUL	Extension of residential home	No	Yes
Bradshaw Brothers Butchers	12/00255/FUL	Extnesion of existing farm shop	No	Yes
Lynn Nurseries, Lynn Lane	12/00273/FULM	Redevelopment of garden nursery for equestrian use	No	Yes
Staffordshire Regimental Museum	12/01351/FUL	Refurbishment and extension of trenches, provision of disabled access ramp and new path and viewing area	No	Yes

Table 9.3 Development in the Countryside

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

Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance

9.10 There are a large number of indicators in this section which refer to the quality of the District's natural landscape. The majority of these are local indicators which allow the Council to monitor the condition of important sites and how it protects them and whether this could be improved.

Site	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)
Site of Biological Interest (SBI)	77	983.1	77	983.1	85	827.6	85	818.8
Biodiversity Alert Site (BAS)	59	264.4	59	246.4	57	238.5	57	238.6
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	5	230.6	5	230.6	4	329.5	4	329.5
Special Area of Conservation	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	16.9
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	1	550.3 ^(x)	1	550.3 ^{**}		550.3 ^{**}		550.3 ^{**}

Source: Staffordshire County Council

Table 9.4 Areas of Biodiversity

9.11 There has been a slight reduction in the area of SBI's this year, this has been caused by the checking of site boundaries against the latest available OS mapping.

9.12 The quality of SSSI's are monitored by Natural England and table 9.6 provides its assessment of SSSI within the District. Larger sites are broken down into units, with only the units within Lichfield District being provided.

SSSI	Unit Number	Unit Area (ha)	Main Habitat	Condition	Latest Assessment Date	Source
Stowe Pool	1	5.97	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable declining	19/12/2012	Natural England
	2	3.16	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable no change	20/12/2012	Natural England
Chasewater Heaths	5	30.02	Dwarf shrub, heath lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	29/07/2010	Natural England
	6	53.86	Dwarf shrub, heath lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	29/07/2010	Natural England
	7	7.03	Dwarf shrub, heath lowland	Favourable	28/07/2010	Natural England

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

SSSI	Unit Number	Unit Area (ha)	Main Habbitat	Condition	Latest Assessment Date	Source
	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	16/03/2010	Natural England
	4	11.24	Fen, marsh and swamp - lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	19/02/2007	Natural England
River Mease	1	5.93	Rivers and streams	Unfavourable No Change	05/01/2010	Natural England

Table 9.5 Condition of SSSI's within the District

9.13 Natural England provides data on the condition of SSSI's within the District. There has been only a small a number updates at some sites since last years report. A majority of the sites are said to be recovering and it is important to maintain this improvement over the long term to bring the sites back to a favourable condition. The Council continue to manage and work to continue improving these sites.

Biodiversity & Environmental Quality Initiatives Indicators

9.14 The District Council has been monitoring a number of local indicators with regards to the biodiversity and has been working on some local programmes designed to protect and enhance biologically important sites throughout the District. Table 9.7 provides an update to the progress that is being made at the sites. As these are long term projects there is no statistical evidence yet on how successful they are.

9.15 As a Local Authority, Lichfield District contributes to a number of local initiatives which all relate to maintaining and enhancing certain environments found within the District boundary. Much like the indicators above, work is ongoing to contribute to these initiatives and the table below describes how the District Council continues to contribute toward these environmental initiatives.

Local Indicator	Targets	Current Situation
Indicator NR5: To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSIs and SACs	To achieve and maintain favourable conditions for all SSSIs and SACs in Lichfield District	The Council continues work to meet it's conservation objectives. The ongoing management of heathland and other SSSIs continues, through the management of two Higher Level Stewardship Scheme, the Restoring the Lichfield Link Project and the Connecting Cannock Chase project.
Indicator NR6: To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area	No net loss of areas of natural or semi-natural habitat	Lichfield District Council continues to part fund a wildlife assessment group that which monitor these sites (over a five year period). There are currently 78 sites being monitored within the District.
Indicator NR7: To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species	Protection and enhancement of the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and species. No net loss of Staffordshire BAP priority habitats and species	The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the preparation of the Districts Biodiversity Strategy. This is also monitored through Development Control, which seeks biodiversity enhancement, mitigation and or compensation should development occur at such sites. Lichfield District Council also contributes through the District's biodiversity strategy.
Indicator NR8: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy	Maintain a Biodiversity Steering Group for development and implementation of Lichfield District's Biodiversity Strategy	A steering group continues to work on targets for the District Biodiversity Strategy. A revised Biodiversity Strategy (2014 - 2024) is being prepared for publication in 2014.
Indicator NR9: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB	Achieve schemes in the action plan.	A five year management plan is nearing its final year and another plan will need to be submitted to the secretary of state in 2013 to demonstrate our stator duty in respect of the AONB. The Council actively participates in an Officer Working Group Advisory Partnership and Joint Committee for the governance of the AONB delivery and an annual monitoring report is produced to monitor progress against the management plan
Indicator NR10: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy	To make a contribution to forest biodiversity action plan targets	There is only a small area of the National Forest within Lichfield District and as such it is considered this indicator could be removed in future reports.
Indicator NR11: To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan	To contribute to the Forest of Mercia's own targets for woodland planting, management and access	The District Council continues to contribute to FOM targets by carrying out woodland management and planting on sites within the District.

