

11. MONITORING

¹. The AMR 2011-12 report can be accessed at the planning policy website www.darlington.gov.uk/planningpolicy

- 11.1 As part of the Annual Monitoring (AMR) process a number of indicators have been identified (table 11.1) which have relevance for helping the Council to keep track of the extent to which the policies in this document are having the intended effect, and to establish whether any particular policy needs to be revised.
- 11.2 However, due to the more limited availability of planning resources, availability of data to underpin the indicators and changes in Government requirements, it may not be possible to track progress against every indicator. Information to underpin the indicators will therefore be collected, and progress against indicators reported, as resources permit.
- 11.3 This approach was taken as part of the 2011-12 AMR^{1,1} for the Core Strategy. The AMR only reported on a limited number of the indicators that were identified in the Core Strategy and this was a reflection of the prevailing availability of resources and Government regulations. The list of priority indicators used were those which were identified as providing the most effective measure of progress towards delivery of policy objectives in the Core Strategy, within the confines of available resources. Anecdotal information was also utilised where appropriate.
- 11.4 It is suggested that a similar approach is taken towards monitoring of indicators for the MGP planning document. Once the MGP document is finalised, all indicators will be brought together into a single set of indicators to underpin monitoring of progress of Local Plan policies.
- 11.5 In terms of frequency of reporting on progress against policy objectives, it will be appropriate to report on the majority of indicators at the end of the year as part of the Annual Monitoring Report. A small selection of indicators will be reported on a more frequent basis either quarterly or 6 monthly, this includes for example, net additional homes, where progress throughout the year may have particular significance for strategy and policy.

Table 11.1 – Making and Growing Places Proposed Monitoring Indicators*

Policy	Monitoring Indicator
MGP 1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	Percentage of planning applications granted that do not accord with Local Plan policies Making and reviewing decisions on planning applications.
MGP 2: Darlington Town Centre	<i>Amount of completed A1 floorspace by town centre, district and Local centres and for the Borough as a whole.</i> <i>Additional floorspace for retail, office and leisure by town centre, district and local centres.</i> Town Centre project milestones
MGP 3: Town Centre Fringe	Through monitoring of the Town Centre Fringe Masterplan, and draft Town Centre Fringe Procurement Strategy
MGP 4: Existing Strategic Commitments	Amount and type of development completed compared with planning permissions.
MGP 5: North West Urban Fringe; MGP 6: Eastern Urban Fringe	Milestones in preparing and agreeing masterplan for area Development monitoring through theme specific policies, e.g. MGP16.
MGP 7: Durham Tees Valley Airport	Development monitoring through theme specific policies. <i>Amount of airport related development (ha)</i>
MGP 8: Development Limits	Amount and type of development granted as exception to policy.
MGP 9: Economic Development in the Open Countryside and MGP 10: Residential Uses in the Open Countryside	No. rural buildings converted into a commercial or community use. No. commercial units granted planning permission/completed No new dwellings completed by converting redundant agricultural buildings. No. new dwellings completed to meet an identified rural need.
MGP 11: Promoting Employment Opportunities	<i>Total amount of additional (net and gross) employment floorspace by type</i> Total amount of employment floor space on PDL by type <i>Employment land available by type</i> <i>Losses of employment land by type</i>
MGP 12: Town Centres; MGP13: The Primary Shopping Area; MGP14: Fringe Shopping Areas; MGP15: District and Local Centres	Total amount of floorspace for town centre uses Amount of retail floorspace and vacancy rates in the town centre and district and local centres Amount of floorspace completed for town centre uses by type, by centre and for the borough as a whole
MGP 16: New Housing Sites	<i>Net additional homes</i> Percentage of new homes delivered on previously developed land (PDL)
MGP 17: Top-end Executive Housing Sites	Completed dwellings meeting top-end executive housing definition.
MGP 18: Red Hall Housing Regeneration Area	Project delivery milestones, as set out in progress reports on delivery of the Darlington Housing Strategy /Action Plan.
MGP 19: Housing Intensification	Number of HMO's and Flat Conversions granted planning permission outside of the saturation area.

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	Number of applications for HMO's and Flat Conversions granted at appeal within the saturation zone.
	Number of dwellings constructed on garden land.
MGP 20: Accommodating Travelling Groups	<i>Net additional Gypsy and Traveller Pitches</i>
	Number of additional pitches included in development plans (DCS1302)
MGP 21: Protecting Darlington's Heritage Assets	No. of applications granted along the 1825 Historic Darlington to Stockton Railway Route that have made an improvement to either access, interpretation, reinstatement or condition of the historic route.
	Milestones for preparing local list
	Developments located within the 'Area of Special Archeological Significance' which result in new finds.
MGP 22: Local Landscape Character	TBC#
MGP 23: Green Infrastructure; MGP24: Green Infrastructure Standards	<i>Open space provision in the urban area and Borough</i>
	<i>Allotment provision in the Borough</i>
MGP 25: Biodiversity and Geodiversity and Development	<i>Total number of Local Wildlife Sites</i>
	Total no of Local Nature Reserves
	<i>Proportion of local wildlife sites which are being actively managed</i>
MGP 26: Outdoor Sports Facilities	Playing field area in Borough
MGP 27: Delivering a More Sustainable Transport Network	Congestion – average journey time during morning peak
	<i>Bus services running on time</i>
	% of primary children travelling to school by car (inc car share)
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	<i>Peak period traffic flows</i>
	Walking to Town
	Cycling to Town
	<i>Bus Patronage</i>
	<i>Rail Patronage</i>
	Number of electric vehicle charging points provided in association with new development
MGP 28: Improving Access and Accessibility	Applications granted with new or improved access facilities for the disabled
MGP 29: Parking Provision	Council Parking Provision Within the Urban Area, split into short stay (time limited), short stay unlimited and long stay (annual frequency)/ Number of electric vehicle charging points provided (annual frequency).
MGP 30: Physical Infrastructure	Percentage of the Borough's households living in an area rated as 'black' for broadband coverage (Target: 90%)
	Percentage of designated employment land rated as 'black' for broadband coverage (Target: 90%)

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MGP 31: Supporting the Delivery of Social and Community Infrastructure	Number of new tourism or cultural developments completed
	Available places in primary and secondary schools
	Numbers of GP surgery practices per 1,000 population or No of patients per GP
	Adult participation in indoor sports activities
	Number of educational sports halls with out of hours community access
MGP 32: Safeguarding Amenity.	Percentage of appeals where this policy was a reason for refusal and where the Inspector does not uphold that reason for refusal.
MGP 33: Sustainable Design and Adaptation to Climate Change	Adapting to climate change
	<i>Renewable energy capacity by type</i>
	No of 10% conditions discharged
MGP 34: Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS)	Number of new sustainable drainage schemes adopted / implemented
MGP 35: Airport Safety	None#

*Indicators identified in italics are those which were identified as priority indicators for monitoring of strategic policies in the Core Strategy for 2011-12.

No indicators currently identified. This will be reviewed as part of the Annual Monitoring Report.