



## Annual Monitoring Report 2015

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## 1 Executive Summary

**1.1** The 2015 Lichfield District Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and monitors the success of the District Council's spatial 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. The Local Plan Strategy was adopted on 17th February 2015. Further details can be found: <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Local-plan/Local-plan.aspx>

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

**1.4** Updated national planning practice guidance was introduced in March 2014. The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) is a web based resource which replaces all existing planning practice 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, although there now are positive signs of growth emerging (2014 - 2015).

### Summary

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

#### **Sustainable Communities**

There has been a small number of planning permissions granted this year for small scale renewable energy installations, all of which are for solar panels.

#### **Infrastructure**

Progress has been made on a number of items of infrastructure this year with many projects being completed.

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

The Local Plan: Strategy was adopted on the 17th February 2015. The Inspectors Initial Findings published in September 2013 recommended an annual housing requirement of 478 dwellings (inclusive of 1000 homes to assist neighbouring authorities).

There has been a decrease in the number of housing completions this year compared to last years figure. The net completions of 226 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. There has also been an increase in the committed affordable dwellings in Burntwood this year.

### **Economic Development & Enterprise**

There has been an increase in the amount of business floor space completions during 2014/2015. There is still a relatively large stock of employment land available for development, located on a broad portfolio of sites within Fradley, Burntwood and Lichfield City. The land available is appropriate for all types of business use and will allow the District to continue to attract new employment opportunities.

### **Healthy & Safe Communities**

The Open Space Assessment 2012 was published as part of the evidence for the Local Plan. It demonstrates that there is over provision of some types of open space and under provision of others across the District. Developments will continue to be required to provide open space where appropriate.

### **Natural Resources**

The District is heavily involved with, and committed to, a number of different initiatives and organisations to protect and enhance our natural environment.

Conditions at most of the District's Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are said to be improving, but are still unfavourable. Schemes at such sites need to continue to ensure that progress is maintained and the sites are given the best chance to return to a favourable condition.

There have been no developments 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.

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

There are now 15 designated neighbourhood areas within Lichfield District. Progress on the neighbourhood plans continues in each area with a number of plans having received their examiners report.

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.
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		Three planning permissions were granted this year which required a travel plan.
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	-	Data is no longer collected, will be removed from future AMR
ST5	Number of road related deaths and serious injuries		There has been a slight reduction since 2012
ST6	Accession Analysis	-	No longer available, will be removed from future AMR
H1	Plan Period Housing Targets		The annual housing requirement is 478 (including cross boundary provision for neighbouring authorities) dwellings per year. The District Council has again under delivered against this target.
H2	Net Additional Dwellings		There has been a decrease in the number of dwellings completed this year.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
H3	Density of Housing Completions		The average density of housing completions has increased this year.
H4	Housing Trajectory		The trajectory shows there has been a decrease in the number of dwellings this year. Further information on the trajectory is contained with the SHLAA 2015.
H5	New & Converted Dwellings - on Previously Developed Land		84% of completions this year have taken place on brownfield sites. Lichfield District still far exceeds the 45% target previously set for Staffordshire.
H6	Dwellings Mix		There has been a variety of dwelling types delivered this year, with a majority of two and three bedroom properties being delivered.
H7	Building for Life 12 Assessment		All developments assessed this year scored well under the Building for Life 12 criteria.
H8	Affordable Housing		There has been an increase in the number of affordable housing completions.
H9	Committed Affordable Housing		There is a number of committed and developed affordable units, however there are still shortages in some areas.
H10	Affordable Housing Viability		The dynamic model demonstrates that 31/34% is the viable level of affordable housing. This is an increase to that recorded last year but still below the 40% target.
H11	Additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches		There has been one new pitch provided this year.
H12	Number of unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller Caravans		There has been action taken against eight unauthorised caravans this year.
E1	Additional Employment Floorspace		There has been an increased 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 a small increase in town centre floorspace this year.
E5	Number of Retail Assessments		There has been one retail assessment carried out this year.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
E6	Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments		There have been three office developments located within the Districts town centres this year.
E7	Town Centre Health		The vacancy rate in Lichfield City has increased this year. Burntwood's vacancy rate has decreased this year.
E8	Lichfield District Tourism		The number of tourists in the District increased during 2014-2015.
HSC1	Open Space Provision		There is over provision of some typologies and under provision of others. An Open Space Assessment was published in 2012 and will be updated in due course. A Playing Pitch, Tennis and Bowls Strategy was also published in 2012. These documents provide a detailed picture of the Open Space provision within the District.
HSC2	Environmental Improvement Schemes		A number of schemes have been implemented 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 water within watercourse in 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 Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) this year. However, this has been caused by re-mapping the sites more accurately.
NR5	To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSI's and SAC's		The Council continues work to meet its conservation objectives.
NR6	To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area		Lichfield District Council continues to part fund and is an active partner of the Staffordshire Wildlife Sites Partnership that monitor these sites.



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NR7	To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species		The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the implementation of the Districts Biodiversity Strategy.
NR8	Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy	-	Awaiting data
NR9	To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB		The Cannock Chase AONB Management Plan 2014-2019 has been published in its final version.
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		The number of new TPOs has stayed the same 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 have been no major applications refused this year on poor design grounds.
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 stayed the same this year. Progress continues to be made on a number of properties on the list with a view to reducing the number of buildings on this list in future years.

Indicator Number	Indicator	Status	Notes
<b>NP1</b>	Neighbourhood Area Designations		There are 15 designated Neighbourhood Areas within Lichfield District.
<b>NP2</b>	Progress with Neighbourhood Plans		Progress on Neighbourhood Plans continues to be made across a range of communities within Lichfield District .
<b>CE1</b>	Registered users on Objective		There has been a decrease in the number of registered users of our online consultation system.
<b>CE2</b>	Public Engagement		There has been continued good levels of public interest in consultation events.
<b>CE3</b>	Hits on our web pages	-	Due to a corporate updating of the Councils website, data is currently unavailable.
<b>CE4</b>	Section 106/CIL community engagement		Partnership working continues to allocate funds and hold public events and consultations across the District.
<b>CE5</b>	Consultations linked to regeneration		The Implementation team have run various consultations related to projects across the District.
<b>CE6</b>	Countryside		The Parks 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. All the figures and statistics published in this report refer to this reporting year, unless otherwise stated. This is the tenth AMR undertaken by Lichfield District Council and it builds on previous reports in order to examine how the District Council's policies are responding to the social, environmental and economic issues within the District.

**2.2** Monitoring is essential to the planning process and will help the Authority to understand what is happening within the District now, and what could happen in the future. These trends will be integral to the delivery of spatial policies by highlighting whether current policies are successful or not.

### Structure of the AMR

**2.3** The AMR follows the structure of the Local Plan Strategy. Each chapter begins with the Strategic Objectives and Local Plan policies being monitored. This is followed by a series of indicators which are designed to monitor the effectiveness of the policies within the Local Plan. Changes to indicators are outlined in Appendix B. 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** A series of the Indicators within the document are designed to monitor 'significant effects' in the District informed by a Sustainability Appraisal. These 'Significant Effect Indicators' are summarised in Chapter 12.

**2.5** The 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

**2.6** The Local Plan Strategy proposed submission document was published in July 2012 and underwent 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. Following the Initial Findings the District Council produced and consulted upon a number of Main Modifications to the plan in early 2014. This was followed by further hearing sessions in October 2014. The Local Plan Strategy was adopted by resolution of Full Council on 17th February 2015. It can be found online at <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Local-plan/Local-plan.aspx>. The Local Plan Strategy will be followed by the Local Plan: Allocations document which together will form the Local Plan for Lichfield District. The Local Plan saved policies can be found in Appendix A.

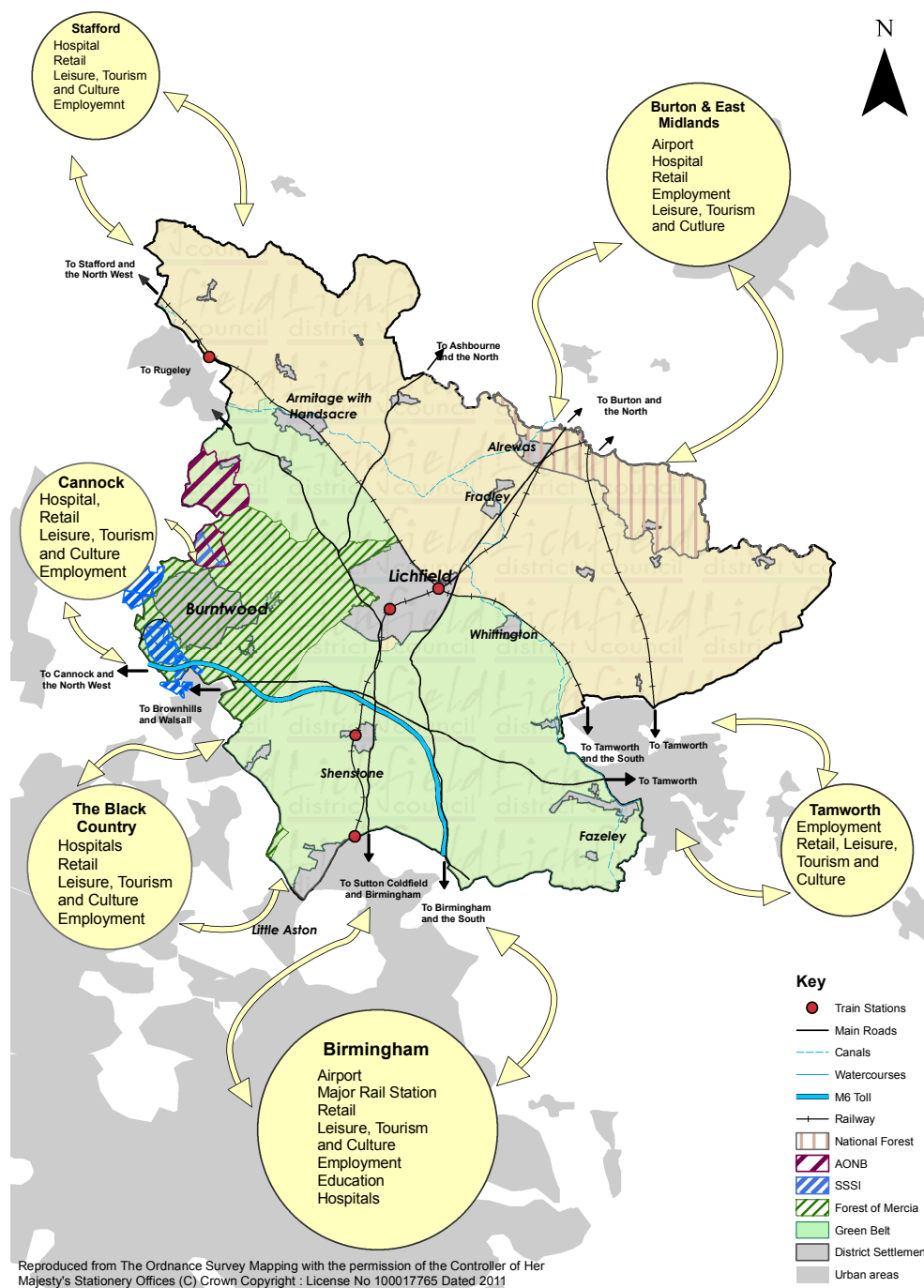
### Local Development Scheme

**2.7** Lichfield District Council's current Local Development Scheme (LDS) became effective in February 2015. The table belows show the timescales for the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations Development Plan Documents as set out in the LDS.