Local Indicator	Targets	Current Situation
Indicator NR12: To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area	To continue to contribute to achieving the strategy	Lichfield District Council is a member of the Green Heart Partnership - this is a landscape based partnership which seeks to tie together all environmental initiatives including the Sutton Park BEA and the Central Rivers Initiative.
Indicator NR13: To promote the Central Rivers Initiative Vision	Active involvement with the steering of this project and achieving targets associated with Lichfield District Council	The District Council continues to provide funding for the Central Rivers Initiative and is a board member of the scheme.

Table 9.6 Biodiversity Indicators

9.16 The District is still contributing to a number of programmes which will protect important sites within the District in the future and will continue to work towards achieving the goals set. These are long term goals and will be monitored over their duration to see how successful they will be.

9.17 The District Council has invested resources in these initiatives and continues to ensure that they are successful. Progress has been made with all of these programmes, especially with the Central Rivers Initiative where the District Council is now a board member and will continue to provide funding. Although the District Council will no longer provide financial assistance to the Forest of Mercia plan it will continue to support the initiative in other ways through tree planting and woodland management at sites within the District.

Policy NR5

Trees, Woodland & Hedgerows

Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation

9.18 There were 109 applications for works on trees in conservation areas this year, which is approximately the same as last year. There has been no prosecution for tree damage during the reporting year.

9.19 Little Aston had the most applications for works on trees this year with a large number also in Lichfield City.

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Number of new tree preservation orders	8	8	7	10	8
Number of existing tree preservation orders deleted	27	0	0	0	0
Number of prosecutions for tree damage	0 (1 caution)	2 (both with caution)	1 (2 cautions)	0	0
Area	Number of applications for works on trees in conservation areas				
	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Alrewas	6	10	8	12	15
Clifton Campville	-	-	-	-	0
Colton	3	3	2	3	5
Elford	8	6	4	3	3
Fazeley	-	-	6	6	1
Fradley	2	1	1	0	1
Hamstall Ridware	-	-	1	0	1
Handsacre	-	-	3	3	1
Harlaston	-	-	1	4	3
Haunton	1	1	1	1	2
Hints	3	2	2	2	5
Hopwas	-	-	2	0	0
Kings Bromley	4	8	5	7	4
Little Aston	25	26	17	18	27
Lichfield	15	17	28	26	22
Longdon Green	6	1	1	03	0
Mavesyn Ridware	5	-	1	1	0
Shenstone	6	12	2	7	8
Wall	2	-	12	1	2

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Whittington	11	10	0	1	9
Wigginton	-	-	0	12	0
Total	97	97	99	110	109

Table 9.7 Tree Preservation

Core Policy 13

Our Natural Resources

Indicator NR15: Air Quality Management Areas

9.20 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 Lichfield District Council.

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

Key Finding One

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

Key Finding Two

There has been a slight decrease in the size of SBIs and BASs within the District this year although the total number of these sites has remained the same. Although the quality of many SSSIs are recovering within the District, their conditions are still unfavourable.

Key Finding Three

Again the District Council has an excellent record of accepting the advice of the Environment Agency with no developments occurring contrary to their advice. The publication of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Water Cycle Study and Surface Water Management Plan will guide future development by providing detailed evidence of the flood risks within the District.

Key Finding Four

A number of the watercourses need improvement in order to reach ecological 'good' status, including the River Trent, River Tame and the Black/Bourne Brook, this information will be monitored over a much longer time frame through the WFD.

Key Finding Five

There have been no new Tree Preservation Orders this year, and no prosecutions for damage to trees.

10 Built & Historic Environment

Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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

Introduction

10.1 Lichfield District has a reputation forged upon the wealth of historic buildings and designated conservation areas. Lichfield City is rich with historic buildings. Lichfield District has a thriving tourist industry so the preservation of historic sites is of paramount importance.

10.2 The District Council has included significant funding for conservation improvements within its Capital Strategy. Conservation Area Appraisals for Alrewas, Kings Bromley, Little Aston, Clifton Campville, Lichfield City, Shenstone and Bonehill & Fazeley have now been adopted. Progress with the appraisals of the remaining Conservation Areas continues, however completion of appraisals for all the District's Conservation Areas will take a substantial length of time given the time taken to research and compile the appraisals and the subsequent consultation periods.

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

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

10.3 There has been one major developments refused during this year on poor designs grounds. This shows that the project team approach to planning applications and pre-application engagement continues to ensure quality development comes forward.

Development	Planning Reference	Reason for Refusal	Date refused
103 High Street, Chasetown - erection of 11 residential units	12/01376/OUTM	Application failed to demonstrate that the proposed number of residential units could be accommodated in a manner which would result in a layout which functions well and adds to the overall quality of the area in terms of residential amenity, opportunities for landscaping, car parking and bin storage.	25/03/2013

Table 10.1 Major Developments refused on poor design grounds

Indicator BE2: Conservation Area Improvement Schemes

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Conservation area improvement schemes completed	3	1	2	0	0
Target expenditure for schemes	£5,370	£46,000	£45,500	£0	£0
Total expenditure for schemes	£2,565	£6,833	£45,500	£0	£0

Table 10.2 Historic Environment

10.4 There have been no conservation area improvement schemes completed this year as there is no longer a budget for such schemes. Future schemes may come forward through local communities. As the budget no longer exists this indicator will be removed from next years report. Any community projects which may occur will be monitored elsewhere within the AMR.

