Basildon Borough Council Authority Monitoring Report 2015 -2016





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 set by the former Audit Commission, 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 sets out the requirements for what a LPAs' monitoring report must cover and this report meets those requirements.

- 1.1.3. LPAs are still required to survey and 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 is presented in this monitoring report, however all detail is set out in a the 5 year Land Supply Report, published separately.

1.2. The Monitoring Period

1.2.1. This 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 progress during the last complete monitoring period of **1st April 2015 to 31**st **March 2016**. The reporting of some indicators which use third party data, may reflect the latest position available. Where this evidence postdates the monitoring period, it is stated for clarity.

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Act 2011, the East of England Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), which set development targets for Basildon Borough, was revoked by Order of Parliament on 3rd January 2013¹.
- 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 therefore been set out to consider progress and achievements in the context of the Spatial Objectives from the Council's emerging Local Plan.
- 1.3.3. The Draft Local Plan sets out ten strategic objectives which reflect the overall vision for the future of the Borough and, where possible, are aligned with the Council's 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;

http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/December_2012/11-12-12/5-DCLG-EastOfEngland.pdf.

- 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.

2. Policy Performance Monitoring

2.1. Local Development Scheme Progress - Local Development Scheme 2015-2018

2.1.1. The Local Development Scheme 2015-2018 (6th Edition) was approved in December 2014. It reflects an accurate and up-to-date assessment of the authority's position in regards to the development of its Local Development Plan.

Basildon Borough Local Plan Stage	Proposed Timetable by Quarter	Progress (on 31 March 2016)
Reg 18 – Preparation and consultation	Q4 2015 to Q1 2016	Completed
Reg 19 – Publication and consultation	Q4 2016	On Track
Reg 20 – Representations considered	Q1 2017	On Track
Reg 22 – Submission	Q1 2017	On Track
Reg 24 – Examination	Q2 2017	On Track
Reg 25 – Examiner Report	Q4 2017	On Track
Reg 26 – Adoption	Q1 2018	On Track

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CHARGING SCHEDULE	Proposed Timetable by Quarter	Progress (on 31 March 2016)
Reg 16 – Publication and consultation	Q2 2016 to Q3 2016	Potential Delay
Reg 17 – Representations considered	Q3 2016	Potential Delay
Reg 19 (1) – Submission	Q1 2017	Potential Delay
IE - Independent Examination	Q4 2017	Potential Delay
ADT - Adoption	Q1 2018	Potential Delay

LOCAL PLAN POLICIES MAP Proposed	Proposed Timetable	Progress (on 31
Timetable	by Quarter	March 2016)
It will update the Local Plan Proposals Map	Q1 2018	On Track
1998 and will set out the spatial extents of all allocated sites or designated areas as		
set out in the Development Plan		
documents. It will be adopted at the same		
time the Local Plan is adopted.		

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Not subject to Examination) Proposed Timetable	by Quarter	March 2016)
It will update the Statement of Community Involvement 2011 to take account of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and any other relevant changes to consultation procedures.	Q4 2015	Completed

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

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Number and Ha's of SSSIs	1. Norsey Wood – 66ha 2. Mill Meadows - 7 ha 3. Basildon Meadows – 6 ha 4. Vange & Fobbing Marshes – 165 ha 5. Pitsea Marsh – 89 ha	Natural England http://www.sssi.naturaleng land.org.uk/Special/sssi/s earch.cfm
% of Boroughs SSSIs in a favourable stable/ improving condition	100% are in a favourable or improving condition ² : 1. Norsey Wood – 100% Favourable 2. Mill Meadows – 100% Unfavourable Recovering 3. Basildon Meadows – 100% Favourable 4. Vange & Fobbing Marshes – 85.69% Favourable & 14.31% Unfavourable Recovering 5. Pitsea Marsh – 69.77% Favourable & 30.23% Unfavourable Recovering	Natural England: http://www.sssi.naturaleng land.org.uk/Special/sssi/s earch.cfm
% of Boroughs SSSIs in a unfavourable declining condition	0% are in an unfavourable/ declining condition	Natural England: http://www.sssi.naturaleng land.org.uk/Special/sssi/s earch.cfm
Number and Ha of Local Wildlife Sites (LoWS)	59 LoWS – 970.44ha	Essex Wildlife Trust: http://www.essexwt.org.uk /protecting-wildlife/local- wildlife-sites
% of LoWS under positive management	44% (24 sites) under positive management	EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 http://www.basildon.gov.u

