

Matter 32: Monitoring

Representor A0137 / B-A119



SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Stage 2 Hearing Statement

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Relevant questions nos	1, 2

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

- 1.1.1. For the monitoring of the strategic approach to housing and employment targets, the framework in appendix 4 sets out only one delivery mechanism indicator which is measurable, being the grant of planning permissions. That assessment is to be analysed for monitoring purposes with reference to the type of location in which the permission is granted. Such an approach will not allow monitoring of the effectiveness of the Plan in meeting its housing and employment targets through the delivery of development. Neither will the proposed delivery mechanism and monitoring indicator enable effective monitoring of whether the purpose for which the housing and employment targets are set has been achieved or worked towards in a measurable way.
- 1.1.2. The monitoring process should monitor the delivery of housing and employment development, not simply the granting of permission. If planning permissions make demands which are unviable or constrain the form or operation of development unnecessarily then planning permissions will not translate into housing and employment accommodation on the ground. Additionally the monitoring should record the performance against the specific needs underpinning the identification of the strategic requirement. That should include, facilitating growth, retaining and attracting economically active population, and contributing to the objectives of the Shropshire Economic Strategy.

2. Q2. Will they ensure that the delivery of housing and employment to meet the unmet needs of the Black Country can be effectively monitored

- 2.1.1. No, the monitoring framework in appendix 4 will not enable the delivery of housing or employment against the targets for cross boundary provision for the Black Country to be measured at all. The monitoring measures need to be changed to development delivery on the sites which should be specifically allocated for Black Country provision alone (please refer to our representations to the additional evidence consultation and other matter statements in this regard). If sites are split between provision for Shropshire and provision for Black Country it is impossible to discern which need is being met by each house or hectare / sqm of employment building.
- 2.1.2. As for our response to Q1, the monitoring should measure performance of the development delivered against the specific purposes generating the need for that development. For the housing and employment allocated to meet the needs of the Black Country, that should include measurement of the extent to which the housing is occupied by those that would otherwise seek a Black Country location and / or work in the Black Country with need for housing which is close and convenient for commuting. It should also measure the extent to which housing types and tenures meet Black Country needs. For the employment development measurement should be made of the extent to which the businesses occupied are linked to the Black Country in operation and economically, and the domicile of their employees. The contribution of both business and new residents to the WMCA economic strategy and its performance measures should be assessed, as these are the reasons for making the cross boundary provision for the Black Country's needs.

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