MATTER 19 – MONITORING

Issue 19: Is the monitoring framework of the Plan effective and <u>consistent with national policy</u>?

477. Does the Plan have an adequate framework for monitoring, so that the extent to which its policies are being delivered and the need for Local Plan review will be clear?

The plan recognises that monitoring will be needed to assess the performance of the plan policies which will be done through the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). This is mentioned in paragraph 21.3 of the submitted plan. The plan also recognises that third parties including the development industry will play a key role in the implementation of the plan. However, the council acknowledges that a robust monitoring framework will be useful to aid the monitoring, performance and review of the plan policies. The council is willing to produce a monitoring framework as a main modification.

478. To measure the effectiveness of its policies, should the Plan include monitoring indicators and targets for the vision and objectives and for each of its policies?

The council agrees that it would be useful to monitor the overall compliance with vision and objectives of the plan. This can be included within the monitoring framework.

479. Paragraphs 21.4 and 21.5 of the Plan refer to the intention to publish supplementary planning documents to set out development requirements or technical guidance on issues such as parking standards, climate change, developer contributions, tall buildings and character areas in the CDA. Are these likely to introduce new policy requirements, which should be incorporated in the Plan and made subject to independent Examination?

Government guidance is clear that any supplementary planning documents should only supplement and build on the requirement in the existing policy and should not introduce any new requirements. Therefore, any future SPDs will not introduce new policy requirements.