 $^{^2\ \}underline{\text{http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk/Special/sssi/search.cfm}}$

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
		k/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2 110&p=0
		No updated assessment has taken place since 2009.
% of LoWs in decline	35% (19 sites) Declining; of which 54% are stable and 11% are recovering (2009)	EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2 110.25 http://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2 https://www.basildon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2
Ha of Ancient Woodland	Natural England – 16 Ancient woodlands either within or adjoining Borough – 246.86ha	Natural England: https://www.woodlandtrust .org.uk/visiting- woods/trees-woods-and- wildlife/woodland- habitats/ancient- woodland/ & 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 http://www.basildon.gov.u k/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2 110&p=0
Ha of UK BAP Priority Habitats	113 BAP Priority Habitats – 794.05ha	EECOS, Basildon Borough Habitat and Biodiversity Report, 2009 http://www.basildon.gov.u k/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2 110&p=0
Ha of new Green Infrastructure secured through development	2010 – 0.3ha defined as part of Moat House School redevelopment 2010 – 2011: 0 2011 – 2012: 0 2012 – 2013: 0 2013 – 2014: 0.58ha 2014 – 2015: 0 2015 – 2016: 2.62ha	Basildon Borough Council S.106 Contribution report.
Ha of open space lost to development per annum	2009 - 2010: -2.74 Ha 2010 - 2011: -4.02 Ha 2011 - 2012: -0.23 Ha 2012 - 2013: -0.0 Ha 2013 - 2014: -3.9 Ha 2014 - 2015: 0 2015 - 2016: -7.66ha	Basildon Borough Council
Ha of land covered by (a) Village/ Town Green, and (b) Common Land	Village Greens 1) Kent View Recreation Ground, Vange – 0.2ha	Essex County Council Legal Services

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
•		Natural England
	Common Land 2015 1) Little Burstead Green 5.5ha 2) Laindon Common 12ha 3) Land extending from	http://www.naturalengland .org.uk/ourwork/access/op enaccess/default.aspx
	the west end of the A129 Rayleigh 0.2 ha 4) The Green Little Burstead 0.4 ha 5) Little Burstead Common	https://www.gov.uk/comm on-land-management- protection-and-registering- to-use
	0.25 ha 6) Little Burstead Common 0.2 ha 7) Pieces of Land at side of Wiggins Lane, Little Burstead 0.6 ha 8) Land called Wiggins	http://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environment/local-environment/Pages/Village-Greens-and-Common-Land.aspx
	Lane, Little Burstead.0.5	UNIform search at BBC
Number of Listed Buildings	126 buildings, 2012 - 2013 126 buildings, 2013 - 2014	Historic England
Buildings	126 buildings, 2014 - 2015 127 buildings, 2015 - 2016	https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/
Number of Listed Buildings delisted	2012-2013: 0 2013-2014: 0 2014-2015: 0 2015-2016: 0	Heritage Gateway http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/
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).	Historic England https://www.historicenglan d.org.uk/listing/the-list/
% of Conservation Areas with Conservation Area Management Plans in	100% (Noak Bridge, Great Burstead, Little Burstead, Billericay).	Basildon Borough Council, 2012
place		http://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/640/Conservation-areas
Number of Listed Buildings on the Essex Heritage at Risk Register	2009: 4 2010: 3 2011: 3 2012: Not known	Historic England ³ and Essex County Council Heritage at Risk Registers4 (HARR)

http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/content/publications/publicationsNew/heritage-at-risk/har-2012-registers/ee-HAR-register-2012.pdf
 http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Heritage/Documents/Hertiage%20at%20Risk%20in%20Essex.pdf

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
	2013: 2 2014: Not Known 2015: No Updates from ECC 2016: 0	https://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritageat-risk
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: 1 (01/06/2004) 2014: No Updates from ECC 2015: No Updates from ECC 2016: 0	Historic England and Essex County Council Heritage at Risk Registers (HARR) http://www.essex.gov.uk/A ctivities/Heritage/Pages/H eritage-At-Risk- Register.aspx
Number of trees or woodlands protected by Tree Preservation Orders per annum	2012-13: 846 sites; 3591 points 2013-14: -40 TPOs 2014-15: 0 2015-16: 0	Basildon Borough Council UNIform Spatial

