



Crawley Borough
Local Plan Examination

Matter 11 Hearing Statements

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MATTER 3: MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Q11 Does the Plan contain an adequate framework for monitoring and implementation of its policies?

1.1.1 No.

1.1.2 Gladman do not consider that the Plan contains adequate *policy* monitoring and implementation frameworks to ensure that the housing needs of the borough are met in full nor sufficiently responds to the issue of water neutrality.

1.1.3 Although the supporting wording in paragraphs 1.34 to 1.37 seeks to outline monitoring and review procedures and acknowledges potential adoption of a water supply strategy by Southern Water, there is no policy requirement to undertake reviews in the circumstances referenced.

1.1.4 Gladman suggest that to provide a proactive monitoring and implementation framework, that seeks to positively address and meet the growth requirements of the borough, a specific policy should be inserted into the Local Plan. This policy should require an immediate review of the Plan, including water neutrality requirements and restrictions on new developments, should Southern Water, or other parties, implement and/or propose a new permanent alternative water supply for the Water Resource Zone.

1.1.5 Incorporating this requirement within a specific policy will place greater accountability on the Council and their neighbours to ensure that strategies to meet housing and other growth needs are implemented as soon as possible, rather than leaving this to a standard plan preparation cycle.