

**Basildon Borough**

**Local Development Monitoring Report**

**2012-2013**

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1. The Policy Context**

- 1.1.1. Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by section 113 of the Localism Act 2011) sets the formal requirement that each Local Planning Authority (LPA) must prepare a Monitoring Report. Whilst Local Planning Authorities no longer need to monitor National Core Indicators, monitoring reports should, as a minimum, contain information on progress towards the LPA's adopted Local Development Scheme (LDS) milestones; and the extent to which adopted local planning policies are being achieved.
- 1.1.2. Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 also sets out the new requirements for what a LPAs' monitoring report must cover.
- 1.1.3. LPAs are still required to gather evidence to carry out regular development monitoring following the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012.
- 1.1.4. The NPPF clearly states that LPA's must identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years worth of housing against their housing requirements with an additional buffer of 5%. In areas with persistent under delivery of housing, that buffer should be increased to 20%. Headline information regarding housing supply will be presented in this monitoring document however all detail and specifics are set out in a separate 5 year Land Supply Statement.

### **1.2. The Monitoring Period**

- 1.2.1. This December 2013 report examines the performance of the LPA on its planning application, appeal, enforcement and policy work, and how these perform against the overall planning priorities for the Borough. It specifically relates to the monitoring period of the 1st April 2012 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

### **1.3. Monitoring Report Structure**

- 1.3.1. In accordance with s.109 (3) of the Localism Act 2011, the East of England Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), which set development targets for Basildon Borough, was revoked by Order of Parliament on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.3.2. National guidance suggests that local development monitoring should relate to the local themes and objectives, which follows in the format advocated for Local Plan documents. In order to embed the Council's Local Plan process with relevant planning documents going forward, this monitoring report has been set out to consider progress and achievements in the context of the Spatial Objectives from the Councils main Local Plan document, the Core Strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/December\\_2012/11-12-12/5-DCLG-EastOfEngland.pdf](http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/December_2012/11-12-12/5-DCLG-EastOfEngland.pdf).

- 1.3.3. The Local Plan Core Strategy clearly sets out ten strategic objectives which reflect the overall vision for the future of the Borough and, where possible, are aligned with Basildon Borough Councils wider Community Strategy 2012-2036.
- 1.3.4. By using the strategic objectives to structure and contextualise the monitoring report, not only can synergy between documents be achieved, but monitoring and indicators used will ensure that policies, plans and processes are delivering their intended aims for the local area or the extent to which this is happening.
- 1.3.5. The Strategic Objectives for the Basildon Borough Local Plan Core Strategy are:
- SO1: Protecting and Enhancing the Quality of the Local Environment;
  - SO2: Improve the Quality and Value of the Green Belt;
  - SO3: Minimising Our Impact on the Environment;
  - SO4: Creating Vibrant and Thriving Town Centres;
  - SO5: Strengthening the Competiveness of the Local Economy;
  - SO6: Delivering New Homes;
  - SO7: Capitalising on Local Tourism Opportunities;
  - SO8: Helping Local People Maintain Healthier Lifestyles;
  - SO9: Enhancing Quality of Life for All; and
  - SO10: Securing the Delivery of Supporting Infrastructure.
- 1.3.6. Section 2 of this report sets out the Local Development Scheme Progress. The Council's five year land supply is recorded in a separate document that is available on the Council's website.

## 2. Policy Performance Monitoring

### 2.1. Local Development Scheme Progress - Local Development Scheme 2011-2014

- 2.1.1. The Local Development Scheme 2011-2014 was published in January 2012. It reflects an accurate and up-to-date assessment of the authority's position in regards to the development of its Local Development Plan.

**Table 1 – Core Strategy**

	Proposed	Status
Core Strategy –Preferred Option (Reg 18)	February 2012	Completed
Core Strategy – Pre Submission (Reg 17&18)	Oct/November 2013	Experiencing obstacles
Core Strategy – Submission (Reg22)	February 2013	Delayed
Core Strategy – Adoption	December 2013	Delayed

**Table 2 – Development Control DPD**

	Proposed	Status
Development Control Preferred Options	December 2012	Delayed
Development Control Pre-Submission	June 2013	Delayed

	Proposed	Status
Development Control Submission	November 2013	Delayed
Development Control Adoption	September 2014	Delayed