Indicator BE3: Conservation Area Appraisals

Conservation Area Appraisals Completed (including any which are pending subject to consultation)	Status	Targets
Alrewas	Committee approved document on 30/06/08 for adoption	All to be completed by 2014
Kings Bromley	Committee approved document on 30/06/08 for adoption	
Little Aston	Committee approved document on 03/02/09 for adoption	
Clifton Campville	Committee approved document on 03/02/09 for adoption	
Lichfield City	Committee approved document on 03/02/09 for adoption	
Shenstone	Committee approved document - document adopted 23/07/2010	
Bonehill & Fazeley	Committee approved document - document adopted 12/07/2011	
Colton, Harlaston, Hopwas	Committee approved document – documented adopted 10/07/012	
Fradley Junction, Haunton, Hints	Fradley Junction, Haunton and Hints have been consulted upon and will go through the adoption process this autumn.	

Conservation Area Appraisals Completed (including any which are pending subject to consultation)	Status	Targets
Mavesyn Ridware, Elford, Hamstall Ridware	Mavesyn Ridware, elford and Hamstall Ridware are due to be completed next year.	

Table 10.3 Conservation Area Appraisals Completed

10.5 Significant progress has continued with regard to the conservation area appraisals, with seven now complete and further appraisals progressing.

Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk

Number of Buildings on the Buildings at risk survey	22	Target
Building	Current Situation	
Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings		
Walls and Gatepiers to Colton House	No further deterioration of walls	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Angel Croft Hotel	Talks with developer and planning application to be submitted shortly	
Front railings and wall to Angel Croft Hotel	Talks with developer and planning application to be submitted shortly	
Church Tower north of Church of St. John, Shenstone	Talks with owners and other interested party on possible HLF bid ongoing	
Grade II listed buildings		
113 and 115 Main Street, Alrewas	Surveyed in 2013 as part of Heritage at Risk project.	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Armitage United Reform Church, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Hansacre		
Stonehouses Cottages, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre		
2 Coleshill Street, Fazeley		
59 Coleshill Street, Fazeley		
Bonehill Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley		
Fazeley Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley		
116 to 120 Lichfield Street, Fazeley		
122 Lichfield Street, Fazeley		
L Shaped range of buildings, Bucks Head farm, Watling Street, Hints		
Garden walls and pavilions at Manor Park, Kings Bromley		
Wall extending 14m SW from 35 Lombard Street, Lichfield		
1,3,5 Tamworth Street, Lichfield		

The Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Mavesyn Ridware		
Packington Hall, Tamworth Road, Packington		
Blackbrok Farmhouse, London Road, Weeford		
Barn & Granary, 5m North East of Blue Gates Farm		
Blue Gates Farmhouse		

Table 10.4 Buildings at Risk

10.6 The number of buildings on the list has increased to 22 this year, this is due to a project having been completed to survey all listed buildings within the District. Previously only Grade I and Grade II* buildings had been surveyed, the number of which are at risk has remained constant at four. The 18 new buildings added to the list are all grade II buildings identified through the listed building project. The Conservation Team continue to monitor and negotiate to ensure the long term conservation of historic buildings.

Key Finding One

Good progress continues with the conservation area appraisals with all 21 still on track to be completed by 2014.

Key Finding Two

All listed buildings within the District have now been survey as part of the Heritage at Risk survey.

11 Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

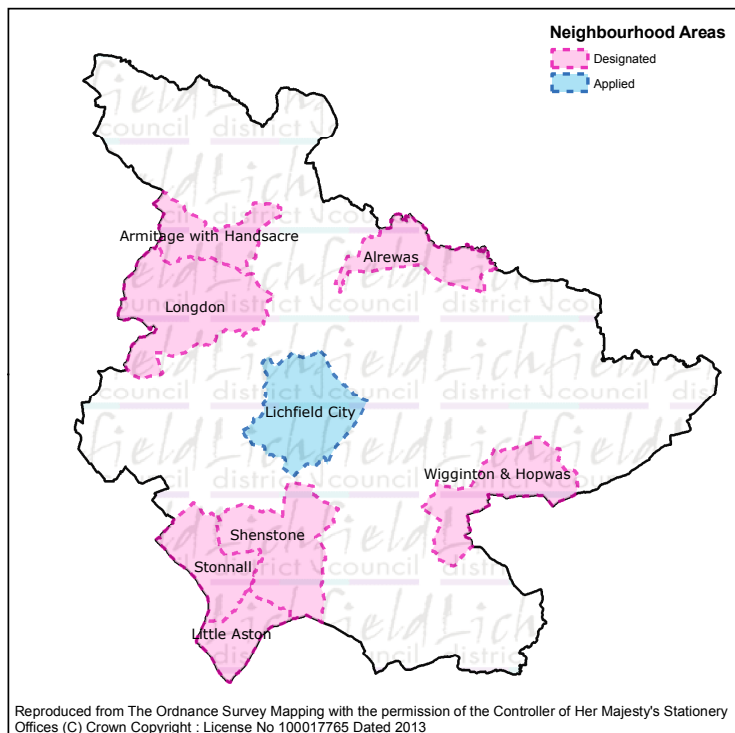
Introduction

11.1 Whilst this chapter is not related to a chapter within the Local Plan it is felt important to continue to monitor community engagement in relation to the Local Plan and the implementation of development plans.

