

## North Plymstock AAP Public Examination

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## **Summary of Key Points**

1. The North Plymstock AAP was submitted in August 2006. Since then there have been updates in monitoring guidance which could be usefully incorporated into the Monitoring Chapter to provide clarification of targets and the processes of monitoring and review. These are

- the publication of PPS3 and the implications for Monitoring and Review (detailed in North Plymstock AAP Public Examination Paper PCC PPS3 compliance)
- amendments made to the Core Strategy Monitoring Chapter in response to the Inspector's request (detailed in Plymouth's Core Strategy Public Examination Paper PCC Test8A Monitoring)

## **The Council's Response**

2. The Council considers that the North Plymstock AAP in respect to Monitoring is sound. However the Inspector may wish to consider a number of improvements to the wording of Section 7 of the submitted AAP that the Council considers could be made without compromising the soundness of the document.

3. While a significant element of the existing section 7 can be retained, it has been easier to provide a suggested replacement section 7 as the city's response to the amendments to the Core Strategy and the guidance provided by PPS3. This is attached as Annex 1.

# Annex 1

## Monitor and Manage

1. Review and monitoring is an important aspect of evidence based policy making and it is a key factor of the “plan, monitor and manage” approach to the new planning system. An important aspect of the new system is the flexibility to update components of the Local Development Framework and respond quickly to changing priorities in the area. Monitoring will play a critical part in identifying any review of the North Plymstock Area Action Plan that may be required. It will also enable early action to be taken to overcome any barriers to delivery of the Plan’s objectives and/or proposals and policies
2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) every year and this will be the main mechanism for assessing the Area Action Plan’s performance and effects. It must be based on the period 1 April to 31 March and be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than the end of the following December. AMRs are required to assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme, and the extent to which policies in local development documents are being successfully implemented.
3. The Council will measure the performance of this Area Action Plan against the targets, objectives and related policies set out in this document and in the Core Strategy. It will also undertake more general monitoring for the city and its sub-region as a whole to assess the extent that the Local Development Framework spatial strategy is being delivered, remains appropriate and is sustainable. The AMR will identify potential measures that need to be taken to rectify any issues raised through monitoring. This will potentially include the need to review parts or all of any particular local development document.
4. Significant issues will be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report process, although it is accepted that in relation to some indicators the impact of the Plan will only be felt after a number of years. In relation to this Area Action Plan, monitoring will specifically include:
  - Checking that the development targets identified in the Area Action Plan are being met and identifying the actions needed to address any barriers and blockages. As part of this process it will be necessary to monitor the progress of development at Sherford for slippage, and any potential barriers to the delivery of transport infrastructure such as HQPT and Park and Ride facility
  - Monitoring the quality of new developments in North Plymstock and their compliance with the policies and proposals of the Plan
  - Assessing the potential impacts on the Area Action Plan of new or updated national, regional and local policy and guidance
  - Measuring the performance of the Plan against the Plan’s Vision and Objectives and assessing whether the Objectives are still appropriate

- Measuring the performance of the Plan against other relevant local, regional and national targets
- Measuring the impact of delivery of the Plan against the sustainability indicators and assessing whether the Plan is contributing to the creation of a sustainable community in North Plymstock and whether there are any significant unforeseen adverse effects
- Monitoring local conditions in North Plymstock in conjunction with partners to assess the need for further spatial interventions
- Collecting appropriate data and making use of the data collected by other partners to support the evidence base of the Plan and any subsequent review
- Sharing information collected as part of this monitoring regime with other partners and the community

5. Issues identified within the sustainability appraisal will also be monitored and a series of significant effects indicators have been identified within the AMR.

6. As a result of this monitoring regime, conclusions may be reached which have implications for the objectives, policies and proposals of the Plan. In some cases, monitoring of the delivery of the Area Action Plan may identify supportive actions that need to be taken by other partners or as part of other initiatives such as the Community Strategy.

7. A full review of the Plan will take place after five years unless the results of any of the above suggest that an earlier review is necessary.

8. The following tables bring together the targets for each of the Plan's proposals showing delivery timescales and the Housing Trajectory. **(see North Plymstock AAP Public Examination Paper PCC PPS3 compliance for Delivery Tables and the Housing Trajectory)**