Stage	Local Plan Strategy	Local Plan Allocations
Commencement of the preparation process	March 2007	July 2009
Proposed Submission Consultation	July 2012	Jan 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2013	May 2016
Commencement of the Hearing Sessions	June 2013	September 2016
Adoption and Publication	February 2015	January 2017

**Table 2.1 Local Plan Strategy & Allocations of Land Timescales**

## Lichfield District's Spatial Context



Map 2.1

**2.8** 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**

**2.9** 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, these provide quick and direct access to Birmingham, 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 of Burntwood and Rugeley have also helped relieve congestion within and around urban areas.

**2.10** 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.

**2.11** 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 35 minutes on average. 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. Rugeley Trent Valley station is also located on a line connecting Cannock with Birmingham.

**2.12** 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 continues the route of HS2 through the northern rural areas of the District past the Ridwares, Kings Bromley and Colton.

### **Lichfield District Key Statistics**

**2.13** The following section provides a summary of key statistics relating to Lichfield District for 2014-2015. 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**

**2.14** 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 2014.

	2014 Mid-year Populations (Source: ONS Mid year estimates)					
	District		West Midlands		England	
	2011 Cenus	2014	2011 Census	2014	2011 Census	2014
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Total Population	100,654 (100%)	102,093 (100%)	5,601,847 (100%)	5,713,284 (100%)	53,012,456 (100%)	54,316,618 (100%)
Under 16 (0-15 years old)	17.5%	17,443 (17.1%)	19.5%	1,114,220 (19.5%)	18.9%	10,303,556 (18.9%)
16-64 Years old (Working Age)	62.4%	61,521 (60.4%)	63.3%	3,569,489 (62.5%)	64.8%	34,475,354 (63.5%)
65+ Years old (Older People)	20.1%	23,129 (22%)	16.9%	1,029,575 (18%)	16.3%	9,537,708 (17.6%)
Ethnic Composition (%) (Source 2011 Census)						
	District		West Midlands		England	
White British	94.6%		82.8%		85.5%	
White Irish / White Other	2.1%					
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 2.2 People and Ethnicity**

**2.15** The population of Lichfield District continues to grow steadily and, the ONS 2014 mid-year population projections predict that the District's population has increased slightly since the 2011 Census.

**2.16** 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 4.4% above the national average (according to the 2014 Mid-Year estimates).

**2.17** 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.

	Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)				Source (for 2007 data)
	IDM 2004	IDM 2007	IDM 2010	IDM 2015	
Rank of Average Score	259	258	237	247	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010 - ODPM
Rank of Income	258	258	243	246	
Rank of Employment Scale	223	237	231	236	

Table 2.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

**2.18** The Department of Communities and Local Government have recently updated the indices of deprivation. The English Indices of Deprivation were published in September 2015.

### Education

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

Table 2.4 Education Statistics

### Employment

Type of Employment	Lichfield (Number of Employees)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source
Residents (economically active) in employment	50,600	77.2	70.2	72.7	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics April 2014 - March 2015
Residents (economically active) unemployed	1,800	3.6	6.4	6.0	
Job Density	Total Jobs	Lichfield (density)	West Midlands (density)	Great Britain (density)	Source
Job Density <sup>(i)</sup>	51,000 Jobs	0.82	0.76	0.8	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2013
Unemployment	Lichfield (numbers)	Lichfield (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)	Source

i 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
Total People claiming Job Seekers Allowance	300	0.5	2.1	1.7	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics September 2015

**Table 2.5 Lichfield District Employment**

**2.19** 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 1.2% 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 .

**2.20** In terms of unemployment, Lichfield District performs well at a level of 3.6% compared to the Regional and National figures which stand at 6.4% and 6.0% respectively. The level of unemployment has decreased this year.

**2.21** As a proportion 77% of the working population in Lichfield District are in employment which is considerably higher than comparable figures for the West Midlands region and Great Britain.

### Employment by Occupation

Occupation	Lichfield	West Midlands	England	Source
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	6,900 (45.7%)	(40.2%)	(44.3%)	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics March 2015
Professional Occupations	9,400 (18.5%)	(18.6%)	(19.7%)	
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	6,400 (12.7%)	(12.4%)	(14.1%)	
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	5,700 (11.3%)	(10.5%)	(10.6%)	
Skilled Trade Occupations	5,900 (11.6%)	(11.7%)	(10.7%)	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	4,100 (8.0%)	(9.5%)	(9.2%)	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	# <sup>(ii)</sup>	#	#	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	#	#	#	
Elementary Occupations	6,600 (13.1%)	(12.2%)	(10.9%)	

**Table 2.6 Employment by Occupation**

ii sample size too small for reliable estimate

Employment by Industry		Employee Jobs	Lichfield %	West Midlands %	Great Britain %	Source
Primary Service (agriculture and mining)		100	0.1	0.1	0.4	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2014
Energy and Water		700	1.5	1.3	1.1	
Manufacturing		4,500	10.5	12.4	8.5	
Construction		2,300	5.4	4.2	4.5	
Services	Wholesale and retail, including motor trades	7,100	16.3	18.1	15.9	
	Transport Storage	2,200	5.1	5.0	4.5	
	Accommodation and food Services	4,000	9.2	5.8	7.1	
	Information and Communication	1,200	2.7	2.7	4.1	
	Financial and other business services	8,600	19.9	18.2	22.2	
	Public admin, education and health	9,900	22.8	27.8	27.4	
Other Services		2,800	6.4	4.4	4.4	

Table 2.7 Employee Jobs

**2.22** Table 2.6 displays the labour market divided by occupation. The 2015 data shows that the largest section of the Districts labour force is employed in one of a managers, directors and senior official role.

### Average Income

Average Annual Income (gross)	Lichfield	West Midlands	Great Britain	Source
Earnings by residents	£30,212	£24,991	£27,081	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics 2014
Earnings by workplace	£23,998	£24,913	£27,050	

Table 2.8 Average Income

**2.23** The average income for residents of Lichfield District is higher than both the national and regional average. The earnings by workplace data highlights the fact that jobs within the District are lower paid, indicating 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, also the availability of transport links which allow easy commuting to much of the West Midlands conurbation and London.

## Housing

**2.24** 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 2009	June 2010	2011	July 2012	July 2013	August 2014	August 2015
Average Property Price - Lichfield District	£206,114	£257,553	£208,808	£235,515 <sup>(iii)</sup>	£229,833	£243,452	£268,247
Source	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	Hometrack (2012)	Hometrack (2013)	Hometrack (Sept 2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)
Average Property Price - West Midlands	£158,245	£174,404	£166,993	£180,000	£188,000	£191,000	£202,397
Source	CLG (2009)	CLG (2010)	CLG (2011)	CLG (2012)	CLG (2013)	CLG (2014)	Hometrack (August 2015)

Table 2.9 House Prices within the District

**2.25** Since last years report, house prices within the District and within the region have increased slightly. Properties in Lichfield District are still significantly more expensive than the West Midlands averages (£65,850 higher) reaffirming Lichfield's position as one of the most desirable Districts to live within the West Midlands.

### Crime

**2.26** Lichfield District is served by the Trent Valley District of the Staffordshire Police force, which also serves Tamworth Borough and East Staffordshire Borough. The crime statistics shown below are taken from the Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership's Safety Delivery Plan 2015-2018 which monitors crime statistics in great detail. A summary of the main findings from the latest published report is provided below.

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

Type of Crime	Incidents recorded							Source
	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	
ALL RECORDED CRIME	5,688	4,829	4,615	4,326	3,770	3,626	3,132	Lichfield District Community Safety Delivery Plan 2015 - 2018
Domestic Burglaries	280	296	359	255	234	246	169	
Anti-social behaviour	3,678	3,140	2,262	1,807	1,754	1,897	1,723	
Violent Crime	1,159	1,138	887	906	793	903	756	
Vehicle Crime - theft of motor vehicle	186	115	145	101	87	74	59	
Vehicle Crime - theft from motor vehicle	551	381	388	325	317	238	195	
Arson	44	28	31	26	14	18	18	
Criminal damage	1,126	886	786	758	577	511	458	

**Table 2.10 Crime levels**

## 3 Sustainable Communities

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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

### Introduction

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

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

### Indicator SC1: Renewable Energy Generation

**3.2** The 2012 Carbon Reduction Report provided information on the installation of renewable technologies. The report showed that there were 492 renewable installations across the District generating 1,897 MW of capacity per year. The great majority of these were solar panel installations with only four of the installations being for other types of renewable energy.

**3.3** It is unlikely that further editions of the Carbon Reduction Report will be published, as such alternative methods of monitoring need to be considered. Since the 2012 report a number of renewable technology installations have been granted permission, generating an additional 2MW of capacity per year.

**3.4** In the current monitoring year there have been a few applications for renewable energy generation, these are detailed in table 3.1.