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

Table – 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.	2014-2015: 0.0ha 2015-2016: 0.0ha	Basildon Borough Council, Essex County Council
Ha of Green Belt habitat creation	Not specifically measureable, however	Basildon Borough Council
Ha of Green Belt subject to habitat restoration.	RSPB created a new 270ha bird reserve on Bowers Marsh in the south of the Borough and in neighbouring Castle Point in 2012.	Basildon Borough Council
	2014-15 – no new activity 2015 – 2016 – no new activity	

Strategic Objective 3: Minimising our Impact on the Environment

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Alternative:	2014 -2015	The Environment Agency
Major Planning	None	http://www.environment-

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Applications where the Environment Agency has an Outstanding Objection on Flood Risk Grounds ⁵	2015 – 2016 None	agency.gov.uk/research/planning/33698.aspx
Ha of Green Infrastructure ⁶ with flood defence role provided through development	2013-14 Green infrastructure of this nature not formally measured in 2013-14 and 2014 -2015 - n/a 2015 - 2016 - n/a	No reference of green infrastructure development within s106 report of monitoring period. Will look to establish better monitoring with the Lead Local Flood Authority during next monitoring period.

2.1.2. 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). The Council will work with the Lead Local Flood Authority to establish better a better monitoring framework for drainage that will reflect the latest Government position on approval, ownership and maintenance of SuDS.

Strategic Objective 4: Creating Vibrant & Thriving Town Centres

- 2.1.3. Until the adoption of the Council's Local Plan, the predominant strategic document guiding town centre regeneration currently resides with the Basildon Town Centre Masterplan Interim SPD 2012 and therefore, monitoring is relatively restricted for this monitoring period.
- 2.1.4. 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

2.1.5. 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.

⁵ See monthly reports here: http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/124084.aspx

http://ies.jrc.ec.europa.eu/our-activities/scientific-achievements/green-infrastructures.html, http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/lmages/Gl-signposting_tcm6-11961.pdf

Table- Delivery of Office (B1a)

	Completed	Losses	Outstanding (gross)	Potential Loss	Of which PDL ⁷ (gross)
2011-2012	0 sqm	0 sqm	2998 sqm	1567sqm	2998 sqm
2012-2013	0 sqm	15632 sqm	2648 sqm	34262 sqm	2648 sqm
2013-2014	0 sqm	9641 sqm	9296 sqm	1997 sqm	9296 sqm
2014-2016	490sqm	1926 sqm	8621sqm	18482 sqm	6344 sqm

Table – Delivery of General Industrial Development (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
2013-2014	2695 sqm	2607 sqm	48523 sqm	2377 sqm	41150 sqm
2014-2016	66,564 sqm	6608 sqm	25,518 sqm	5683 sqm	25,518 sqm

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
Net square metres of	Permissions Granted/ No	UNIform System at BBC, eplanning
educational floorspace	Obj/ etc. 2013-14	at Basildon:
by primary, secondary,		
further, higher, and	12/01035/FULL (Market	http://www.basildon.gov.uk/eplanning
vocational levels.	Square) &	
	12/01080/OUT	
	Nethermayne – Moving	
	Basildon College & construction of Primary	
	School	
	3011001	
	13/00047/FULL -363sqm	
	13/00238/FULL +28sqm	
	13/00327/FULL +129sqm	
	13/00799/FULL +180sqm	
	13/00914/FULL +137sqm	
	13/01100/FULL +392sqm	
	14/00110/FULL +20sqm	
	14/00131/FULL +111sqm	
	2044 2045	
	<u>2014 -2015</u>	
	14/00200/FULL +234sqm	

⁷ Previously Developed Land (PDL)

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
•	14/00400/FULL +405sqm	
	14/00556/FULL +86sqm	
	14/00578/FULL +30sqm	
	14/00693/FULL N/A	
	14/00846/FULL +80sqm	
	14/01161/FULL +55sqm	
	14/01323/FULL +49sqm	
	14/01486/FULL +33sqm	
	<u>2015 – 2016</u>	
	15/00469/FULL +99sqm 15/00766/FULL +264sqm 15/00820/FULL -19sqm 15/01278/FULL +542sqm 15/01337/FULL +75sqm 15/01597/FULL +108sqm 16/00049/FULL +370sqm	