**Table 3 – Infrastructure and Planning Obligations Local Development Document**

	Proposed	Actual
Infrastructure and Planning Obligations Local Development Document Draft Plan	Winter 2012	Experiencing Obstacles
Infrastructure and Planning Obligations Local Development Document Submission	Summer 2013	Delayed
Infrastructure and Planning Obligations Local Development Document Adoption	Spring 2014	Delayed

**Table 4 – Site Allocations Development Plan Document**

	Proposed	Actual
Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Preferred Options	Autumn 2012	Delayed
Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Pre-Submission	June 2013	Delayed
Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Submission (reg 17&19)	March 2014	Delayed
Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Adoption	Winter 2014	Delayed

**Table 5 – Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Development Plan Document**

	Proposed	Actual
Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Development Plan Document Preferred Options	September 2012	Delayed
Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Development Plan Document Pre-Submission	June 2013	Delayed
Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Development Plan Document Submission	March 2014	Delayed
Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Development Plan Document Adoption	Winter 2014	Delayed

2.1.2. Areas of the Local Development Scheme are delayed and therefore a revision to the LDS is proposed for publication in November 2013.

## Strategic Objective 1: Protecting and Enhancing the Quality of the Local Environment

**Table 3 – Indicator Performance SO1**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Number and Ha's of SSSIs	1. Norsey Woods – 65ha 2. Mill Meadows - 6 ha 3. Basildon Meadows – 6 ha 4. Vange and Fobbing Marshes – 165 ha 5. Pitsea Marsh – 89 ha	Natural England  <a href="http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm">http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm</a>  Both Pitsea and Vange and Fobbing marshes have lost about 2 ha of land each to unfavourable conditions.
% of Boroughs SSSIs in a favourable stable/improving condition	100% are in a favourable or improving condition <sup>2</sup> :  1. Norsey Woods – 100% Favourable (2013) 2. Mill Meadows – 100% Unfavourable Recovering (2013) 3. Basildon Meadows – 100% Favourable (2013) 4. Vange and Fobbing Marshes – 85.69% Favourable & 14.31% Unfavourable Recovering (2013) 5. Pitsea Marsh – 69.77% Favourable & 30.23% Unfavourable Recovering (2013)	Natural England: <a href="http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm">http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm</a>
% of Boroughs SSSIs in a unfavourable declining condition	0% are in an unfavourable/declining condition at November 2013	Natural England: <a href="http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm">http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm</a>
Number and Ha of Local Wildlife Sites (LoWS)	59 LoWS – 970.44ha	Essex Wildlife Trust: <a href="http://www.localwildlifesites.org.uk/">http://www.localwildlifesites.org.uk/</a>
% of LoWS under positive management	44% (24 sites) under positive management (2009)	EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 <a href="http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0">http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0</a>  No new EECOS assessment has taken place.
% of LoWs in decline	35% (19 sites) Declining;	EECOS, Basildon

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm>

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
	of which 54% are stable and 11% are recovering (2009)	Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 <a href="http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0">http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0</a>
Ha of Ancient Woodland	Natural England – 16 Ancient woodlands either within or adjoining Borough – 246.86ha	Natural England: <a href="http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/research.cfm">http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/research.cfm</a> & EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009
% of Ancient Woodlands LoWS in decline	Of 16 AW areas, 11 were found to be LoWS, 5 of which were declining. – 45%	EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 <a href="http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0">http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0</a>
Ha of UK BAP Priority Habitats	113 BAP Priority Habitats – 794.05ha	EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 <a href="http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0">http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2110&amp;p=0</a>
Ha of new Green Infrastructure secured through development	2010 – 0.3347ha defined as part of Moat House School development 2011 – 0 2012 - 0 2013 - 0	Basildon Borough Council S.106 Contribution report.
Ha of open space lost to development per annum. <sup>3</sup>	2010: -2.74 Ha 2011: -4.02 Ha 2012: -0.23 Ha 2013: - 0.0 Ha	Basildon Borough Council
Ha of land covered by (a) Village/ Town Green, and (b) Common Land	Village Greens 2013 No available data at time of publication  Common Land 2013 1) Little Burstead Green 5.5ha 2) Laindon Common 12ha 3) Land extending from the west end of the A129 Rayleigh 0.2 ha 4) The Green Little Burstead 0.4 ha 5) Little Burstead Common 0.25 ha 6) Little Burstead Common 0.2 ha 7) Pieces of Land at side of Wiggins Lane, Little	Natural England  <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/openaccess/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/openaccess/default.aspx</a>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/common-land-management-protection-and-registering-to-use">https://www.gov.uk/common-land-management-protection-and-registering-to-use</a>  <a href="https://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environmental-Issues/local-environment/Pages/Village-Greens-and-Common-Land.aspx">https://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environmental-Issues/local-environment/Pages/Village-Greens-and-Common-Land.aspx</a>