Application No.	Location	Type of Renewables
14/00730/FUL	Thickbroom Farm, Little Hay Lane, Weeford	Installation of 250kw solar PV farm (960 x 270w panels)
14/00513/FULM	Huddlesford House, Huddlesford Lane, Huddlesford	Installation of 1mw solar PV farm (3390 x 295w panels)
14/00518/FULM	Land south of The Cottage, Park Lane, Huddlesford	Installation of 1mw solar PV farm (3390 x 295w panels)

**Table 3.1 Renewable Energy Generation**

## Key Finding One

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

### Key Finding One

There have been a small number of renewable energy generation schemes granted planning permission within the reporting year all of which are for solar panels. There continues to be generation at small and domestic levels.

## 4 Infrastructure

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

<b>Strategic Priority 4</b>	To provide the necessary infrastructure to support new and existing communities, including regeneration initiatives in those existing communities where the need for improvements to social, community and environmental infrastructure have been identified, in particular within north Lichfield, Burntwood, Fazeley and Armitage with Handsacre.
<b>Core Policy 4</b>	Delivering our Infrastructure
<b>Policy IP1</b>	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 continued to progress work in relation to having a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within the District. This will assist in delivering the infrastructure required to deliver the spatial strategy. The Council has recently completed the consultation on its Draft Charging Schedule and is currently reviewing the comments received prior to moving forward to submission and examination.

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

### Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery.

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

Infrastructure to be Delivered	Status	Development	Planning reference
Lichfield Southern Bypass	Developer and Staffordshire County Council developing design of bypass within the South Lichfield SDA.  SCC Highways designed and development work underway for the under bridge.	Erection of up to 450 dwelling	12/00182/OUTMEI – subject to unsigned S106.
Lichfield Trent Valley Station	New ticket office and shelter have been completed. 125 new parking spaces have been completed, due to be opened end of 2015. Lichfield Trent Valley has been awarded Access for All funding to improve disabled access to the station, improvements are to be delivered during 2017.	-	-



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. This programme is now underway within the District and is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.	-	-
Cannock Chase SAC & River Mease SAC	Developer contributions secured on schemes within the Cannock Chase SAC zone of influence and River Mease water catchment to mitigate for impacts of development on the SAC's.	-	-
Chasewater	Improvements underway as part of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme.	-	-
Burton Old Road Bridge, Lichfield	New access, road to Lichfield Park employment site.	-	-

**Table 4.1**

### **Key Finding One**

Progress has been made on a number of key items of infrastructure this year. The District Council is currently progressing work on the Community Infrastructure Levy.

## 5 Sustainable Transport

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

### Introduction

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

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

### Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans

**5.2** This indicator 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
Land North Of Burton Road And Northeast Of The West Coast Mainline Streethay, Lichfield	12/00746/OUTMEI	Yes
Land North Of Browns Lane, Tamworth	14/00018/OUTM	Yes
Land At Lichfield South (Business Park) Birmingham Road, Wall	14/00395/OUTMEI	Yes

Table 5.1 Travel Plans

<b>Policy ST2</b>	<b>Parking Provision</b>
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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.

## 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

	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Cycle	Motorbike/ Moped	Other	Source
Shopping (% is greater than 100 due to people including multiple modes of transport in their answer)	20%	78%	8%	2%	2%	1%	1%	
Leisure (Sports & Leisure Centre)	16%	46%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	
Public Green Space/parks	53%	29%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	
Education	10%	21%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	

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 (or similar) 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	2013/2014	2014/2015	Target
<b>ST4: Population within 350m of bus stop with a minimum service provision of 30 minutes</b>	78.3% (87.1% for Staffordshire)	74.9% (84.8% for Staffordshire)	77.9% (84.5% for Staffordshire)	Data is no longer calculated (iv)	Data is no longer calculated	LTP target is 90% of population of 6 major urban areas in Staffordshire by 2010/2011

Table 5.4 Transport Indicators

Indicator	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Target
<b>ST5: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries</b>	261	213	202	Data not yet available	179 <sup>(v)</sup>	To reduce the number of pedestrians and pedal cycle users killed or seriously injured from the 1994/98 baseline.

iv Due to horizon date of 2011 reached this data is no longer calculated. A new indicator will be considered for future AMRs.  
v countywide

Indicator	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Target
Countywide patronage for buses (Staffordshire)	22,575,000	22,682,422	20,800,000 <sup>(vi)</sup>	Data not yet available	Data not yet available	LTP3 in 2011 is now in place with a target to increase countywide bus patronage from the 08/09 baseline.

Table 5.5 Transport Indicators

### Indicator ST6: 'Accession' accessibility analysis

5.8 'Accession' accessibility analysis is no longer available. It will be removed from all future AMR.

#### Key Finding One

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

#### Key Finding Two

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

vi provisional figure provided by Staffordshire County Council

## 6 Homes for the Future

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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.

<b>Core Policy 6</b>	<b>Housing Delivery</b>
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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. Lichfield District Council has published and consulted on Main Modifications to the Local Plan Strategy which respond to the Inspectors Initial Findings which were published in September 2013. The Local Plan Strategy (as modified) proposes the delivery of 10,030 homes between 2008-2029, which includes 1,000 homes to meet the needs arising in neighbouring authorities (500 for Tamworth Borough and 500 for Cannock Chase District Councils). This equates to annual delivery of 478 homes with the objectively assessed need of Lichfield District being 430 homes per annum.

**6.3** Further information on the District's housing target and five year supply can be found within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2015).

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

Table 6.2 Plan Period and Housing Targets

## Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings

H2: Additional Dwellings in Previous Years	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions 2008-2015	1,733
Demolitions 2008-2015	52
Net Completions 2008-2015	1,681
H2: Additional Dwellings for the Reporting Year 2014 - 2015	Number of Dwellings
Gross Completions	231
Demolitions/Conversions away	5
Net Completions	226

Table 6.3 Additional Dwellings

**6.4** Since 2008 an average of 192 dwellings have been built per year. The current year of 2014/15 has seen an decrease in the number of completions from those reported last year. This figure is well below the target of 478 dwellings per year within the Local Plan Strategy.

**6.5** Lichfield District continues to be a popular location for developers with several large developments currently under construction or with planning permission across the District and further developments being submitted or at pre-application stage. Publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (October 2015) 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

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Average density of new dwellings completed (dwellings per hectare)	33.3	29.5	49 (29.5 <sup>(vii)</sup> )	17.2	47.1 (23.7 <sup>(viii)</sup> )	28.4

Table 6.4 Density of Completions

**6.6** The average density of new builds this reporting year is 28.4 dwellings per hectare, which is slightly higher than last years figure (minus small flatted schemes). This figure takes into account the total site area, including open space, access and associated infrastructure.

viii minus small flatted schemes which skew figures  
vii minus small flatted schemes which skew figures

#### Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory

**6.7** Table 6.4 is the housing trajectory for the District for the five year period as included within the SHLAA 2015. 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 2015 and concept statements appended to the Local Plan Strategy (as modified).

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	329	324	1455
2014/2015	231	226	1681
2015/2016	-	249	1930
2016/2017	-	621	2551
2017/2018	-	931	3482
2018/2019	-	1191	4676
2019/2020	-	1003	5676

Table 6.5 Housing Trajectory

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

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

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

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



	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015	
	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%	Number of Dwellings	%
Brownfield	249	76%	161	77%	207	82%	215	65%	330	84%
Greenfield	80	24%	47	23%	45	18%	21	6%	25	6%
Garden Land (Greenfield)	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	28% (ix)	36	9%

Table 6.6 Dwellings completed by land type

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

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

<b>Policy H1</b>	<b>A Balanced Housing Market</b>
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**Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix**

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

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

Table 6.7 Dwelling Mix

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H1 (1 bed house)	1	0.4%
H2 (2 bed house)	29	12.6%
H3 (3 bed house)	91	39.4%

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

Housing Type	Count	Percentage
H4+ (4+ bed house)	45	19.5%
F1 (1 bed flat)	26	11.3%
F2 (2 bed flat)	28	12.1%
F3 (3 bed flat)	5	2.2%
B1 (1 bed bungalow)	0	0.0%
B2 (2 bed bungalow)	1	0.4%
B3 (3 bed bungalow)	4	1.7%
B4 (4 bed bungalow)	1	0.4%

Table 6.8 Housing types completed 2014/15

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

Table 6.9 Completions by Number of Bedrooms 2014/2015

**6.14** This monitoring year the largest proportion of completions were 3 bed properties, followed by a large number of 2 bed properties. In particular a number of 3 bedroom houses were completed this year. The District is seeking to increase the provision of smaller properties, specifically of 2 and 3 bed properties. This year's figures show that properties within this bracket account for approximately 68% of the dwellings delivered this year.

#### Indicator H7: Building for Life 12 Assessments

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

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

Development	Application Number	Number of Dwellings	Buildings for Life Score
Rugeley ERZ, Phases 4 & 5	10/01201/REMM	82	6
The Maltings, Birmingham Road	08/00589/FULM	25	8
Boathouse, Lichfield Street	07/00073/FULM & 10/01256/FULM	12	6

Table 6.10 Building for life

**6.17** All developments surveyed this year scored well, in particular The Maltings development. It is expected in next years AMR there will be more developments assessed against Building for Life.

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

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

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

Development	Completions	Under Construction
Rugeley ERZ Phases 4 & 5	23	0
Garage site rear of 115 Dimbles Lane	3	0
<b>Gross Completions</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 6.11 Affordable Completions

**6.20** The gross completions of 26 affordable dwellings represents an increase in the number completed since last year. Affordable housing equates to approximately 11% of the total completions in the District, which is double last years proportion.

### Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing

Housing market Sub Area (SHMA)	Committed
Lichfield City	24
Burntwood	20
Lichfield District North	34

Housing market Sub Area (SHMA)	Committed
Lichfield District South	0
Tamworth	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>

Table 6.12 Developed and Committed Affordable Housing

**6.21** There are a further 103 affordable dwellings which are committed within the District which could be completed over the next five years. There are a number of large applications which will be determined that would include significant affordable housing provision.

**6.22** Previously Burntwood had no affordable dwellings committed or under construction which was of concern, this has been rectified this year with 20 dwellings committed.

