

Shropshire Local Plan Examination

Shropshire Council Response to:

**ID40: Stage 2 Matters, Issues and
Questions**

Matter 32



Matter 32 – Monitoring – see MM259: Sub-Schedule 3

Issue: Whether the Plan has clear and effective mechanisms for delivery and monitoring

Questions:

Question 1. *Does the monitoring framework in appendix 4 contain relevant and measurable indicators and will it be effective?*

Shropshire Council Response:

- 1.1. Shropshire Council considers the monitoring framework in appendix 4 of the draft Shropshire Local Plan contains relevant and measurable indicators and will be effective.
- 1.2. Importantly, Shropshire Council considers this framework is proportionate, striking an appropriate balance between allowing the effective monitoring of the plan, without constituting an unnecessary burden on the Local Planning Authority. The Council would note this aligns with national priorities to simplify plan monitoring processes.
- 1.3. Furthermore, Shropshire Council considers this framework will allow for production of Authority Monitoring Reports (AMR's) that allow all parties to concisely and unambiguously understand progress towards implementation and overall effectiveness of the policies in the draft Shropshire Local Plan.

Question 2. *Will they ensure that the delivery of housing and employment to meet the unmet needs of the Black Country can be effectively monitored.*

Shropshire Council Response:

- 2.1. Shropshire Council considers the proposed approach to accommodating contributions to the Black Country and the proposed related monitoring indicators (see proposed main modifications in GC4m) are sound and legally compliant.
- 2.2. The Council also considers the proposed monitoring indicators effectively allow for proposed contributions to the Black Country to be effectively monitored.
- 2.3. The Council is able to record the dwellings completed on relevant sites for the purposes of meeting the total housing and employment land requirements and the specific component of the overall housing and employment land requirements that constitute the proposed

contributions to the Black Country, in the period in respect of which the report is made, and since the policy was first adopted.

- 2.4. The Council would note that this is not dissimilar to the monitoring of the delivery of housing for specific groups in the community, where such housing forms part of a wider residential development.