11.2 This chapter will also include information on the Neighbourhood Plans moving forward within Lichfield District

Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Plans

11.3 There are a number of Neighbourhood Plans in preparation across the District. As of the 30th September 2013 seven areas have been designated with the designation for a further Neighbourhood Area, covering Lichfield City, currently being consulted upon. This gives a total of eight neighbourhood plans currently underway within the District. There is also interest from a number of other parishes in taking forward neighbourhood plans. The District Council will continue to advise and guide Parishes taking forward neighbourhood plans as this becomes an increasingly important part of the development plan system. More information on the Neighbourhood Plans moving forward within the District can be found at www.lichfelddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans



Map 11.1 Neighbourhood Areas at 30/09/13

Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective

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

Registered users on Objective	2010	2011	2012	2013
Consultees	4,003	7,736	7,882	7,520
Agents	335	344	397	396

Table 11.1 Registered Objective Users

11.5 The number have registered users has decreased slightly this year. This is due to users requesting to be removed from the database. Additionally the consultation database has been cleaned this year with a number of duplicate accounts being removed from the system.

Indicator CE2: Public Engagement in Local Plans & Neighbourhood Plans

11.6 During the reporting year an updated Sustainability Appraisal was published and consulted upon, this generated a good level of engagement from members of the public and other stake holders. The District Council has also consulted on the area designations for seven Neighbourhood Areas, these consultations have generated a similar number of responses from members of the public and other bodies.

Docuement	Number of Comments	Contributing Consultees
Updated Sustainability Appraisal	130	53
Stonnall Neighbourhood Area designation	10	10
Alrewas Neighbourhood Area designation	12	12
Armitage with Handsacre Neighbourhood Area designation	11	11
Little Aston Neighbourhood Area designation	10	10
Longdon Neighbourhood Area designation	11	11
Shenstone Neighbourhood Area designation	12	12
Wigginton & Hopwas Neighbourhood Area designation	9	9

Table 11.2 Consultations

Indicator CE3: Hits on our webpages

Webpage	Quick Link	No. of individual visits 2009/2010	No. of individual visits 2010/2011	No. of individual visits 2011/2012	No of individual visits 2012/2013
Local Plan	www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan	7,430	6,837	4,943	5,310
Rural Master Planning	www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/ruralplanning	-	837	563	337
Neighbourhood Plans	www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans	-	-	-	700

Table 11.3

Indicator CE4: Section 106 community engagement

11.7 The Infrastructure Delivery and Monitoring Coordinator and the Implementation Team work closely with Parish Councils, partners and other community groups to implement community projects across the District using contributions collected from developments. During 2012/2013 this has taken place at various places across the District. The table below provides details of the section 106 community engagement that has taken place during the reporting year.

Year	Location	Consultation	Involvement
2012/2013	Lichfield City; Fazeley, Mile Oak and Bonehill; Shenstone; Burntwood; Armitage with Handsacre	With partners Members and public re Potential projects wishing to be funded by Soc2 contributions (Social and Community Facilities)	Raising public awareness of the opportunities through various forms of public engagement to make communities aware of the opportunities to enhance their local area through developer contributions

Indicator CE5: Consultations linked to regeneration

Year	Scheme	Consultation	Involvement
2012/2013	Darnford Park	Door to door leafleting of over 500 local households plus discussions on site and exhibition at local supermarket	Local people also expressed thier opinions via a petition, while informal 'discussion fora' emerged used sign boards erected by the District Council.
	Faxeley THI	Focus meetings with Parish Councillors	Members made designs on the scope of the works and detail of design
	Beacon Park, Swan Road Railings	Meetings and emails, officers workings group, ward and portfolio members, Lichfield Civic Society and Beacon Park Friends group	Members were asked to give comments on a number of railing design options, select a preferred option and comment on proposed landscape detail.

Table 11.5

11.8 The Implementation team undertake community projects across the District as part of regeneration and implementation of individual schemes. There have been no consultation events linked to regeneration projects during the reporting year as work has continued on a number of large scale projects throughout the District. There are several events which have taken place recently which will be reported in next years AMR.

Indicator CE6: Countryside

11.9 The Countryside team undertake community projects across the District all year round in relation to the management and enhancement of the District's natural resources. They provide educational events as well as practical events to enable the participation in biodiversity and countryside improvement.

Scheme	Consultation
Christian Fields Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	This project was successfully concluded in September 2013 and the site is now being maintain via both the council and volunteer groups comprising of local residents and site users. Although the majority of local residence were already aware of the proposed alterations to the LNR site (due to the proceeding years of consultation/focus group work) consultation was continued during the 2013 installation phase. Throughout the infrastructure and habitat improvements members of the public were kept updated on the progress of the LNR via multiple press releases, site notices, officer presence onsite during works and 8 onsite practical events. Information panels were also installed as part of the project to provide information regarding the infrastructure and habitat improvements to future site us.
Gentleshaw Common SSSI, Chasewater Heaths SSSI, Pipehill common, Muckley Corner Common, Christian Fields LNR	A number of officer lead practical events (25) were completed on various sites throughout the 2012-2013 period. Numerous volunteer events lead by partner organisations were also conducted on these sites under officer direction. These events allowed members of the public to learn first hand about the habitat management requirements of these sites and to contribute directly to the continued improvement of these sites conservational and recreational value. Officer lead guided walks were also carried out at various sites in unison with the AONB partnership and other local partner groups (Lichfield Wildlife Trust, etc.). Via accessing external grant funding partner works consisting of educational sessions and projects have been conducted with schools at sites throughout the District to highlight the importance of such habitats as well as the methods used to maintain them.
Muckley Corner Common	The S106 project at Muckley corner was concluded in 2012 accumulating with the production of a community lead management plan. The management plan is currently being enacted via contractors, officer lead practical events, and volunteer events conducted by partner organisations. These events allowed members of the public to learn first hand about the habitat management requirements of this sites and to contribute directly to the continued improvement of this sites and conservational and recreational value.