#### **Indicator H10: Affordable Housing Viability**

**6.23** 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](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/evidence)

## Halifax House Price Index

Figures are for England and Wales (Feb 2009 = 519.1 Base Figure)			
Period	Index (1983 = 100)	Standardised Average Price (£)	Source
April 2009	500.0	154,490	Lloyds Banking Group
October 2009	535.1	165,349	
April 2010	544.4	168,212	
October 2010	533.8	164,919	
April 2011	519.1	160,393	
October 2011	528.3	163,227	
April 2012	518.1	160,073	
October 2012	512.7	158,426	
April 2013	537.8	166,175	
September 2013	552.6	170,733	
April 2014	574.6	177,524	
November 2014	605.0	186,941	
April 2015	635.5	196,355	
September 2015	656.5	202,859	

Table 6.13 Halifax House Price Index

**6.24** 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. As is illustrated within the first section of this report, house prices within Lichfield District are significantly higher than the regional and national averages. The Halifax House price index has increased by 26% from the base date.

### 'BCIS' General Building Cost Index

**6.25** 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.

	August 2014 <sup>(x)</sup>
BCIS General Building Cost Index	318.8

Table 6.14 BCIS

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

## Alternative Land Use Value

**6.26** 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.

**6.27** 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.

**6.28** The VOA are set to publish new data on the land value figures for agricultural land on a regional basis in early 2016. It is hoped this can be used in the AMR 2015/16.

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

**6.29** 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 31-34%. The District Council's emerging target of 40% on qualifying sites has not been met and this can be attributed to the economic downturn. The aim for the future will be to increase the viable affordable housing target. Table 6.15 is an extract from the Affordable Housing Viability Assessment and demonstrates how the BCIS and Halifax House Price Indexes are used to calculate the current viable target for affordable housing.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Suggested Viable Affordable Housing Target	20%	23%	20-25%	17-20%	25-29%	25-27%	31-34%

Table 6.16 Suggested Affordable Housing Viability Target

**6.30** The affordable housing viability target has increased this year. Data demonstrates that whilst house prices have continued to rise so have building costs (as demonstrated by the latest BCIS data). It needs to be noted that this target is based on outdated Alternative Land Use Values, once these have been updated the Housing Viability Target will be recalculated.

**Indicator H11: Additional Gypsy & Traveller Pitches**

Existing pitches lost	0
New pitches	1

Table 6.17 Pitches for Gypsy &amp; Traveller

**6.31** There has been one new authorised pitch granted this year.

**6.32** 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**

	2013-2014	Source
Number of unauthorised caravans	8	LDC Housing Department.

Table 6.18 Unauthorised Caravans

**Key Finding One**

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

**Key Finding Two**

The SHLAA published in October 2015 has identified 912 potential development sites within the District with a significant supply of sites 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 478 (including 500 dwellings to meet the needs arising in Rugeley, Cannock and 500 to meet the needs arising in Tamworth) homes identified through the examination of the Local Plan: Strategy.

**Key Finding Four**

This year the average density of housing completions increased to 28.4 dwellings per hectare. 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 84% of all completions taking place on brownfield sites.

**Key Finding Six**

The current viable level of affordable housing is between 31-34%.



## 7 Economic Development & Enterprise

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

<b>Core Policy 7</b>	Employment & Economic Development
<b>Core Policy 8</b>	Our Centres
<b>Core Policy 9</b>	Tourism
<b>Policy E1</b>	Retail Assessments

### Introduction

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

**7.2** The 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 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 District's employment land portfolio and can be viewed at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/evidence](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/evidence).

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

**7.3** 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 current employment land provision within Lichfield District.

Development	Application Reference	Area (Ha)	Total floor space all types (m <sup>2</sup> )	Floor Space Completed (m <sup>2</sup> )					Ratio of emp. floor space	Change of Use (no net gain in employment floorspace)
				B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8		
Former Decades Vintage, 22 St. John Street	14/00710/COU	-	180	180	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 1c Eastern Park, Eastern Avenue	14/00963/COU	-	757	-	-	-	757	-	-	No (COU & extension)
Unit 7, Blenheim Way, Fradley	12/00833/FULM	3.21	11209.7	-	11209.7	-	-	-	-	-
Land Rear 20 St John Street	14/00155/FUL	-	586	586	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trent Business Centre, Eastern Avenue	14/00061/COU	-	112.6	-	112.6	-	-	-	Part <del>com</del>	Yes
Former The Olde Corner House Hotel, Muckley Corner	14/00429/COU	-	485	485	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
UK Pallet Express Delivery, Fradley Business Centre, Wood End Lane	13/00162/FULM	8.66	12895	350	-	-	-	12545	-	-
19B The Close, Lichfield	14/01088/LBC 14/01087/COU	0.0265	86	86	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Roxanne UK Limited, Hanger 5 Fradley Airfield	14/00905/FULM	2.96	6089	-	-	-	2396	3696	-	-
Former St Joseph's Presbytery, New Street, Chasetown	13/01154/FUL 13/00136/FUL	0.05	847	847	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shenstone Park Farm, Park Lane	10/01269/COU	-	306.42	306.42	-	-	-	-	-	No (COU & extension)

Development	Application Reference	Area (Ha)	Total floor space all types (m <sup>2</sup> )	Floor Space Completed (m <sup>2</sup> )					Deduction of emp. floor space	Change of Use (no net gain in employment floorspace)
				B1a	B1b	B1c	B2	B8		
Defence Medical Service, Whittington	11/00425/FULM	28.53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>43.45 (14.9 not</b>	<b>33,553.72</b>	<b>2,840.42</b>	<b>11,322.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>16,241</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Table 7.1 Completed employment floorspace

**7.4** There has been a net gain in employment floorspace with 32,690.12m<sup>2</sup> being completed during the current reporting year, the majority of which came from the UK Pallet Express Delivery development. Whilst the Defence Medical Service is not traditional B1-B8 employment it has been included as it will create a significant number of jobs within the District.

**7.5** There has been an increase in the amount of employment floorspace completed compared to last year.

### 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)
30782.7	12145.7	2396	16241	75%

Table 7.2 Floorspace on previously developed land

**7.6** All sites which lead to a net increase in employment floor space this year have been on previously developed land. The target should continue to be a minimum of 75% on previously developed land, and with almost all of the potential sites allocated in the current Local Plan being brownfield sites, the District Council should continue to achieve the target set.

### Indicator E3: 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 & 14/00964/FULM	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

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
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 Lane, Fradley	-	P20	B2/8	4.53	-	-	-	LP Allocation
Burntwood Business Park Zone 1	-	P1-P3	B1/2/8	2.05	-	-	-	LP Allocation
Land at East Hill, Fradley	12/00609/REMM	P11	B1/2/8	24.6	-	-	-	LP Allocation/ Planning Permission Full outline consent
Former Hepworth, Eastern Avenue	12/00451/FUL & 13/00463/FUL 13/01309/OUTM	E6	B1/2/8	0.2045	-	-	-	Outline planning permission
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	-	-	-	Planning Permission Full- Not started
Land at Greenhough Road, Lichfield	13/00809/FULM	-	B1	0.2249	0.2249	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not started
Land for Employment Development, Burton Old Road, Lichfield	14/00799/REMM	-	B1/2/8	4.097	-	-	-	Permitted
RJK Construction Midlands Ltd, Overley Lane, Alrewas	14/01059/FUL	-	B1	0.026	0.026	-	-	Planning Permission Full- Under construction
Land at Lichfield South (Business Park), Birmingham Road, Wall	14/00395/OUTMEI	-	B1	1.25	1.25	-	-	Requires reserve matters planning permission
Lonkhill Farm, Ashby Road, Tamworth	10/00496/COU	-	B1/2/8	0.3225	-	-	-	Planning Permission Full

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
Fazeley Saw Mill, Lichfield Street	12/00775/FUL	-	B1	0.4	0.4	-	-	Planning Permission Full - Not Started
<b>Total</b>				<b>94.6549</b>	<b>1.9009</b>			

Table 7.3 Land available by class order

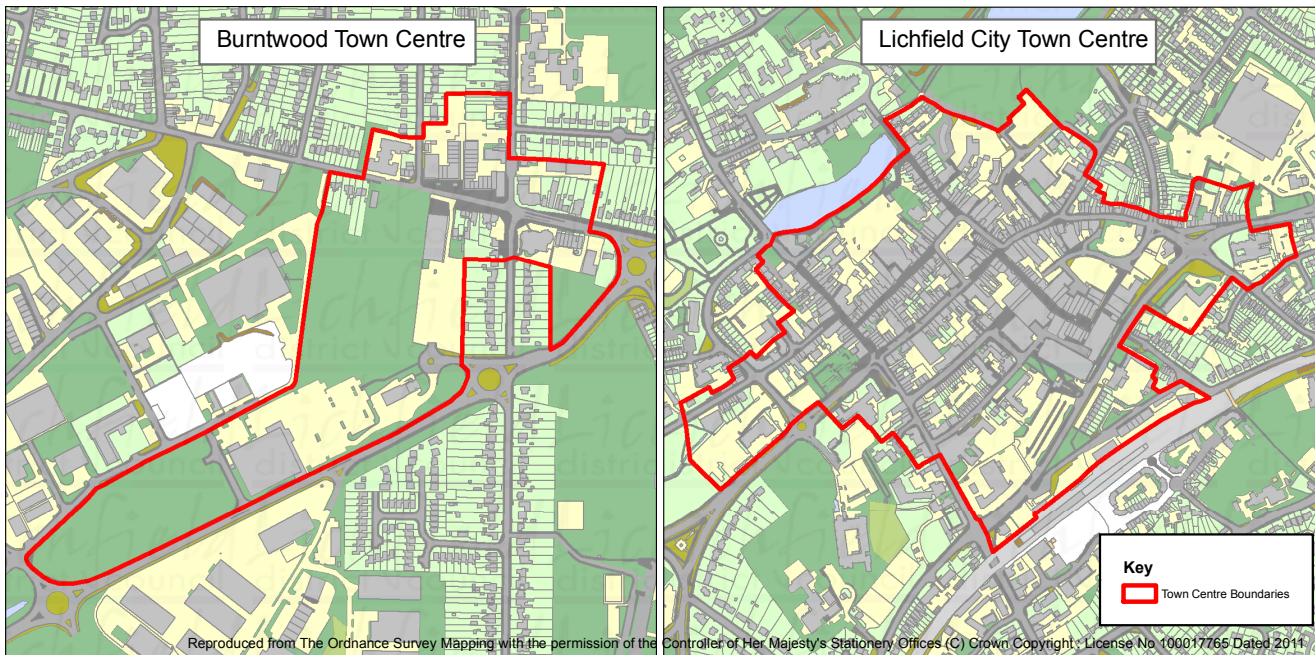
7.7 Lichfield District has 94.6 Ha of employment land available for employment development. This is available across a range of sites which can provide for all types of employment development.

