

Darlington Local Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2012

INTRODUCTION FACT SHEET



This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) provides information on the progress made during 2011/12 in terms of plan making and implementing key local planning policies in Darlington Borough. It highlights key achievements as well as things which have not progressed as planned, with comments and key actions to ensure plan making and planning policy implementation is taking place as intended and with the intended effects.

Local planning policy helps to deliver the outcomes set out in 'One Darlington: Perfectly Placed', for the period to 2020, such as creating a vibrant economy and ensuring an attractive and liveable environment.

This year's AMR which is in the format of theme-based factsheets, is designed to be more concise and reader friendly. The new format is a response to changes made to AMRs by the Localism Act (2010), which places a renewed emphasis on improving the accessibility of monitoring information to the local community.

The fact sheets available are as listed below:

Local Plan Preparation: An update on progress that has been made in preparing Development Plan Documents during 2011-12. Together, these documents make up the Local Plan for the Borough of Darlington.

Implementation: Review of the different elements of the Core Strategy Implementation Framework in terms of delivery organisations, means of delivery and funding sources.

Housing Regeneration: An overview of recent and planned investment in housing stock as part of a strategic approach to improve quality, choice and availability of housing in Darlington.

Housing Supply: A review of current and planned housing supply across the Borough and opportunities for stimulating house build rates in order to meet housing need and demand.

Economy (Business, Industry and Employment): An overview of availability and development of employment land across the Borough and review of future allocations.

Retail and Town Centre: An overview of availability and development of retail floorspace across the Borough and review of future allocations.

Open Space (Biodiversity and Outdoor Sports Facilities): An overview of recent and planned investment in open spaces as part of a strategic approach to improving quantity, quality and accessibility of open space in the urban and natural environment.

Renewable Energy: An update on progress that has been made in securing renewable energy provision on development sites and planning policy.

Transport: A review of recent and planned interventions designed to promote more sustainable modes of travel and to reduce congestion on the roads.

Flood Risk: An update on progress that has been made in reducing the risk of flooding to existing development and in guiding new development to locations where flood risk to people and property can be avoided or mitigated.

Minerals and Waste: An overview of progress made in delivering a strategic approach to minerals and waste planning in the Borough of Darlington.

Data and Information Sources: A summary of useful information sources covered in the factsheets.

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INDICATORS

The fact sheets report changes in specific measurable aspects of land use and development and related matters, known as indicators. Changes to these measures indicate whether policies are working or not. This AMR only reports on a limited number of the indicators that were identified in the Core Strategy. This reflects changes in availability of planning resources, availability of data to underpin the indicators and changes in Government requirements.

The more limited set of indicators that the Council has prioritised for reporting for 2011/12 are set out below. This list will be reviewed every year to make sure that the indicators reported reflect any changes in the priority of issues.

Theme / Fact Sheet	Indicators in use to track progress	Relevant Core Strategy Policy
Local Plan Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication and consultation of local planning documents 	n/a
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery organisations • Funding sources 	n/a
Housing Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of long term vacant dwellings • Council owned houses where planned repairs have been completed • Overall housing vacancy rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS12 Existing housing • CS11 Meeting housing needs
Housing Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net additional homes provided • Additional gypsy & traveller pitches • No of affordable homes delivered (gross) • Dwellings completed by size, type & tenure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS2 Achieving high quality, sustainable design • CS10 New housing development • CS11 Meeting housing needs • CS13 Accommodating travelling groups • CS5 Developer Contributions
Economy (Business, Industry & Employment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total amount of additional employment floor space • Employment land available • Losses of employment land • Amount of airport related development (ha) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS5 Provision of land for employment use
Retail and Town Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of retail floorspace & vacancy rates in the town centre & district & local centres • Amount of completed A1 floorspace by town centre, district & local centres and for the Borough as a whole • Additional floorspace for retail, office and leisure by town centre, district & local centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS7 The Town Centre • CS8 Additional retail provision • CS9 District, local centres & local shops & services

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Open Space (Biodiversity & Outdoor Sports Facilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total no of local wildlife sites Proportion of local wildlife sites which are being actively managed Open space provision in the urban area Allotment provision in Borough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS15 Protecting & enhancing biodiversity & geodiversity CS17 Delivering a multifunctional green infrastructure network CS18 Promoting quality, accessible sport & recreation facilities
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable energy capacity by type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS3 Promoting renewable energy CS16 Protecting environmental resources, human health & safety
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peak period traffic flows Bus services running on time <ol style="list-style-type: none"> non frequent scheduled services on time frequent services excess waiting time Bus patronage Rail patronage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS19 Improving transport infrastructure & creating a sustainable transport network
Flood Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS16 Protecting environmental resources, human health & safety
Minerals and Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of waste recycled or composted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MWC6 Waste Strategy MWC1 Minerals Strategy

CS1 Sub-regional role and locational strategy, CS4 Developer contributions and CS14 Promoting local character and distinctiveness are Core Strategy policies which are not listed in the above table. It should be noted that these particular policies have relevance for each theme covered by the fact sheets. CS6 Vibrant cultural and tourism offer is not covered in the above table as there is nothing of significance to report for this monitoring period.

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If you are particularly interested in statistics and data for Darlington borough, you can view these at:

<http://lis.darlington.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, contact the Planning Policy Team on **01325 388644** or email planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk

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