Table 11.6

Key Finding One

There are currently seven designated neighbourhood areas and one area currently in the process of being designated within Lichfield District. This shows there is significant interest within the district to take part in the neighbourhood plan process.

Key Finding Two

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

12 Significant Effect Indicators

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

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

Sustainability Framework Objectives	AMR Indicators	Local Plan Policy	Saved 1998 Local Plan Policy
A - To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality	NR9, NR10, NR11, NR12, NR13, H7	CP12, CP13, NR6, NR3, NR7, NR8, BE1	E2, E3, E4, E5A, E6, H3, R3, SOC3, L24, L26, L36, L37, L42, L48, L51, NA1, EA14, EA16, DC5, DC18, DC19
B - To promote biodiversity and geodiversity through protection, enhancement and management and management of species and habitats	NR4, NR5, NR6, NR7, NR8	CP12, CP13, NR6, NR3, NR7, NR8	G9, L49, L50, B24, DC17
C - To protect and enhance buildings, features and areas of archaeological, cultural and historic value and their settings	BE2, BE3, BE4	CP14, BE1	C1, C2, C3, C7, C9, EMP11, L28, L47, SA6, DC1, DC4, DC5, DC14, DC15, DC19, DC7
D - To mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change	SC1	CP3, SC1, SC2	E20A, S4
E - To encourage prudent use of natural resources	E3, H3, H9, NR1	CP7,	E14
F - To reduce flood risk	NR2	CP3	E15
G - To improve availability of sustainable transport options to jobs and services	ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6	CP5, ST1, ST2	E6, EMP2, T3, T4, T6, T8, L27, L28, L31
H - To encourage sustainable distribution and communication systems		CP1, CP2, SC1, SC2	EMP2, S4, DC16
I - To create mixed and balanced communities	H4, H8, H6, H9, H10, LI ST3, ST4, HSC3, H7	CP1, CP2, CP3, CP4, CP6, H1, H2, H3, CP7, CP8	E6, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9, EMP2, EMP3, EMP5, S2, S3, SOC1, SOC2, L7A, L9, L10, L12, L13, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19, L21, L22L L23, L35, L37, L42, L49, B1, B5, B6, B9, B13, NA20, EA1, EA13, SA7, DC2, DC7, DC8, DC10

Sustainability Framework Objectives	AMR Indicators	Local Plan Policy	Saved 1998 Local Plan Policy
J - To promote safe communities, reduce crime and fear of crime	ST5	CP10	EMP3
K - To improve the health of the population		CP10, CP11, CP12, HSC1, HSC2	E17, R1, R5, L37, B24
L - To enable improved community participation	CE1, CE2, CE3, CE4, CE5, CE6		

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

Appendix A Local Plan Saved Policies

Local Plan Strategy Policies

	Policy Number	Policy Name
Core Policies	Core Policy 1	The Spatial Strategy
	Core Policy 2	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
	Core Policy 3	Delivering Sustainable Development
	Core Policy 4	Delivering our Infrastructure
	Core Policy 5	Sustainable Transport
	Core Policy 6	Housing Delivery
	Core Policy 7	Employment & Economic Development
	Core Policy 8	Our Centres
	Core Policy 9	Tourism
	Core Policy 10	Healthy & Safe Lifestyles
	Core Policy 11	Participation in Sport & Physical Activity
	Core Policy 12	Provision for Arts and Culture
	Core Policy 13	Our Natural Resources
	Core Policy 14	Our Built & Historic Environment
Development Management Policies	Policy SC1	Sustainability Standards for Development
	Policy SC2	Renewable Energy
	Policy IP1	Supporting & Providing Infrastructure
	Policy ST1	Sustainable Travel
	Policy ST2	Parking Provision
	Policy H1	A Balanced Housing Market
	Policy H2	Provision of Affordable Homes
	Policy H3	Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople
	Policy E1	Retail Assessments
	Policy HSC1	Open Space Standards
	Policy HSC2	Playing Pitch & Sport Facility Standards
	Policy NR1	Countryside Management
	Policy NR2	Development in the Green Belt
	Policy NR3	Biodiversity, Protected Species & their Habitats
Policy NR4	Trees, Woodland & Hedgerows	

	Policy Number	Policy Name
	Policy NR5	Natural & Historic Landscapes
	Policy NR6	Linked Habitat Corridors & Multi-functional Greenspaces
	Policy NR7	Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation
	Policy NR8	River Mease Special Area of Conservation
	Policy NR9	Water Quality
	Policy BE1	High Quality Development
Place Policies	Policy Lichfield 1	Lichfield Environment
	Policy Lichfield 2	Lichfield Services and Facilities
	Policy Lichfield 3	Lichfield Economy
	Policy Lichfield 4	Lichfield Housing
	Policy Lichfield 5	East of Lichfield (Streethay)
	Policy Lichfield 6	South of Lichfield
	Policy Burntwood 1	Burntwood Environment
	Policy Burntwood 2	Burntwood Services and Facilities
	Policy Burntwood 3	Burntwood Economy
	Policy Burntwood 4	Burntwood Housing
	Policy Burntwood 5	East of Burntwood Bypass
	Policy North of Tamworth	North of Tamworth
	Policy East of Rugeley	East of Rugeley
	Policy Rural 1	Rural Areas
	Policy Rural 2	Other Rural Settlements
	Policy Fradley 1	Fradley Environment
	Policy Fradley 2	Fradley Services and Facilities
	Policy Fradley 3	Fradley Economy
	Policy Fradley 4	Fradley Housing
	Policy Alrewas 1	Alrewas Environment
	Policy Alrewas 2	Alrewas Services and Facilities
	Policy Alrewas 3	Alrewas Economy
	Policy Alrewas 4	Alrewas Housing
	Policy Armitage 1	Armitage with Handsacre Environment
	Policy Armitage 2	Armitage with Handsacre Services and Facilities
	Policy Armitage 3	Armitage with Handsacre Economy

