

Crawley Local Plan

Crawley Borough Local Plan Examination

Crawley Borough Council Response to Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions

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11.1.1 Crawley Borough Council (CBC) considers that the Crawley Borough Submission Local Plan, May 2023 (Submission Document Reference: CBLP/01) contains an adequate framework for monitoring and implementation of its policies. However, the council does propose some additional modifications.

11.1.2 The submission Local Plan, paragraphs 1.34-1.37 on page 15, set out some overarching considerations, as follows:

- The Local Plan will be subject to continual monitoring to ensure the policies remain relevant and effective and a review will be undertaken in 2029, at the latest;
- should changes to national aviation policy allow for the removal of the safeguarding of all the land for Gatwick Airport expansion, the opportunities and constraints of this land will be considered comprehensively through a review of the Local Plan, rather than as piecemeal development;
- In addition, should Southern Water implement a strategic, permanent alternative water supply for the Sussex North Water Resource Zone, the Local Plan's water neutrality requirements will be reviewed.

11.1.3 At a more immediate level, the Crawley Monitoring and Implementation Framework, May 2023 (Submission Document Reference: KD/MIF/01) sets out the proposed approach to the monitoring of the Crawley Borough Submission Local Plan. It identifies a range of indicators for monitoring the Plan, based on the SMART approach, including the indicators identified in the Crawley Borough Sustainability Appraisal, pages 32-33 (Submission Document Reference: KD/SA/01).

11.1.4 A number of these indicators are identified on pages 3-4 of the Monitoring and Implementation Framework as Key Indicators, owing to their critical importance to the Plan strategy, including the statutory requirements for Authority Monitoring Reports detailed in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as well as other indicators connected to such matters as climate change mitigation and adaptation, the implementation of water neutrality, and the delivery of infrastructure.

11.1.5 These Key Indicators will be reported on annually through the Authority Monitoring Report, with other indicators being included on a more periodic basis.

11.1.6 This is reflective of the approach which has been taken to the monitoring of the adopted 2015 Local Plan, which has been assessed through a continuous cycle of Authority Monitoring Reports since its adoption.

11.1.7 These have included the 2016/17 Report (Submission Document Reference: CB/AMR/06) which took the opportunity two years after the Plan's adoption to examine a wider range of evidence in respect of implementation of policies. The resulting findings have fed into proposals for the current Submission Crawley Borough Local Plan, for example with regard to issues of dwelling mix and proposed Policy H4: 'Future Housing Mix', as set out in response to Matter 6 Question 13.

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- 11.1.8 CBC is proposing specific modifications to the Crawley Borough Sustainability Appraisal and the Crawley Monitoring and Implementation Framework in order to better incorporate the 'monitor and manage' approach in respect of transport infrastructure into the monitoring framework.
- 11.1.9 These are set out more fully in the council's Written Statement in response to Matter 10, Question 2 and are set out in the Schedule of Suggested Modifications, version 5, 15 December 2023 (Examination Document Reference: CBC/CBLP/07e).