7.8 Large areas of land can be found at the main employment parks at Burntwood and Fradley and these sites continue to be the major areas targeted for employment development.

**Core Policy 8** Our Centres

**Indicator E4: Town Centre Uses**

7.9 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. Map 7.1 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 <sup>2</sup> )	Total Amount of A2 floorspace completed (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total Amount of B1a) floorspace completed (m <sup>2</sup> )	Total Amount of D2 floorspace completed (m <sup>2</sup> )	Loss of floorspace (type and amount m <sup>2</sup> )	Net new floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> )
In town centres	0	124	766	0	713	177
Not in town centres	6338.24	147.56	2074.42	150	590	8120.22

Table 7.4 New floorspace for 'town centre' uses

Development	Reference	Net Floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> )	Floorspace Type	In Towncentre?
<b>Gain in Floorspace</b>				
Former Martin & Field, Unit 11, Eastern Avenue	12/01375/COU	560	A1	No
Porchways House, Upper St Johns Street	13/01069/COU	55	A1	No
9 Bore Street	14/00169/COU	124	A2	Yes
Prestec UK Ltd, 168 Birmingham Road	14/00085/COU	147.56	A2	No
Common Barn Farm, Tamworth Road	14/00448/COU	99.24	A1	No
Unit R Riverside Industrial Estate, Atherstone Street	14/00572/COU	5624	A1	No
Unit 6 Shires Industrial Estate, Essington Close	13/01070/COU	150	D2	No
Former Decades Vintage, 22 St John Street	14/00710/COU	180	B1a	Yes
Land Rear 20 St John Street	14/00155/FUL	586	B1a	Yes
Former The Olde Corner House Hotel, Muckley Corner	14/00429/COU	485	B1a	No
UK Pallet Express Delivery, Fradley Business Centre, Wood End Lane	13/00162/FULM	350	B1a	No
19B The Close, Lichfield	14/01088/LBC 14/01087/COU	86	B1a	No
Former St Joseph's Presbytery, New Street, Chasetown	13/01154/FUL 13/00136/FUL	847	B1a	No

Development	Reference	Net Floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> )	Floorspace Type	In Towncentre?
Shenstone Park Farm, Park Lane	10/01269/COU	306.42	B1a	No
<b>Loss in Floorspace</b>				
Hanch Hall, Lysways Lane	13/00931/COU	260	C3 from B1	No
1-5 Tamworth Street	13/01008/LBC	261	C3 from B1	Yes
1st & 2nd Floor Minster House, Bird Street	14/00112/COU	272	C3 from B1	Yes
St Chads House, Cross Keys	14/00849/PND	180	C3 from B1	Yes
78 Princess Street, Burntwood	14/00703/FUL	330	C3 from B1	No

**Table 7.5 Table of developments contributing to E4**

**7.10** There has been a small increase in town centre floorspace this year, due to office developments.

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

Development	Planning reference number	Retail Assessment
Land North Of Burton Road And Northeast Of The West Coast Mainline, Streethay, Lichfield	12/00746/OUTMEI	Yes

Table 7.6 Retail Assessments

**Indicator E6: Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments**

Type of Floorspace	Percentage (%)	Target
% of B1a) floorspace completed in town centres	33	No development outside town centres without justification
% of B1b) floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of B1c) floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of B2 floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of B8 floorspace completed in town centres	0	
% of all floorspace completed in town centres	1.9	

Table 7.7 Employment Completions within town centres

Development	Application Reference	Total floor space all types (m <sup>2</sup> )	B1a) floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B1b) floors pace comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B1c) floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B2 floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B8 floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	Demolition of emp. floor space	In Town Centre?
Former Decades Vintage, 22 St. John Street	14/00710/COU	180	180	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Unit 1c Eastern Park, Eastern Avenue	14/00963/COU	757	-	-	-	757	-	-	No
Unit 5 Dove Close Lane, Fradley	12/00458/COU	10226	-	5113	-	-	5113	-	No
Unit 7, Blenheim Way, Fradley	12/00833/FULM	11209.7	-	11209.7	-	-	-	-	No
Land Rear 20 St John Street	14/00155/FUL	586	586	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Trent Business Centre, Eastern Avenue	14/00061/COU	112.6	-	112.6	-	-	-	-	No
Former The Olde Corner House Hotel, Muckley Corner	14/00429/COU	485	485	-	-	-	-	-	No



Development	Application Reference	Total floor space all types (m <sup>2</sup> )	B1a) floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B1b) floors pace comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B1c) floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B2 floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	B8 floor space comp. (m <sup>2</sup> )	Demolition of emp. floor space	In Town Centre?
UK Pallet Express Delivery, Fradley Business Centre, Wood End Lane	13/00162/FULM	12895	350	-	-	-	12545	-	No
Unit 1c Eastern Park, Eastern Avenue	14/00963/COU	757	-	757	-	-	-	-	No
19B The Close, Lichfield	14/01088/LBC	86	86	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Roxanne UK Limited, Hanger 5 Fradley Airfield	14/00905/FULM	6089	-	-	-	2396	3696	-	No
Former St Joseph's Presbytery, New Street, Chasetown	13/01154/FUL 13/00136/FUL	847	847	-	-	-	-	-	No
<b>Totals</b>		<b>44,161.3</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>17,192.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>21,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Table 7.8 Location of New Employment Development

**7.11** Three of the employment developments completed this year were within the town centres identified within the Local Plan Strategy, these were all 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) <sup>(xi)</sup>

Table 7.9 Retention Rates

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

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

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

Table 7.10 Lichfield Retail

	Total retail premises in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacant Shops in Burntwood Town Centre	Vacancy Rate (Burntwood Town Centre)	Source
July 2014	61	6	9.8%	Health Check
December 2014	64	4	6.25%	Health Check
June 2015	64	4	6.25%	Health Check

Table 7.11 Burntwood Retail

**7.12** The vacancy rate in Lichfield City centre has increased since July 2014. Lichfield District Council began the health check of Burntwood Town Centre in July 2014. The vacancy rate for Burntwood Town Centre has decreased by 3.55% since July 2014.

**7.13** 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, also the health and vitality of the town centres, thereby benefiting the local economy.

**Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism**

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

Table 7.12 Tourism Figures

**7.15** In 2014 there was an increase in visitors to the District, which subsequently lead to an increase in the total income that tourism provides.

**7.16** 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, therefore work to encourage longer stays is required. A Premier Inn has opened 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, providing an increase in employment floorspace. 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.

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

### **Key Finding Two**

There has been a small number of developments within the town centres during the reporting year with several schemes currently under construction.

### **Key Finding Three**

Lichfield District maintains a large portfolio of sites which are suitable for a range of business uses which total 94.6Ha. 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.

### **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.

## 8 Healthy & Safe Communities

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

### Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision

**8.1** An 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 internment of human remains. Churchyards are burial grounds within the walled boundary of a church. This type of land has minimal disruption so has wildlife and biodiversity importance	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

Scheme	Completed	Cost
Fazeley Memorial Square	To be completed 2016 as part of a THI application. Submitted THI application was subsequently unsuccessful. Remaining improvements will focus on planting & delivered in partnership with the Town Council early 2016.	£18,000
Sankeys Corner Environmental Improvements, Burntwood (Paving, Drainage repair works, New Seats bins and bollards)	Paving & drainage works have been completed with new street furniture. Further priorities for improvements have been identified by the Town Council and will be delivered by early 2016.	£35,000

Table 8.2 Environment Improvement Schemes Completed

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

**8.7** The way in which this indicator is monitored changed for last 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 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. The most 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

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

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

### Introduction

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

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

### Indicator NR1: Water Quality

**9.2** There are 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. The Environment Agency now collects and publishes 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
Pyford Brook Catchment (tributary of trent)	GB104028047250	Moderate Potential	Good	Moderate Potential	Good	At Risk
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)	GB104028046510	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 Potential	Does not require assessment	Moderate Potential	Does not require assessment	At Risk
Fotherley Brook (from source to Black-Bourne Brook)	GB104028046450	Poor Status	Does not require assessment	Poor Status	Does not require assessment	At 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

	Waterbody ID	Current Ecological Quality	Current Chemical Quality	2015 Predicted Ecological Quality	2015 predicted Chemical Quality	Overall Risk
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)<sup>(xiii)</sup>

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.

**9.3** 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.

**9.4** 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

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

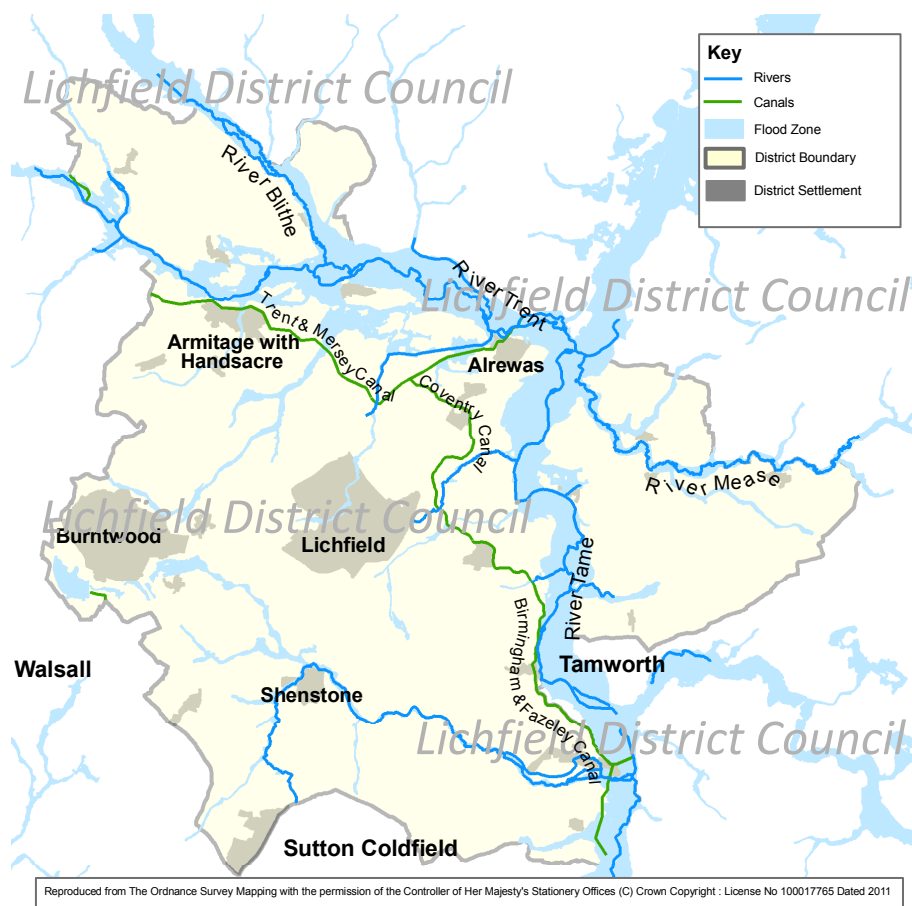
	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	Target
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9.2 Permissions granted contrary to EA advice