	Policy Number	Policy Name
	Policy Arm4	Armitage with Handsacre Housing
	Policy Faz1	Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill Environment
	Policy Faz2	Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill Services and Facilities
	Policy Faz3	Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill Economy
	Policy Faz4	Fazeley, Mile Oak & Bonehill Housing
	Policy Shen1	Shenstone Environment
	Policy Shen2	Shenstone Services and Facilities
	Policy Shen3	Shenstone Economy
	Policy Shen4	Shenstone Housing
	Policy Whit1	Whittington Environment
	Policy Whit2	Whittington Services and Facilities
	Policy Whit3	Whittington Economy
	Policy Whit4	Whittington Housing

Lichfield District 1998 Local Plan Saved Policies

Policy No.	Policy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Strategy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Allocations
E2	Forest of Mercia		✓
E3	Trees & Woodlands	✓	
E4	Green Belt	✓	
E5A	Area of Development Restraint	✓	
E6	Development in Rural Areas	✓	
E14	Water Habitats	✓	
E15	Flood Protection	✓	
E17	Contaminated Land	✓	
C1	Listed Buildings	✓	
C2	Character of Conservation Areas		✓
C3	Demolition	✓	
C7	Buildings out of Scale or Character		✓
C9	Protected Open Spaces		✓

Policy No.	Policy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Strategy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Allocations
H2	Housing Mix	✓	
H3	Housing Design Standards	✓	
H5	New Housing within Settlements	✓	
H6	Living Accommodation on Upper Floors	✓	
H8	Loss of Residential Accommodation	✓	
H9	Affordable Housing in Rural Areas	✓	
Emp.2	Existing Industrial Areas		✓
Emp.3	Retail Uses in Industrial Areas	✓	
Emp.5	Major Developed Sites in the Green Belt		✓
Emp.11	Wyrley & Essington Canal		✓
R1	Open Space Provision	✓	
R3	Recreational Buildings	✓	
R4	Sports Playing Fields	✓	
R5	Loss of Sports Pitches/Recreation	✓	
T3	Private Sector Contributions	✓	
T4	Parking	✓	
T6	Rail Transport		✓
T8	Cycling	✓	
S2	Neighbourhood Shopping Centres		✓
S3	Village Shops	✓	
S4	Farm Shops	✓	
Soc.1	Community Facilities	✓	
Soc.2	Community Provision Arising from Development	✓	
Soc.3	Townscape Improvements	✓	
L7A	Buffer Depot, Streethay		✓
L9	Extension to Boley Park Industrial Estate		✓
L10	Britannia Way		✓
L12	Office Development - Sandford Street		✓
L13	City Centre Redevelopment		✓
L15	Primary Retail Area		✓

Policy No.	Policy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Strategy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Allocations
L16	Secondary Retail Areas		✓
L17	Bird Street		✓
L18	Dam Street		✓
L19	Business Areas		✓
L21	New Roads		✓
L22	Road Line Safeguarding		✓
L23	Road & Junction Improvements		✓
L24	Traffic Management		✓
L26	Rear Servicing		✓
L27	Pedestrian Access to the City Centre		✓
L28	Car Parking - Commuted Payments	✓	
L31	Lichfield Rail Stations		✓
L35	Recreation Zones		✓
L36	Recreation Zones		✓
L37	Lichfield Linear Park		✓
L42	Environmental & Housing Improvement		✓
L46	Shopfronts		✓
L47	Cathedral Close		✓
L48	Protection of Views	✓	
L49	Framework Open Space		✓
L50	Landscape Improvements in Framework Open Space		✓
B1	Existing Residential Areas		✓
B5	New Shopping Development		✓
B6	Indoor Leisure		✓
B9	Redevelopment & Town Square		✓
B13	Redevelopment & Expansion of Neighbourhood Centres		✓
B15	Road & Junction Improvements		✓
B21	Chasetown Industrial Estate		✓
B22	Recreation Zones		✓

Policy No.	Policy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Strategy	To be replaced by Local Plan: Allocations
B24	Chasewater Area & Country Park		✓
NA1	Cannock Chase - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty		✓
NA12	Lea Hall Colliery		✓
NA13	Rugeley Power Station		✓
NA20	Public Open Space, Longdon		✓
EA1	Fradley Airfield Industrial Proposals		✓
EA13	Hotel at Fradley		✓
EA14	The Tame & Trent Valley		✓
EA16	The National Forest		✓
SA3	Laural House, Lichfield Road, Fazeley		✓
SA6	Little Aston Park		✓
SA7	Canal Facilities at Fazeley		✓
DC1	Amenity & Design Principles for Development	✓	
DC2	Amenity	✓	
DC4	Re-Use & Adaptation of Rural Buildings	✓	
DC5	Extensions to Dwellings in the Green Belt	✓	
DC7	Replacement Dwellings	✓	
DC10	Stables & Equestrian Activities	✓	
DC14	Archaeology - Sites of Recognised Importance	✓	
DC15	Archaeological Assessment	✓	
DC16	Telecommunications	✓	
DC17	Existing Trees & Hedges on Development Sites	✓	
DC19	Advertisement Control	✓	

