



## Cheshire East Local Plan

# Site Allocations and Development Policies Document

Cheshire East Council Hearing Statement

### **Matter 12: Implementation & Monitoring**

**Hearing date: Thurs 4 Nov 2021**

## Introduction

1. This hearing statement has been prepared by Cheshire East Council in response to the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions for the Examination Part 2 [INS/10] and addresses Matter 12: Implementation & Monitoring.
2. The abbreviations used in this hearing statement are as defined in the Inspector's MIQs.

## Key documents

3. The following key document is relevant to this response:
  - Local Plan Monitoring Framework [ED 54]

## Implementation & Monitoring

**Q176 Is the framework for the implementation and monitoring of the LPS and SADPD<sup>1</sup> appropriate and robust? Is it necessary for soundness or legal compliance for the monitoring framework to be included in the SADPD rather than in a separate document?**

4. The 'Local Plan Monitoring Framework' [ED 54] has been produced to outline how policies in the Local Plan will be monitored. Information sources may change or become unavailable, there may be a change in monitoring practices and Local Plan documents adopted or revised, therefore the 'Local Plan Monitoring Framework' [ED 54] is intended to be responsive to change.
5. As set out in the 'Local Plan Monitoring Framework' [ED 54] (¶¶2.2-2.3) a review and update of existing indicators was carried out, which included the consideration of LPS and SADPD Policies and identification of appropriate performance measures against which to assess their successful implementation. Publishing the monitoring framework in a separate document means that additional indicators to meet the monitoring requirements of future Local Plan documents can be identified without the need to review the SADPD. This creates an appropriate and robust monitoring framework for the Local Plan as a whole.
6. There is no legal requirement for a Local Plan to contain a monitoring framework. Therefore, it is not considered necessary for soundness or legal compliance for the monitoring framework to be included in the SADPD. There is a requirement, set out in Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, for a Local Authority to produce an AMR. It is within the AMR that the indicators in the 'Local Plan Monitoring Framework' [ED 54] will be reported on each year. Examples of adopted Local Plans where the monitoring framework is a separate external document

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<sup>1</sup> Local Plan Monitoring Framework 2020 – Core document ED54

are London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames Local Plan<sup>2</sup> (adopted in July 2018) and Northumberland National Park Local Plan<sup>3</sup> (adopted July 2020).

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/14179/local\\_plan\\_monitoring\\_framework\\_may-2017.pdf](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/14179/local_plan_monitoring_framework_may-2017.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://nnp-tacdesign.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/NNPA-020-Monitoring-and-Implementation-Framework.pdf>