**9.6** 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.

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

**9.7** The publication of the updated 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**

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

**Indicator NR3: Developments in the Countryside**

**9.8** 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 north Rydal Farm, Colton Road, Colton	14/00020/COU	Change of use of land to keeping of horses and erection of stable block plus erection of agricultural building	No	No
Echills Farm, Rugeley Road, Kings Bromley	14/00472/COU	Change of use of building from livestock to livery stables	No	No
Common Barn Farm, Tamworth Road, Whittington Heath	14/00448/COU	Change of use from cafeteria to dog grooming salon	No	Yes
Former The Olde Corner House Hotel, Walsall Road, Muckley Corner	14/00429/COU	Change of use of vacant hotel (Class C1) to offices (Class B1 - Business)	No	Yes
UK Pallet Express Delivery, Fradley Business Centre, Wood End Lane, Fradley	13/00162/FULM	Demolition of existing Auction Centre and erection of new warehouse, covered loading area, ancillary office building and associated yard and car parking	No	No
Thickbroom Farm, Little Hay Lane, Weeford	14/00730/FUL	Installation of 250kw solar pv farm (960 x 270w panels) and associated infrastructure	No	Yes
Huddlesford House, Huddlesford Lane, Huddlesford	14/00513/FULM	Installation of 1 mw Solar PV farm (3390 x 295w panels) and associated infrastructure	No	No
Priory Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Blithbury	14/00914/COU	Formation of menage and erection of fencing and associated works	No	No
Elford Mill, Tamworth Road, Elford	14/00868/COU	Change of use of existing first floor ancillary living accommodation above garage/storeroom to tourist accommodation	No	No
The Yard, Springle Styche Lane, Burntwood	14/00810/OUT	Replacement dwelling and associated change of use of land to residential	No	Yes
Land south of The Cottage, Park Lane, Huddlesford	14/00518/FULM	Installation of 1MW Solar PV Farm (3390 x 295w panels) and associated infrastructure	No	No
The Grove, Burton Road, Huddlesford	14/01332/COU	Conversion of former pig unit to boarding kennels	No	No

Planning Permissions for country-side based enterprises				
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Detrimental Impact on Countryside	Proposal within Green Belt (included below)
East Wing House, Fisherwick Road, Fisherwick	11/00505/FUL	Variation of condition no. 3 application 11/00505/FUL to enable the use of up to 6 stables as a full time livery.	No	No
Old Barn, Uttoxeter Road, Blithbury	15/00194/FUL	Erection of 4 cabins for use as cattery/kennels	No	No
Blacklands Farm, Chester Road, Aldridge	14/01170/FUL	Erection of stable block comprising of feed /tack room and 3 stables	No	Yes
Bradshaw Brothers Butchers Ltd, Bleak House Farm, Ironstone Road, Burntwood	14/01073/COU	Change of use of land to caravan storage	No	Yes
The National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas	14/01165/FULM	Partial demolition of existing Visitor Centre and replacement with a new Remembrance Centre comprising education, exhibition and interpretation facilities, support retail and office accommodation, restaurant and café facilities plus other ancillary facilities (including toilets), a service yard replacing existing service yard, new hard and soft landscaping across the application site.	No	No

Positively Prepared <sup>(xiv)</sup> Planning Permissions for Development in the Green Belt				
Development	Planning Application Reference	Description of Proposal	Detrimental Impact on Countryside	Included in table above
Common Barn Farm, Tamworth Road, Whittington Heath	14/00448/COU	Change of use from cafeteria to dog grooming salon	No	No
Former The Olde Corner House Hotel, Walsall Road, Muckley Corner	14/00429/COU	Change of use of vacant hotel (Class C1) to offices (Class B1 - Business)	No	Yes
Thickbroom Farm, Little Hay Lane, Weeford	14/00730/FUL	Installation of 250kw solar pv farm (960 x 270w panels) and associated infrastructure	No	Yes

xiv 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)
Huddlesford House, Huddlesford Lane, Huddlesford	14/00513/FULM	Installation of 1 mw Solar PV farm (3390 x 295w panels) and associated infrastructure	No	Yes
Blacklands Farm, Chester Road, Aldridge	14/01170/FUL	Erection of stable block comprising of feed /tack room and 3 stables	No	Yes
Bradshaw Brothers Butchers Ltd, Bleak House Farm, Ironstone Road, Burntwood	14/01073/COU	Change of use of land to caravan storage	No	Yes

Table 9.3 Development in the Countryside

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

#### Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance

**9.9** There are a large number of indicators in this section which relate 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	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)
Site of Biological Interest (SBI)	77	983.1	85	827.6	85	818.8	85	826.3	87	826.2
Biodiversity Alert Site (BAS)	59	264.4	57	238.5	57	238.5	57	233.9	57	233.8
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	5	230.6	4	329.5	4	329.5	4	330.7	4	329.5 <sup>(xv)</sup>
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	16.9	1	13.0	1	10.7 *

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

Site	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)	Number	Area (Ha)
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	1	550.3 <sup>(xvi)</sup>	1	550.3**	1	550.3**	1	550.3**	1	550.2**

Source: Staffordshire County Council

**Table 9.4 Areas of Biodiversity**

**9.10** There has been a slight change in the extent of the area of SSSI's and SAC's this year, this change is primarily caused by the use of better quality boundary data in the district.

**9.11** The quality of SSSI's are monitored by Natural England and table 9.5 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	3.12	Standing open water and canals	Unfavourable no change	20/12/2012	Natural England
Chasewater Heaths	5	30.02	Dwarf shrub, heath -lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	29/07/2010	Natural England
	6	53.86	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	29/07/2010	Natural England
	7	7.03	Fen, marsh & swamp - lowland	Favourable	28/07/2010	Natural England
	8	8.72	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	28/07/2010	Natural England
	9	11.40	Dwarf shrub, heath - lowland	Unfavourable Recovering	28/07/2010	Natural England
	12	8.81	Standing open water and canals	Favourable	27/07/2010	Natural England
	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

xvi \*\*Much of the AONB is outside the District Boundary

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

Table 9.5 Condition of SSSI's within the District

**9.12** Natural England provides data on the condition of SSSI's within the District. 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

**9.13** 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 9.6 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.

**9.14** 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	<p>The Council meets the conservation objectives for its SSSI's by implementing Higher Level Stewardship schemes, that are funded by DEFRA, at Gentleshaw Common and Wharf Lane.</p> <p>Stowe Pool SSSI is in 'unfavourable' and 'declining' condition because the white-clawed crayfish are no longer present.</p> <p>Chasewater Country Park SSSI is owned and managed by Staffordshire County Council who also have a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement with DEFRA.</p>
Indicator NR6: To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area	No net loss of areas of natural or semi-natural habitat	Lichfield District Council continues to part fund and is an active partner of the Staffordshire Wildlife Sites Partnership that which monitor these sites (over a five year period). There are currently 78 sites being monitored within the District.
Indicator NR7: To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species	Protection and enhancement of the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and species. No net loss of Staffordshire BAP priority habitats and species	The Council continues to contribute to this indicator through the preparation of the Districts Biodiversity and Development SPD and Biodiversity Strategy. This is also monitored through Development Control, which seeks biodiversity enhancement, mitigation and/or compensation should development occur at such sites. Lichfield District Council also contributes through the District's biodiversity strategy.
Indicator NR8: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy	Maintain a Biodiversity Steering Group for development and implementation of Lichfield District's Biodiversity Strategy	Awaiting data
Indicator NR9: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB	Achieve schemes in the action plan.	The Council actively participates in an Officer Working Group, Advisory Partnership and Joint Committee for the governance of AONB delivery and an annual monitoring report is produced to monitor progress against the management plan.
Indicator NR10: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy	To make a contribution to forest biodiversity action plan targets	There is only a small area of the National Forest within Lichfield District and as such it is difficult to deliver TNFs targets within the overlapping boundaries.

Local Indicator	Targets	Current Situation
Indicator NR11: To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan	To contribute to the Forest of Mercia's own targets for woodland planting, management and access	The District Council continues to contribute to FOM targets by carrying out woodland management and enhancement and planting trees on sites within the District where possible.
Indicator NR12: To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area	To continue to contribute to achieving the strategy	Lichfield District Council is 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	<p>The District Council continues to provide funding for the Central Rivers Initiative (CRI) and is a board member of the scheme.</p> <p>The focus for the District Council is to support the project and help foster increased recreational opportunities, tourism and economic activity.</p> <p>The CRI project board has an action plan for delivery.</p>

Table 9.6 Biodiversity Indicators

**9.15** 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.

**9.16** 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.

## Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation

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

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>140</b>

Table 9.7 Tree Preservation

Number of Applications for Works on Trees that have TPOs	
Burntwood	23
Little Aston	20
Lichfield	32
Northern Area	19
Southern Area	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>

Table 9.8 Tree Preservation

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**9.17** There were 140 applications for works on trees in conservation areas this year, which is a slight decrease on those recorded last year. There has been no prosecutions for tree damage during the reporting year.

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

### Indicator NR15: Air Quality Management Areas

**9.19** This indicator monitors the number and condition of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) within Lichfield District. Detailed information on Air Quality within the District and on the AQMAs can be found in the Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessments which are produced by the Environmental Health Department of the District Council.

**9.20** 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 NO<sub>2</sub> objective. Monitoring also continues at other locations within the District.