Table A.1

Appendix B Indicator Changes

New Indicator Name	Previous Indicator Name	Page	AMR Chapter
Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery	New Indicator		Infrastructure
Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans	New Indicator		Sustainable Transport
Indicator ST2: Parking Provision	New Indicator		
Indicator ST3: Sustainable transport	Local Indicator 5.1: Sustainable Transport		
Indicator ST4: Population within 350m of bus stop	Local Indicator 5.3: Population within 350m of bus stop with a minimum service provision of 30 minutes		
Indicator ST5: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries	Local Indicator 5.4: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries		
Indicator ST6: 'Accession' accessibility analysis	Local Indicator 5.5: 'Accession' accessibility analysis		
Indicator H1: Plan Period Housing Targets	Core Output Indicator H1: Plan Period Housing Targets		Homes for the Future
Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings	Core Output Indicator H2a & H2b: Net Additional Dwellings - in previous years and for the reporting year		
Indicator H3: Density of Completions	Local Indicator 2.1: Density of Completions		
Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory	Core Output Indicator H2c & H2d: Net Additional Dwellings in Future Years & Managed Delivery Target		
Indicator H5: New & Converted Dwellings - On Previously Developed Lane	Core output Indicator H3: New & Converted Dwellings - On Previously Developed Lane		
Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix	Local Indicator 2.2: Dwellings Mix		
Indicator H7: Building for Life Assessments	Core Output Indicator H6: Building for Life Assessments		
Indicator H8: Affordable Housing Completions	Core Output Indicator H5: Gross Affordable Housing Completions		
Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing	Local Indicator 2.7: Developed and Committed Affordable Housing by Sub Area		
Indicator H10: Affordable Housing Viability	Local Indicator LI 2.8: Affordable Housing Viability		
Indicator H11: Additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches	Core Output Indicator H4: Net Additional Pitches (Gypsy & Traveller)		
Indicator H12: Number of unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller Caravans	Local Indicator 2.3: Number of unauthorised gypsy/traveller caravans		

New Indicator Name	Previous Indicator Name	Page	AMR Chapter
Indicator E1: Additional Employment Floorspace	Core Output Indicator BD1: Total amount of additional employment floorspace		Economic Development & Enterprise
Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land	Core Output Indicator BD2: Total amount of floorspace built on previously developed land		
Indicator E3: Employment Land Available	Core Output Indicator BD3: Employment land available - by type		
Indicator E4: Town Centre Uses	Core Output Indicator BD4: Total amount of floorspace for town centre uses - by type		
Indicator E5: Number of Retail Assessments	New Indicator		
Indicator E6: Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments	Local Indicator 1.2 & 1.3: Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments		
Indicator E7: Town Centre Health	Local indicator 5.9 & 5.10: Retention Rates of Retail and Leisure Expenditure & Town Centre Health Check		
Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism	Local Indicator 4.4: Lichfield District Tourism		
Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision	Local Indicator 5.6: Accessibility of Green Space		Healthy & Safe Communities
Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes	LI3.11: Environmental Improvement Schemes Completed		
Indicator HSC3: Satisfaction with Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation	LI 5.7 Satisfaction with parks and gardens and LI 5.8 Percentage of residents satisfied with sports and leisure facilities		
Indicator NR1: Water Quality	Local Indicator 3.1: Water Quality		Natural Resources
Indicator NR2: Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice	Core Output Indicator E1: Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice on flooding and Water Quality Grounds		
Indicator NR3: Developments in the Countryside	New Indicator		
Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance	Core Output Indicator E2: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance		
Indicator NR5: To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSI's and SAC's	LI3.2: 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	LI3.3: 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	LI3.4: To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and		

New Indicator Name	Previous Indicator Name	Page	AMR Chapter
protecting European and nationally protected species	protecting European and nationally protected species		Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement
Indicator NR8: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy	LI3.5: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy		
Indicator NR9: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB	LI3.6: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB		
Indicator NR10: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy	LI3.7: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy		
Indicator NR11: To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan	LI3.8: 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	LI3.9: To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area		
Indicator NR13: To promote the Central Rivers Initiative Vision	LI3.10: To promote the Central Rivers Initiative Vision		
Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation	LI3.12: Tree Preservation		
Indicator NR15: Air Quality Management Area	New Indicator		
Indicator BE1: Number of Planning Permissions Refused for Major Developments on poor design grounds	New Indicator		
Indicator BE2: Conservation Area Improvement Schemes	Local Indicator 4.1: Conservation Area Improvement Schemes		
Indicator BE3: Conservation Area Appraisals	Local Indicator 4.2: Conservation Area Appraisals		
Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk	Local Indicator 4.3: Buildings at Risk		
Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective	Local Indicator 6.1: Registered users on Objective		
Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Plans	New Indicator		
Indicator CE2: Public Engagement	Local Indicator 6.2: Exhibitions/Consultations		
Indicator CE3: Hits on our webpages	Local Indicator 6.3: Hits on our webpages		
Indicator CE4: Section 106 community engagement	Local Indicator 6.4: Section 106 community engagement		
Indicator CE5: Consultations linked to regeneration	Local Indicator 6.5: Consultations linked to regeneration		
Indicator CE6: Countryside	Local Indicator 6.6: Countryside		

Table B.1 Indicator Names and Previous Names

Indicator	Reason for Deletion
LI2.5 Affordability Index for lichfield District	Data is no longer published.
LI2.6 Home adaptations completed	This was a demand based indicator therefore the figure represented the need within the District.
LI2.7 Dwellings built on exception sites	It will be reported should any dwellings be built on exception sites.
LI4.5: Cultural Facilities	It will be reported should any cultural facilities be lost.