Strategic Objective 6: Delivering New Homes

- 2.1.6. The Council prepares a separate statement on the Borough's 5 Year Housing Land Supply. It is updated at least annually and the latest version can be found on the Council's website: http://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/2075/Planning---Annual-Monitoring
- 2.1.7. 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.
- 2.1.8. During the monitoring period however the Council commissioned an update to its Gypsy and Traveller Local Needs Accommodation Assessment as required by national planning policy. The main purpose of this document is to inform the Council's preparation of the Local Plan as part of its 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 Local Plan process and delivery monitored through this report in future years.

Indicator Performance SO6

Table - Total Dwelling Completions

Year	Gross Completions in Year	Losses in Year	Net Completions
April 2011 - March 2012	865	165	700

April 2012 - March 2013	648	26	622
April 2013 - March 2014	275	156	119
April 2014 - March 2015	708	30	678
April 2015 - March 2016	847	31	816

Table - Affordable Dwelling Completions

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 2013-14: 2 gross, 86 loss = -84 net 2014-2015: 130 gross, 0 loss = 130 net 2015 – 2016: 86 gross, 0	Basildon Borough Council
Net affordable dwellings per annum within town centres	loss = 130 net 2011-12: 97 gross, 41 loss = 56 net 2012-13: 0 gross, 0 loss = 0 net 2013-14: 0 gross, 0 loss = 0 net 2014-2015: 0 gross, 0 loss = 0 net 2015-2016: 0 gross, 0 loss = 0 net	Basildon Borough Council

Planning Obligations

2.1.9. Whilst the LDS stipulates that a voluntary Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be prepared for the Borough to raise money to contribute to local and strategic infrastructure arising from planned growth, financial planning obligations during the monitoring period were secured through s.106 agreements and subject to pooling restrictions imposed by Regulations.

Strategic Objective 7: Capitalising on Local Tourism Opportunities

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Sources
Square metres of hotel	2010-2011: 22429 sqm	Basildon Borough Council
(C1) floor space	(11/00097/FULL)	_
(Granted Planning	2011-2012: 25000 sqm	
Permission)	(Outline permission	
	11/00112/OUT)	
	2012-2013: 0 sqm	
	2013-2014: 710 sqm	

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Sources
	(13/00475/FULL)	
	2014-2015: 512sqm	
	(14/01197/FULL)	
	2015-2016: 670sgm	
	(15/00557/FULL)	

2.1.10. Due to the interim stage of planning policy within the borough, tourism based monitoring has limited function at the time of writing this report. A new Monitoring Framework will be established in the Local Plan to measure the delivery of the Local Plan.

Strategic Objective 8: Helping Local People Maintain Healthier Lifestyles

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Sources
Change in Ha of Open Space/ 1000 people	2012/13 - 7.85ha/1000 population 2013/14 – 7.78ha/1000 population 2014/15 – 7.7ha/1000 population 2015/16?	Basildon Borough Council, Office of National Statistics.
% of adult participation in Sport8	2009/10 -34.6% 2010/11 - 32.6% 2011/12 - 38.2% 2012/13 - 36.6%	Sport England Local Sport Profiler http://www.sportengland.org/our- work/local-work/local- government/local-sport-profile/
Obesity rates of adults and children	2011-12 Children – 18.6% 2012-13 Adults – 71.7%	Sport England Local Sport Profiler http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/local-work/local-government/local-sport-profile/ (Figures are estimates derived from adjusted height and weight variables. Adults are defined as overweight (including obese) if their BMI is greater than or equal to 25kg/m2. This data is not directly comparable with previous versions of the LSP Tool as it uses a new definition of "Excess weight" which includes BMI <25kg/m2.
Value of s.106 contributions secured for investment in leisure facilities.	2011-2012 £30,000 for Pomfret Mead play area; 2012-2013 Nil; 2014 -2015 Nil 2015 – 2016: £21,289.00	Basildon Borough Council

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Strategic Objective 9: Enhancing Quality of Life for All