### Key Finding One

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

### **Key Finding Two**

The size of SBIs and SSSIs within the District has remained the same this year, also the total number of these sites has remained the same.

### **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 updated 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.

## 10 Built & Historic Environment

### Strategic Priorities & Local Plan Policies

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

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

### Introduction

**10.1** 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.

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

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

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

Development	Planning Reference	Reason for Refusal	Date refused
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Table 10.1 Major Developments refused on poor design grounds

### 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 adopted by Spring 2015
Kings Bromley	Committee approved document on 30/06/08 for adoption	
Little Aston	Committee approved document on 03/02/09 for adoption	

Conservation Area Appraisals Completed (including any which are pending subject to consultation)	Status	Targets
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,	Committee approved document – documented adopted 10/07/012	
Harlaston	Committee approved document – documented adopted 10/07/012	
Hopwas	Committee approved document – documented adopted 10/07/012	
Fradley Junction,	Committee approved document - document adopted 10/12/2013	
Haunton	Committee approved document - document adopted 10/12/2013	
Hints	Committee approved document - document adopted 10/12/2013	
Mavesyn Ridware, Elford, Hamstall Ridware	Committee approved document - document adopted 14/07/2015	

**Table 10.2 Conservation Area Appraisals Completed**

**10.3** Significant progress has continued with regard to the conservation area appraisals, all are scheduled to be adopted by Spring 2015.

#### **Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk**

Number of Buildings on the Buildings at risk survey	18	Target
Building	Current Situation	
<b>Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings</b>		
Walls and Gatepiers to Colton House	No further deterioration of walls	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Angel Croft Hotel	Planning and LBC granted for change of use to apartments. Building now boarded up but continues to suffer from vandalism.	

Front railings and wall to Angel Croft Hotel		
Church Tower north of Church of St. John, Shenstone	Talks with owners and other interested party on possible HLF bid still ongoing	
<b>Grade II listed buildings (Surveyed in 2013 as part of Heritage at Risk project)</b>		
113 and 115 Main Street, Alrewas	LBC application submitted to re-build front gable	To reduce the number of buildings on the list
Armitage United Reform Church, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Hansacre	No change - still in same condition	
Stonehouses Cottages, Rugeley Road, Armitage with Handsacre	Building continues to deteriorate	
2 Coleshill Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building remains watertight	
Bonehill Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building continues to deteriorate	
Fazeley Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building continues to deteriorate	
116 to 120 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – no change	
122 Lichfield Street, Fazeley	HLF bid unsuccessful – building continues to deteriorate	
L Shaped range of buildings, Bucks Head farm, Watling Street, Hints	No change – still in same condition	
Garden walls and pavilions at Manor Park, Kings Bromley	No change - still in same condition	
Wall extending 14m SW from 35 Lombard Street, Lichfield	LBC application submitted to demolish and re-build	
The Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Mavesyn Ridware	No change – still in same condition	
Packington Hall, Tamworth Road, Packington	Planning application and LBC application approved	
Blackbrook Farmhouse, London Road, Weeford	No change - still in same condition	

Table 10.3 Buildings at Risk

#### 10.4 Progress has been made on a number of at risk structures.



**Key Finding One**

Good progress continues with the conservation area appraisals with all 14 still on track to be completed by Spring 2015.

**Key Finding Two**

The number of buildings at risk has stayed the same this year.

## 11 Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement

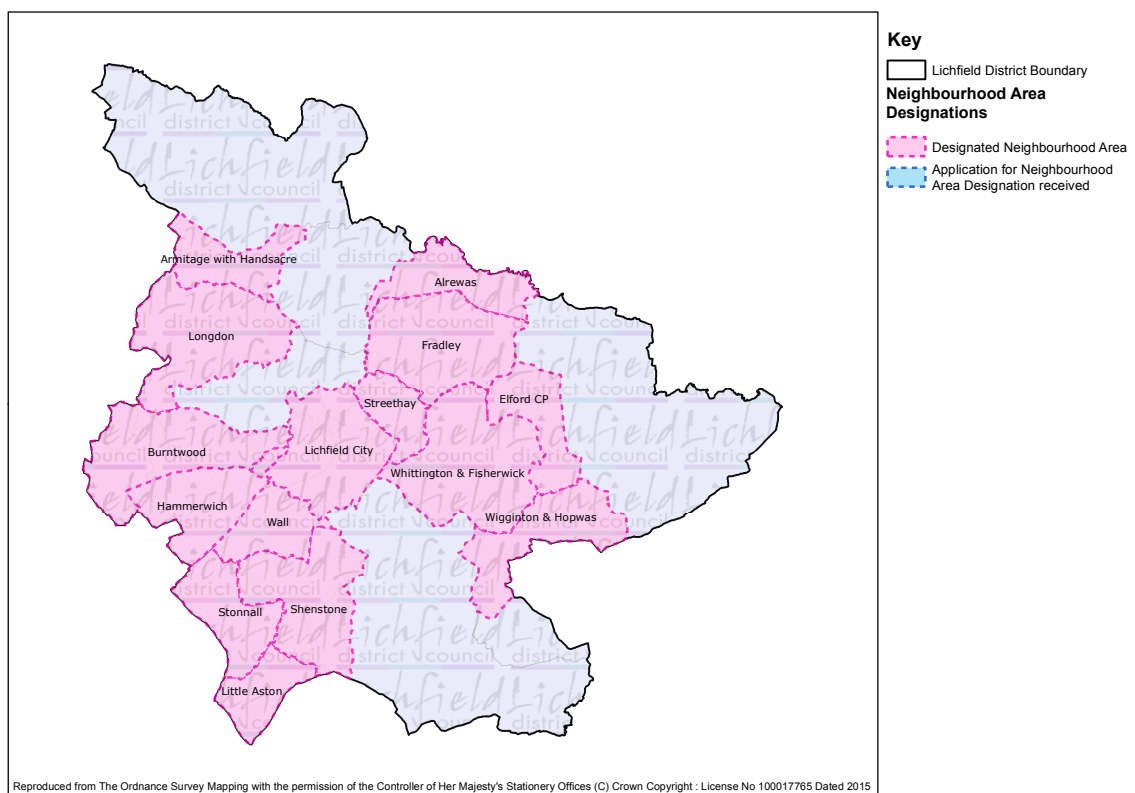
### Introduction

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

**11.2** This chapter also includes information on the Neighbourhood Plans moving forward within Lichfield District. The National Planning Practice Guidance states that the AMR can be used to provide up-to-date information on Neighbourhood Plans. As such a new indicator was added last year which shows the progress of each Neighbourhood Plan, as is known at the time of the AMR's publication. More information on the Neighbourhood Plans moving forward within the District can be found at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans)

### Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Area Designations

**11.3** There are a number of Neighbourhood Plans in preparation across the District. As of August 2015 fifteen areas have been designated as Neighbourhood Areas. 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.



Map 11.1 Neighbourhood Areas at 14/08/15

## Indicator NP2: Progress with Neighbourhood Plans

**11.4** This indicator provides a snap shot of current progress on Neighbourhood Plans within Lichfield District. The content and complexity of Neighbourhood Plans will differ in each community and the time taken to bring forward each plan will be determined by the community. The table below shows the statutory stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process and each communities progress towards these stages.

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

Table 11.1 Progress with Neighbourhood Plans

**11.5** Table 11.1 illustrates that the majority of Neighbourhood Plans have not reached the pre-submission consultation stage. This stage is the final opportunity for the Parish to obtain the views of all stakeholders before submitting the neighbourhood plan to Lichfield District Council. However during

this year a number of Neighbourhood Plans have progressed. Three Neighbourhood Plans have received their examiners report. Additionally two other Neighbourhood Plans have reached the local authority publicity period. It is anticipated that further progress with many of the Neighbourhood Plans will be reported on in subsequent AMR's. For up to date information relating to the Neighbourhood Plans within Lichfield District please visit [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans).

### Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective

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

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

Table 11.2 Registered Objective Users

**11.7** The number of registered users has decreased again this year. This is due to users requesting to be removed from the database.

### Indicator CE2: Public Engagement in Local Plans & Neighbourhood Plans

**11.8** The District Council has also consulted on one neighbourhood area designation, and two neighbourhood plan submissions. It is expected that in the next AMR there will be a record of more consultations.

Document	Number of Comments	Contributing Consultees
Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Submission	21	21
Elford Neighbourhood Area Designation	9	9
Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Submission	10	10

Table 11.3 Consultations

### Indicator CE3: Hits on our webpages

Webpage	Link	Number of individual visits				
		2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015
Local Plan	<a href="http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan">www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan</a>	6,837	4,943	5,310	10,936	(xvii)

xvii Due to a new website being implemented data is unavailable currently

Webpage	Link	Number of individual visits				
		2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015
Local Plan Examination	<a href="http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplanexamination">www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplanexamination</a>	-	-	-	6,605	
Neighbourhood Plans	<a href="http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans">www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans</a>	-	-	700	1,277	
Planning	<a href="http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/planning">www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/planning</a>	-	-	-	41,757	

Table 11.4

#### Indicator CE4: Section 106/CIL community engagement

**11.9** The Development Service works closely with Parish Councils, partners and other community groups to implement community projects across the District using Section 106 contributions collected from developments. During 2014/2015 projects have taken place across the District using developer contribution.

**11.10** The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new, locally set charge on development. It is intended to give more certainty to developers over how much their development will need to contribute to meeting the costs of infrastructure. Lichfield District Council has been working towards the introduction of CIL. At the start of the 2014/15 Monitoring Period the Council consulted on their Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule. The consultation ended in April 2014, and the responses received informed the preparation of Draft Charging Schedule on which consultation took place from March to May 2015. It is anticipated that the CIL examination will take place during 2015/16. Future editions of the AMR will provide updates on the progress of CIL.

Year	Location	Consultation	Involvement
2014/2015	LDC, Wade Street Church and all public locations.	With Parish Council Members partners the public and Developers regards the CIL Draft Charging Schedule	This consultation stage gave people the opportunity to comment upon the scale and nature of the proposed CIL rates and supporting evidence.