Table B.2 Deleted Indicators

Glossary

Term	Acronym	Description
Affordable Housing		Housing provided with subsidy both for rent and shared ownership, for people who are unable to afford their own home in the general housing market, because of the disparity between local housing costs and incomes.
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	A report submitted to Government by local or regional planning bodies on a yearly basis. The purpose of the report is to assess Local Development Framework or Regional Spatial Strategy production progress and policy effectiveness. The AMR follows a series of core indicators and implements the council's own local indicators to provide an assessment of how successful the council's current policies are.
Biodiversity		The variety of life encompassing all species, genetics and ecosystems, including plants and animals.
Biodiversity Alert Site	BAS	Sites that form a part of the county's nature conservation resource, but these sites are of a lower significance than other conservation sites due to their lower quality, smaller size, damage or disturbance. The degree of protection merited by each site is assessed on an individual basis.
(Cannock Chase) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	AONB	AONBs were created by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act in 1949 to preserve and enhance its natural beauty. These sites are smaller than national parks and management of the sites is different, but local planning authorities are given the power to operate development control within the site. Part of the Cannock Chase AONB crosses into Lichfield District near Burntwood, and the council contributes to the management and other initiatives which are designed to protect the AONB.
Conservation Area		Areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character, appearance or setting of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.
Indices of Multiple Deprivation	IMD	The index combines a number of indicators which focus on a range of social, economic and housing issues within areas of England. These are then used to provide an overall deprivation rank for these areas. The Index contains 354 Districts (of which Lichfield District is one) and each District is ranked with the poorest scoring ones coming first in descending order. The index is published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).
Greenfield Land/Site		A plot of land or site which has never been built on before, or where the remains of any structure have been absorbed into the landscape/habitat over time.
Infrastructure		The physical features that make up the transport network. (Roads, rails, bus stops and stations)
Infrastructure Delivery Plan	IDP	A plan to implement the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure, required to create sustainable communities in line with a Local Plan.
Local Development Scheme	LDS	The local planning authority's time-scale programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents that must be agreed with Government and reviewed every year.
Lichfield District 1998 Local Plan		An old-style development plan prepared by local planning authorities, to set out how the District's planning system will operate. These plans will continue to

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		operate for a time after the commencement of the new development plan system. A number of Local Plan policies have been saved to be taken forward to the new system. A list of these policies is provided within the appendices.
Local Plan		The plan for future development within Lichfield District up to 2028, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with communities and other bodies. The Local Plan when adopted forms the statutory plan for the District. The Lichfield District Local Plan will be divided into two documents; the Local plan: Strategy and the Local Plan: Allocations.
Local Plan: Strategy		This document. The local plan strategy contains the broad policy directions and long term strategy to manage development, infrastructure and services across the District. The strategy consists of strategic policies which set out how the strategy will be implemented and monitored.
Local Plan: Allocations		Second part of the Lichfield District Local Plan which will contain policy based allocations to manage development within the District until 2028.
Local Transport Plan	LTP	This Plan sets out proposals for transport provision in the county up to 2026, including walking, cycling, public transport, car based travel and freight, together with the management and maintenance of roads and footways.
National Planning Policy Framework	NPPF	Document containing all national planning policy published in March 2012. The National Planning Policy Framework replaced all previously issued Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPG).
Open Space		All space of public value, includes natural and semi-natural areas, parks, gardens, allotments and play areas. Open space also incorporates areas of water, canals, lakes and reservoirs, which offer opportunities for sport and recreation. They also act as a visual amenity and a haven for wildlife.
Previously Developed Land (Brownfield Land)	PDL	Land which is currently or has in the past been occupied by a permanent structure and associated infrastructure.
Planning Policy Statement	PPS	A document which sets out the government's views and instructions on the way that each local planning authority should implement its responsibilities and duties in relation to spatial planning.
Regional Spatial Strategy	RSS	The RSS was a strategy for how a region should look in 15 to 20 years time and possibly longer. It identified the scale and distribution of new housing in region, indicates areas for regeneration, expansion or sub-regional planning and specifies priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, minerals and waste treatment and disposal. Regional Spatial Strategies are due to be abolished in the near future.
Special Area of Conservation	SAC	Sites of European importance that can only be achieved once the site has been designated as a SSSI
Site of Biological Importance	SBI	Sites of local importance, which represent the best remaining sites within the District.
Site of Special Scientific Interest	SSSI	The finest sites for wildlife and natural features, and are identified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The purpose of a SSSI is to preserve and protect valuable environments for future generations to enjoy, and they make a valuable contribution to the ecological processes upon which will all depend.

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Sustainable Development		A widely used concept which was coined in the 1987 Brundtland Report: "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". Sustainable Development has become the driving force behind the governments planning system which has four main aims to help achieve sustainable development; social progress which recognises the needs of everyone; effective protection of the environment; the prudent use of natural resources; and the maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.
Tree Preservation Order	TPO	A mechanism for securing the preservation of single or groups of tree of acknowledged amenity value. A tree subject to an order may not be worked upon without the prior consent of the local planning authority.

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