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
	Burstead 0.6 ha 8) Land called Wiggins Lane, Little Burstead.0.5 ha	UNiform search at BBC
Number of Listed Buildings	129 buildings, 2012 126 buildings, 2013	English Heritage  <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/</a>
Number of Listed Buildings delisted	2011-2012: 0 2012-2013: 0	Heritage Gateway  <a href="http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/">http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/</a>
Number of Scheduled Monuments	3 (Multi-period site at Norsey Wood, Billericay; Moated site and fishponds at Botelers, Basildon and Moat at Basildon Hall, Basildon).	English Heritage  <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/spatial-data/">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/spatial-data/</a>
% of Conservation Areas with Conservation Area Management Plans in place	100% (Noak Bridge 2012, Great Burstead 2012, Little Burstead 2012, Billericay 2012).	Basildon Borough Council  <a href="http://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/640/Conservation-areas">http://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/640/Conservation-areas</a>  All CAs are covered in period.
Number of Listed Buildings on the Essex Heritage at Risk Register	2009: 4 2010: 3 2011: 3 2012: Not known. 2013: Not known	English Heritage <sup>4</sup> and Essex County Council Heritage at Risk Registers <sup>5</sup> (HARR)  <a href="http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Heritage/Pages/Heritage-At-Risk-Register.aspx">http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Heritage/Pages/Heritage-At-Risk-Register.aspx</a>
Number of heritage assets in the Borough on the Essex Heritage at Risk Register (HARR) for more than 5 years (date of entry in brackets)	2012: Not known 2013: Not known	English Heritage and Essex County Council Heritage at Risk Registers (HARR)  <a href="http://www.essex.gov.uk/A">http://www.essex.gov.uk/A</a>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/content/publications/publicationsNew/heritage-at-risk/har-2012-registers/ee-HAR-register-2012.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Heritage/Documents/Heritage%20at%20Risk%20in%20Essex.pdf>

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
		<a href="#">ctivities/Heritage/Pages/Heritage-At-Risk-Register.aspx</a>
Number of trees or woodlands protected by Tree Preservation Orders	846 sites; 3591 points	Basildon Borough Council UNiform Spatial



## Strategic Objective 2: Improve the Quality and Value of the Green Belt

**Table 4 – Indicator Performance SO2**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Ha of Green Belt Land	6,948 ha (63% of Borough)	Basildon Borough Council Local Plan 1998
Ha of Green Belt land lost to development per annum.	2011-2012: 0.0	Basildon Borough Council, Essex County Council
Ha of Green Belt habitat creation	Not specifically measureable, however RSPB are in the final phases of creating a new 270ha bird reserve on Bowers Marsh in the south of the Borough and in neighbouring Castle Point.  2013 – no new activity	Basildon Borough Council
Ha of Green Belt subject to habitat restoration.		Basildon Borough Council

2.1.3. The development in areas similar to Green Belt, such as within the Area of Special Reserve at Barn Hall, have shown development over the last few years. However, these sites are clearly designated in the 1998 local plan – <0.5 Ha of ASR was developed in 2011-2012 at Barn Hall.

### Strategic Objective 3: Minimising our Impact on the Environment

**Table 5 - Indicator Performance SO3**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
<b>Alternative:</b> Major Planning Applications where the Environment Agency has an Outstanding Objection on Flood Risk Grounds <sup>6</sup>	2010-11 – 5  Later data not currently available.	The Environment Agency <a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/33698.aspx">http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/33698.aspx</a>
Ha of Green Infrastructure <sup>7</sup> with flood defence role provided through development	Green infrastructure of this nature not formally measured in 2012	No reference of green infrastructure development within s106 report of monitoring period.

- 2.1.4. During the monitoring period, the Council did not have any mechanisms in place to monitor the installation and application for Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS). However, from 2014, a SuDS approval board will be created and therefore provide the basis for SuDS monitoring.