Table 11.5 Section 106 and CIL Community Engagement

**Indicator CE5: Consultations linked to regeneration**

Year	Scheme	Consultation	Involvement
2014/2015	Faxeley THI	Each property owner contacted via telephone, email or by posting a questionnaire with a prepaid return envelope.	Canvassing the desire of property owners whose properties had been identified as priority buildings to participate in the scheme.  Stage one application was submitted to HLF, which was unsuccessful.  Property owners and partner organisations have been informed.
	Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan Draft Policy Consultation – June/July 2014  Questionnaire online and in hard copy on request. Launch event at the Stonnall Village Fair on 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2014.	Helping Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan Group to present and consult on the draft policies for their Neighbourhood Plan with local neighbourhood area residents and statutory consultees
		Neighbourhood Plan Presubmission Consultation Nov 14 – Jan 15.  Launch event on 14 <sup>th</sup> November at Stonnall Village Hall. Documents available at the event, on line or in hard copy on request. Hard copy of questionnaire delivered to each household with prepaid return envelope. Questionnaire also available on line.	Helping Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan Group to consult on their presubmission draft of their Neighbourhood Plan with local neighbourhood area residents and statutory consultees.  Consultation completed January 2015. The neighbourhood plan and associated documentation was submitted to the District Council under Regulation 15.
Longdon Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan Residents Consultation – April 2014  Hard copy of questionnaire delivered to each household with prepaid return envelope. Questionnaire also available on line.	Helping Longdon Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group to collect their evidence base.	

Table 11.6 Regeneration Consultations

**11.11** The Implementation team within the Development Service (now SP&D) 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. The team has also been heavily involved in assisting various Neighbourhood Planning groups across the District.

**Indicator CE6: Countryside**

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

Scheme	Consultation
<p>Gentleshaw Common SSSI, Chasewater Heaths SSSI, Pipehill common, Muckley Corner Common, Christian Fields LNR, Ironstone Road Heathland, Coulter Lane, Saddlers Wood, Larks Rise, Beacon Park, Darnford Park Conservation Projects and Education</p>	<p>A number of officer or volunteer led events (sometimes with partner organisations) were completed on various sites throughout 2014-15.</p> <p>At these events members of the public learn about wildlife management and contribute to the improvement of these sites and their conservational and recreational value.</p> <p>Guided walks were carried out at various sites along with partner organisations.</p> <p>The council works with local schools to highlight the importance of wildlife on its sites.</p>

**Table 11.7 Countryside**

### **Key Finding One**

There are currently fifteen designated neighbourhood areas 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 (Development Services) continue to carry out extensive public consultation and engagement exercises on a range of projects and plans and there continues to be a high level of public interest and engagement in such events.

## 12 Significant Effect Indicators

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

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

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

Indicator Name	Changes	AMR Chapter
Indicator SC1: Renewable Energy Generation		Sustainable Communities
Indicator IP1: Infrastructure Delivery		Infrastructure
Indicator ST1: Number of Travel Plans		Sustainable Transport
Indicator ST2: Parking Provision		
Indicator ST3: Sustainable transport		
Indicator ST4: Population within 350m of bus stop	Will be removed from future AMR	
Indicator ST5: Number of road related deaths and serious injuries		
Indicator ST6: 'Accession' accessibility analysis	Will be removed from future AMR	
Indicator H1: Plan Period Housing Targets		
Indicator H2: Net Additional Dwellings		
Indicator H3: Density of Completions		
Indicator H4: Housing Trajectory		
Indicator H5: New & Converted Dwellings - On Previously Developed Land		
Indicator H6: Dwellings Mix		
Indicator H7: Building for Life Assessments		
Indicator H8: Affordable Housing Completions		
Indicator H9: Committed Affordable Housing		
Indicator H10: Affordable Housing Viability		
Indicator H11: Additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches		
Indicator H12: Number of unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller Caravans		
Indicator E1: Additional Employment Floorspace		Economic Development & Enterprise
Indicator E2: Employment Development on Previously Developed Land		
Indicator E3: Employment Land Available		
Indicator E4: Town Centre Uses		
Indicator E5: Number of Retail Assessments		
Indicator E6: Town Centre Completions & Location of Completed Developments		
Indicator E7: Town Centre Health		



Indicator Name	Changes	AMR Chapter
Indicator E8: Lichfield District Tourism		
Indicator HSC1: Open Space Provision		Healthy & Safe Communities
Indicator HSC2: Environmental Improvement Schemes		
Indicator HSC3: Satisfaction with Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation		
Indicator NR1: Water Quality		Natural Resources
Indicator NR2: Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice		
Indicator NR3: Developments in the Countryside		
Indicator NR4: Changes in Areas of Biodiversity Importance		
Indicator NR5: To improve the condition of nationally important sites such as SSSI's and SAC's		
Indicator NR6: To protect regionally and locally important sites such as Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and Biodiversity Alert Sites from loss of area		
Indicator NR7: To continue contributing to the Staffordshire Biodiversity Action Plan and protecting European and nationally protected species		
Indicator NR8: Implementation of Lichfield Districts Biodiversity Strategy		
Indicator NR9: To protect and enhance the Cannock Chase AONB		
Indicator NR10: To contribute to the implementation of the National Forest Strategy		
Indicator NR11: To contribute to the implementation of the Forest of Mercia Plan		
Indicator NR12: To contribute to the strategy for the Cannock Chase to Sutton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Area		
Indicator NR13: To promote the Central Rivers Initiative Vision		
Indicator NR14: Tree Preservation		
Indicator NR15: Air Quality Management Area		
Indicator BE1: Number of Planning Permissions Refused for Major Developments on poor design grounds		Neighbourhood Plans & Community Engagement
Indicator BE2: Conservation Area Improvement Schemes	Removed from AMR	
Indicator BE3: Conservation Area Appraisals		
Indicator BE4: Buildings at Risk		
Indicator NP1: Neighbourhood Plans		
Indicator CE1: Registered users on Objective		
Indicator CE2: Public Engagement		
Indicator CE3: Hits on our webpages		

Indicator Name	Changes	AMR Chapter
Indicator CE4: Section 106 community engagement		
Indicator CE5: Consultations linked to regeneration		
Indicator CE6: Countryside		

Table B.1 Indicator Changes

## Glossary

Term	Acronym	Description
Affordable Housing		Housing provided with subsidy both for rent and shared ownership, for people who are unable to afford their own home in the general housing market, because of the disparity between local housing costs and incomes.
Annual Monitoring Report	<b>AMR</b>	A report submitted to Government by local or regional planning bodies on a yearly basis. The purpose of the report is to assess Local Development Framework or Regional Spatial Strategy production progress and policy effectiveness. The AMR follows a series of core indicators and implements the council's own local indicators to provide an assessment of how successful the council's current policies are.
Biodiversity		The variety of life encompassing all species, genetics and ecosystems, including plants and animals.
Biodiversity Alert Site	<b>BAS</b>	Sites that form a part of the county's nature conservation resource, but these sites are of a lower significance than other conservation sites due to their lower quality, smaller size, damage or disturbance. The degree of protection merited by each site is assessed on an individual basis.
(Cannock Chase) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	<b>AONB</b>	AONBs were created by the national parks and access to countryside act in 1949 to preserve and enhance its natural beauty. These sites are smaller than national parks and management of the sites is different, but local planning authorities are given the power to operate development control within the site. Part of the Cannock Chase AONB crosses into Lichfield District near Burntwood, and the council contributes to the management and other initiatives which are designed to protect the AONB.
Conservation Area		Areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character, appearance or setting of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.
Indices of Multiple Deprivation	<b>IMD</b>	The index combines a number of indicators which focus on a range of social, economic and housing issues within areas of England. These are then used to provide an overall deprivation rank for these areas. The Index contains 354 Districts (of which Lichfield District is one) and each District is ranked with the poorest scoring ones coming first in descending order. The index is published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).
Greenfield Land/Site		A plot of land or site which has never been built on before, or where the remains of any structure have been absorbed into the landscape/habitat over time.
Infrastructure		The physical features that make up the transport network. (Roads, rails, bus stops and stations)
Infrastructure Delivery Plan	<b>IDP</b>	A plan to implement the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure, required to create sustainable communities in line with a Local Plan.
Local Development Scheme	<b>LDS</b>	The local planning authority's time-scale programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents that must be agreed with Government and reviewed every year.
Lichfield District 1998 Local Plan		An old-style development plan prepared by local planning authorities, to set out how the 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	<b>LTP</b>	This Plan sets out proposals for transport provision in the county up to 2026, including walking, cycling, public transport, car based travel and freight, together with the management and maintenance of roads and footways.
National Planning Policy Framework	<b>NPPF</b>	Document containing all national planning policy published in March 2012. The National Planning Policy Framework replaced all previously issued Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPG).
Open Space		All space of public value, includes natural and semi-natural areas, parks, gardens, allotments and play areas. Open space also incorporates areas or water, canals, lakes and reservoirs, which offer opportunities for sport and recreation. They also act as a visual amenity and a haven for wildlife.
Previously Developed Land (Brownfield Land)	<b>PDL</b>	Land which is currently or has in the past been occupied by a permanent structure and associated infrastructure.
Planning Policy Statement	<b>PPS</b>	A document which sets out the government's views and instructions on the way that each local planning authority should implement its responsibilities and duties in relation to spatial planning.
Regional Spatial Strategy	<b>RSS</b>	The RSS was a strategy for how a region should look in 15 to 20 years time and possibly longer. It identified the scale and distribution of new housing in region, indicates areas for regeneration, expansion or sub-regional planning and specifies priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, minerals and waste treatment and disposal. Regional Spatial Strategies are due to be abolished in the near future.
Special Area of Conservation	<b>SAC</b>	Sites of European importance that can only be achieved once the site has been designated as a SSSI
Site of Biological Importance	<b>SBI</b>	Sites of local importance, which represent the best remaining sites within the District.
Site of Special Scientific Interest	<b>SSSI</b>	The finest sites for wildlife and natural features, and are identified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The purpose of a SSSI is to preserve and protect valuable environments for future generations to enjoy, and they make a valuable contribution to the ecological processes upon which will all depend.

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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 won needs". Sustainable Development has become the driving force behind the governments planning system which has four main aims to help achieve sustainable development; social progress which recognises the needs of everyone; effective protection of the environment; the prudent use of natural resources; and the maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.
Tree Preservation Order	<b>TPO</b>	A mechanism for securing the preservation of single or groups of tree of acknowledged amenity value. A tree subject to an order may not be worked upon without the prior consent of the local planning authority.

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