



**Colchester Borough Council**

**Independent Examination – Section 2 Colchester  
Borough Local Plan 2017-2033**

**Hearing Statement – Local Planning Authority**

**Main Matter 20 – Monitoring**

**April 2021**

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### **Can the Council set out their monitoring and review processes for the CLP 2?**

- 20.1 Chapter 17 outlines how the CLP 2 will be monitored. The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) which the Council continue to publish annually in December, will monitor and review the implementation of policies, development delivery and infrastructure delivery. This will identify if a plan review is required. This is supplemented by the Housing Position Statement which the council also publish annually to provide detail of the Council's five-year housing land supply.
- 20.2 Table 1 in the CLP 2, outlines 16 monitoring targets and indicators across the policy groups which will be used to evaluate the plan's effectiveness across the Plan period. The table also outlines how these targets and indicators relate to the Local Plan objectives.
- 20.3 Two representations were received relating to monitoring. These identified that the Local Plan does not contain a policy relating to monitoring, enforcement and punishment for not adhering to planning conditions and obligations imposed through the planning application process. It is not considered necessary to include such a policy as monetary obligations are monitored through legal agreements and developments are monitored for compliance with planning permission through building control and enforcement investigations. It was also suggested that the Local Plan does not include a mechanism for a whole or partial review of the Plan, which is of particular importance given the reliance on a number of large housing sites, which could impact the delivery of the Plan. The Council do not consider it necessary to include such a mechanism as the delivery of new housing in line with the OAN housing target will be monitored through the net housing completions as part of the AMR and the Housing Position Statement which are published annually. The Housing Delivery Test also provides another monitoring tool. As noted in paragraph 20.1 above, the AMR will identify the need for a plan review, along with the requirement to do so under national guidance.
- 20.4 No modifications are proposed to the monitoring targets and indicators. For consistency, it will be necessary to update the Local Plan objective listed under 'Place Policies' to reflect the modification in response to the Statement of Common Ground with Historic England (SCG3). However, if modifications to policies are agreed through the examination, the Council will review and update the monitoring targets accordingly.
- 20.5 It is considered that the monitoring and review process is effective.