<sup>6</sup> See monthly reports here: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/124084.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> <http://ies.jrc.ec.europa.eu/our-activities/scientific-achievements/green-infrastructures.html>,  
[http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/GI-signposting\\_tcm6-11961.pdf](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/GI-signposting_tcm6-11961.pdf)

## **Strategic Objective 4: Creating Vibrant & Thriving Town Centres**

### **Table 6 – Indicator Performance SO4**

2.1.5. The adoption of the Councils Local Plan, the predominant strategic document guiding town centre regeneration currently resides with the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan SPD and therefore, monitoring is relatively restricted for this monitoring period.

2.1.6. Later monitoring reports will identify new indicators which assess the health of town centres across the borough and the performance of regeneration policies that have been set through the Local Plan. Examples of indicators which may be created could include data on access to services for new developments and findings of any town centre health checks which may be carried out.

## Strategic Objective 5: Strengthening the Competiveness of the Local Economy

2.1.7. In order to ensure that employment levels within the borough are maintained and increased upon, it is important to monitor both loss and provision of new employment space. In addition, the consideration of educational development and factors which may impact upon the skills of the Borough should also be recorded.

**Table 7 – Delivery of Office (B1a)**

	Completed	Losses	Outstanding (gross)	Potential Loss	Of which PDL (gross)
2011-2012	0 sqm	0 sqm	2998 sqm	1567sqm	2998 sqm
2012-2013	0 sqm	-15632 sqm	2648 sqm	34262 sqm	2648 sqm

**Table 8 – Delivery of General Industrial Development 2011-2013 (B1-B8 all development)**

	Completed	Losses	Outstanding (gross)	Potential Loss	Of which PDL (gross)
2011-2012	1366 sqm	2043 sqm	6849 sqm	1230 sqm	2132 sqm
2012-2013	2480 sqm	5012 sqm	21251 sqm	4665 sqm	21251 sqm

**Table 9 – Indicator Performance SO5**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Net square metres of educational floorspace by primary, secondary, further, higher, and vocational levels.	Permissions Granted/ No Obj/ etc 2013 12/00234/CC area not recorded. 12/00693/FULL +54 sqm 12/01002/FULL +290sqm playground 12/01080/OUT (outline includes primary school)	UNiform System at BBC, eplanning at Basildon:  <a href="http://www.basildon.gov.uk/eplanning">http://www.basildon.gov.uk/eplanning</a>

## Strategic Objective 6: Delivering New Homes

- 2.1.8. The Council prepares a separate paper that sets out the Council's five year land supply. The paper is updated regularly and can be found on the Council's website.
- 2.1.9. No target for Gypsy & Traveller pitches existed during the monitoring period; it is therefore not possible to formally identify how successful the Council has been in terms of working towards appropriate site provision.
- 2.1.10. During the monitoring period, the Council commissioned external and independent consultants to undertake a Gypsy and Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment. The main purpose of this document is to inform the Council's preparation of the Local Plan as an evidence base which identifies the objectively assessed accommodation needs of the travelling community in Basildon Borough. The targets for pitch provision will be set through the evolving Local Plan.

**Table 10 – Indicator Performance SO6**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Sources
Net affordable dwellings per annum outside town centres	2011-12: 158 gross, 124 loss = 34 net 2012-13: 90 gross, 0 loss = 90 net	Basildon Borough Council
Net affordable dwellings per annum within town centres	2011-12: 97 gross, 41 loss = 56 net 2012-13: 0 gross, 0 loss = 0 net	Basildon Borough Council

### Development Control Performance

- 2.1.11. The Council keeps track of the performance of development control in its Corporate Performance Indicator report:

<http://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/4899/Financial-and-performance-summary-201213>

### Planning Obligations

- 2.1.12. Whilst the LDS stipulates that an Infrastructure LDD will be prepared for the Borough, at this point of time there are only records of applications granted consent which have corresponding s.106 agreements.
- 2.1.13. From June 2012, the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee have been monitoring the progress of implementing financial s.106 agreements.
- 2.1.14. As of January 2013 - There have been quarterly reports on Obligations– providing evidence for the proportion of the monitoring period and beyond.

2.1.15. The 'in period' reports account for all s.106 funding outstanding and permitted. Future reports may be more SMART<sup>8</sup> and enable time-based analysis.

a. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 –

<http://www.basildonmeetings.info/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=518&MID=4421#A130674>

b. 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 –

<http://www.basildonmeetings.info/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=518&MID=4422#A130675>

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<sup>8</sup> SMART is a mnemonic acronym giving criteria to guiding objectives. Objectives should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely.

