

Warrington Local Plan Examination

Hearing Session Note

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The Council is proposing a modification to Policy M1, as set out below (bold underlined text), to confirm that where jobs growth exceeds that of the forecasts used to inform the Plan's housing requirement for three consecutive years, this will trigger the need for the consideration of a review or partial review of the Local Plan.

The need for a review of the Plan will depend on more detailed analysis including the scale of increase in jobs growth relative to the original forecasts and any other relevant changes relating to housing need.

The Council is also proposing a modification to include an additional monitoring indicator in Appendix 2, as set out below (bold underlined text), to monitor annual jobs growth.

Policy M1 - Local Plan Monitoring and Review

Monitoring Framework

1. The Council will prepare an Annual Monitoring Report setting out performance against Local Plan policies based on the indicators provided in Appendix 2.
2. If delivery of housing, including affordable housing, in any given monitoring year falls below 100% of the annual requirement, the Council will consider implementing all or some of the following measures to bring forward development:
 - a. Working with developers and infrastructure providers to remove obstacles to the delivery of sites;
 - b. Seeking alternative sources of funding if problems with infrastructure provision is delaying development of key strategic sites;
 - c. Consideration of the potential to increase density on allocated sites;
 - d. Consideration of the ability to deliver strategic sites earlier in the Plan period; and Working with other authorities under the Duty to Co-operate to address any unmet needs.
3. Where total delivery of housing is less than 75% of the annual requirement for three consecutive monitoring years, **or where jobs growth exceeds that of the forecasts used to inform the Plan's housing requirement for three consecutive years**, this will trigger the need for the consideration of a review or partial review of the Local Plan.
4. Where there is an identified risk to delivery of infrastructure essential to delivering the Spatial Strategy of the Plan, this will trigger the need for the consideration of a review or partial review of the Local Plan.

Appendix 2: Monitoring Framework

Policy	Target(s)	Indicator	Which SA objective this policy meets
DEV4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a minimum of 316.26 hectares of employment land (B2, B8 and E Class office uses) • No net loss of employment land in defined employment areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Land completions analysis • Hectares of existing employment land lost to none employment uses. • <u>Annual increase in jobs from ONS Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) data</u> 	All