Table – 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; 2013-14 £406,289; 2014 -2015, £318,200.75; 2015 - 2016, £2,680,666.40. b) 2011-2012 £Nil; 2012-2013 £Nil; 2013-14 £55,000; 2014 - 2015 £Nil; 2015 - 2016 £Nil. c) 2011-2012 £Nil; 2012-2013 £Nil; 2013-14 £Nil; 2014 -2015 Nil; 2015 - 2016 £Nil.	Basildon Borough Council Essex County Council
% of population within a 30 minute public transport time to a) educational, b) healthcare, and c) communities facilities.	For 2015-2016: 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

Proposed Indicators	Performance	Performance Source
% of new residential	For 2015-2016:	Basildon Borough Council,
developments within 30	Secondary Schools: 100%	Essex County Council
minutes public	Employment: 100%	
transport time of local	GPS: 100%	
services	Hospitals: 100%	
	Post 16 Education: 100%:	
	Primary Schools: 100%	
	Retail Areas: 100%	
S.106 contributions	2011-2012 £228,500;	Basildon Borough Council,
accumulated per	2012-2013 £107,000;	Essex County Council
annum for highway	2013-2014 £1,032,562;	-
works.	2014 -2015 £29,950;	
	2015 – 2016, £159,553.	

3. Strategic Working: Duty to Cooperate

- 3.1 The Duty to Cooperate is an on-going process that will occur throughout preparation of the Basildon Borough Local Plan. Monitoring will include a regular record on co-operation and engagement activities, detailing what decisions have been reached and why, and what the outcomes are for Local Plan policies. These are to be recorded in more detail in the Council's Duty to Cooperate Tracker Schedule.
- 3.2 The South Essex Strategic Housing Group is made up of the Local Authorities: Basildon, Castle Point, Essex CC, Rochford and Thurrock, and seven Registered Providers (RPs) including Chelmer Housing Partnership, East Thames Group, Estuary, Family Mosaic, Moat, Sanctuary Group, and Swan Housing. In partnership with the South Essex Strategic Planning Group, it prepares a joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) to determine the objectively assessed need for housing in the south Essex area.
- 3.3 For either some or all of the Local Authorities that make up the Strategic Planning Group, sub-regional joint working is being extended to a number of other evidence base projects including an Economic Development Needs Assessment, a Retail Assessment, and due consideration of strategic cross boundary issues to be addresses. Other joint studies are taking place on larger geographies which Basildon Council is feeding into including Essex Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Local Needs Accommodation Assessment and Greater Essex Growth and Infrastructure Framework.
- 3.4 Between 1st April 2015 and 31 March 2016 the Council has formally considered and responded to the following consultations on other Local Plans, projects or plans at various spatial scales for strategic or cross boundary matters that relate to the Basildon Borough:

Duty to Cooperate Body	Consultation Activity
Brentwood Borough Council	Draft Local Plan – March 2016
Chelmsford City Council	Duty to Cooperate Scoping Report –
	Aug 2015
	Draft Statement of Community
	Involvement
	Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping
	Report – Sept 2015
	Issues and Options Report – Jan 2016
Essex County Council	Statement of Community Involvement
	Update – Jun 2015
	Waste Local Plan Revised Preferred
	Approach – Jul 2015
Highway England	Bus Strategy Review – Mar 2016
Highways England	Lowers Thames Crossing Options – Mar 2016
Marina Managament Organisation	South East Marine Plan Statement of
Marine Management Organisation	Public Participation – Apr 2016
	Fublic Farticipation - Apr 2010
Mayor of London	Minor Alterations to London Plan – Jun
Mayor or London	2015
Rochford District Council	Rayleigh Area Action Plan – Jun 2015
Southend on Sea Borough Council	Central Area Action Plan – Feb 2016
Thurrock Borough Council	Statement of Community Involvement
	Update – Sept 2015

- 3.5 Since 2015, the Council has participated proactively in the Wider South East Summits arranged by the Local Government Association and the Greater Local Authority, to discuss development pressures and infrastructure needs in the wider south east of England.
- 3.6 Officer and political meetings have also occurred with other Duty to Cooperate bodies to discuss strategic and cross boundary issues and the effective outcomes that are necessary to reach as part of the cooperation duty. There are several officer or organisational groups at South East, Essex and South Essex levels which facilitate the delivery of the duty across Essex and the wider area, including professional associations and working groups, for which work is ongoing.

4. Next steps

- 4.1. This Local Development Monitoring Report 2015-2016 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.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. 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.