



MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINATION HEARINGS – STAGE TWO

MATTER NINE: MONITORING

QUESTIONS: Q9.1 – Q9.3

Q9.1 Is the proposed monitoring framework robust and effective? What are the intended mechanisms and timescales for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the policies and proposals in the Plan?

9.1.1. The Monitoring Framework for Plan:MK is set out in Table 23.1 in Appendix F. This is considered to be robust and effective in delivering the objectives and policies of the plan. The intended mechanisms for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of policies and proposals within Plan:MK include:

- Quarterly monitoring of housing and commercial development;
- The publication of the Council's Annual Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report;
- The collection and exchange of other statistical data with partner organisations;
- Monitoring progress on the delivery of housing, employment, infrastructure and other key projects in the plan such as MK:U;
- Consideration of Planning Inspectors' appeal decisions where they comment on the effectiveness of policies in the plan.

Q9.2 Does it provide for co-operation and participation and are appropriate participants involved? Are the Duty to Cooperate bodies embedded in the delivery/ monitoring of the Plan?

9.2.1. The Council's legal requirement on this matter is to provide details to its communities of what action it has taken under the Duty to Cooperate in the Authority Monitoring Reports [\(as set out in the Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012, regulation 34\(6\)\)](#). This should include actions to both secure the effective cooperation of others and respond constructively to requests for cooperation. It should also highlight the outcomes of cooperation. This should be undertaken at least once a year and information should be published on the Council's website and made available for inspection at the Council's Civic Offices.

9.2.2. Indicator 4 in the Plan's Monitoring Framework is 'To work jointly with neighbouring authorities and other key organisations on the planning of any development located on the edge of Milton Keynes (but outside the Borough boundary) so that these areas are integrated with the city and contribute to its role and character.' The key delivery policies for this indicator ought also to refer to Policy SD17: Place-making principles for sustainable urban extensions in adjacent local authorities. Subject to an Additional Modification to cover this amendment, we consider that the Duty to Cooperate bodies are sufficiently embedded in the delivery / monitoring of the Plan.

Q9.3 Are suitable arrangements in place for reviews at appropriate times? Is it clear when monitoring will trigger action?

9.3.1. The monitoring arrangements proposed by the Council and the frequency with which monitoring will take place has already been referred to in the Council's response to question 9.1. The monitoring indicators within the Plan will be monitored and reviewed each year, and will be reported either as part of the Council's Authority Monitoring Report or in another document such as the Council's Annual Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report. In addition, policies in Plan:MK will be reviewed every five years in line with the legal requirements for all local plans (Regulation 10A of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012).