## Strategic Objective 7: Capitalising on Local Tourism Opportunities

**Table 11 – Indicator Performance SO7**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Sources
Square metres of hotel (C1) floor space	2011-2012: 22429 sqm (11/00097/FULL) 2012-2013 710 sqm (13/00475/FULL)	Basildon Borough Council
Net square metres of non-residential institution (D1).	2011-2012: Not studied 2012-2013 Not studied	Basildon Borough Council, Essex County Council

- 2.1.16. Due to the interim stage of planning policy within the borough, tourism based monitoring has limited function at the time of writing this report. Additional indicators which reflect adopted Local Plan policies will be generated at a later stage to reflect the aspirations of the Borough, in accordance with Local Plan progress and accompanying Sustainability Appraisals.

## Strategic Objective 8: Helping Local People Maintain Healthier Lifestyles

**Table 12 – Indicator Performance SO8**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Sources
Change in Ha of Open Space/ 1000 people	March 2013 – 7.8Ha/1000 population	Basildon Borough Council, Office of National Statistics.
% of adult participation in Sport <sup>9</sup>	2009/10 -34.6% 2010/11 – 32.6% 2011/12 - 38.2%	Sport England Local Sport Profiler  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/local-work/local-government/local-sport-profile/">http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/local-work/local-government/local-sport-profile/</a>
Obesity rates of adults and children	2006-2008 Adults – 26.7% 2010-2011 Children – 16.9%	Sport England Local Sport Profiler  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/local-work/local-government/local-sport-profile/">http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/local-work/local-government/local-sport-profile/</a>
Value of s.106 contributions secured for investment in leisure facilities.	2011-2012 £30,000 for Pomfret Mead play area; 2012-2013 Nil	Basildon Borough Council

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.sportengland.org/research/active\\_people\\_survey/national\\_indicator\\_8.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/research/active_people_survey/national_indicator_8.aspx)



## Strategic Objective 9: Enhancing Quality of Life for All

**Table 13 – Indicator Performance SO9**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Value of s.106 contributions secured for a) education, b) health and c) communities services	a) 2011-2012 £228,500; 2012-2013 Nil b) 2011-2012 £Nil; 2012-2013 Nil c) 2011-2012 £Nil; 2012-2013 Nil	Basildon Borough Council
% of population within a 30 minute public transport time to a) educational, b) healthcare, and c) communities facilities.	For 2012-2013: Secondary Schools: 100% Employment: 100% GPS: 100% Hospitals: 100% Post 16 Education: 100%: Primary Schools: 100% Retail Areas: 100%	Basildon Borough Council, Essex County Council

## Strategic Objective 10: Securing the Delivery of Supporting Infrastructure

**Table 14 – Indicator Performance SO10**

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
% of new residential developments within 30 minutes public transport time of local services	For 2012-2013: Secondary Schools: 100% Employment: 100% GPS: 100% Hospitals: 100% Post 16 Education: 100%: Primary Schools: 100% Retail Areas: 100%	Basildon Borough Council, Essex County Council
s.106 contributions accumulated per annum for highway works.	2011-2012 £228,500; 2012-2013 £107,000;	Basildon Borough Council

### **3. Next steps**

- 3.1. This Local Development Monitoring Report 2012-2013, has been prepared at a time when both Local and National policy were undergoing significant changes. As such, the findings within this document represent an interim phase of the planning process. Basildon Borough Planning Authority will update all findings in line with the emerging Local Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 3.2. In the absence of current and adopted policies, the Council has utilised national policy to deal with planning applications which has impacted upon the monitoring potential for the period. However, this period of change has enabled the Council to refocus its planning approach, providing the opportunity to determine local indicators through the preparation of the Local Plan and this will be reflected in later monitoring reports.
- 3.3. Since April 2013, the Council have worked to prepare a Local Plan Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options with consultation taking place in early 2014. In addition, the Council have also revised its Local Development Scheme which sets out key anticipated milestones for the preparation of the Local Plan and its associated documents going forward.
- 3.4. This Local Development Monitoring Report will, each year, be updated to include any new indicators the LPA feels are beneficial to assessing and demonstrating progress in planning matters.