

Next steps

Part 3 of the Interim SA Report answers - *What happens next?*

Plan finalisation

Subsequent to the current consultation, the Council’s intention is to prepare the Proposed Submission version of the Plan for publication. This will be the version of the plan that the Council believes to be ‘sound’ and intends to submit to the Government for Examination in Public. The SA Report will be published alongside the Proposed Submission Plan, with a view to informing representations.

Subsequent to publication stage, the main issues raised will be identified and summarised by the Council, who will then consider whether the plan can still be deemed to be ‘sound’. Assuming that this is the case, the plan (and the summary of representations received) will be submitted for Examination. At Examination a government appointed Planning Inspector will consider representations (in addition to the SA Report and other submitted evidence) before determining whether the plan is sound (or requires further modifications).

If found to be ‘sound’ the plan will be formally adopted by the Council. At the time of Adoption an ‘SA Statement’ will be published that sets out (amongst other things) ‘the measures decided concerning monitoring’.

Monitoring

At the current time, there is a need only to present ‘measures envisaged concerning monitoring’.

The Draft Local Plan includes a range of proposed monitoring measures in Appendix 3. The table below lists a selection of the Council’s proposed measures, as well as any wider monitoring measures, that are of particular importance given the findings of the appraisal.

Table 4: A selection of the Council’s proposed monitoring indicators

Sustainability topic	Proposed indicator of note (given appraisal findings)
Air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of a Joint Strategy to manage the impacts of growth on Epping Forest SAC (see Draft Memorandum of Understanding), which proposes the following monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ forecast change in traffic flows, and subsequent impacts on air quality including continued monitoring of the Bell Common Air Quality Management Area
Biodiversity and green infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net gain/loss of habitat arising from development proposals. • New linkages between habitats by location • Epping Forest SAC & Lee Valley SPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Net gains/ losses of buffer land and alternative green space by function ○ Links achieved between LVRP and Epping Forest ○ Links achieved between LVRP, Epping Forest and other areas of open space • Preparation of a Joint Strategy to manage the impacts of growth on Epping Forest SAC (see Draft Memorandum of Understanding), which proposes the following monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ visitor numbers and behaviour, purposes of visits and distances travelled; ○ forecast change in traffic flows, and subsequent impacts on air quality including continued monitoring of the Bell Common Air Quality Management Area; and ○ forecast change to visitor pressures, and any significant positive or

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	negative impacts.
Climate change (mitigation and adaptation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New developments containing electric charging points by land use type • Number, location and type of proposals achieving low carbon design • Number of decentralised low carbon and renewable energy schemes approved in development • Approvals of development in flood risk zones 2, 3a and 3b by use class and flood risk compatibility • Number of approvals and refusals in Local Flood Risk Zones
Community and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indices of multiple deprivation scorings • Number of new connections made in the green infrastructure network • Area of new accessible natural spaces provided through development proposals. • Areas of improved access to natural green spaces provided through development proposals. • Number and amount by area and type of new accessible space created by development e.g. woodland, hedgerow, ponds, parks, allotments etc. • Linkages between new and existing development and the countryside/ other spaces. • Loss/ gain of public open space by type e.g. park, children's playground, allotment
Economy and employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall employment and unemployment rate • Net additional employment floorspace • Net additional floorspace of commercial development by location • Area and number of new glasshouses constructed by location • Annual tourism income
Historic environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number type and location of approved developments impacting on a heritage asset • Number of heritage assets improved and raised out of the 'at risk' category.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five year housing land supply • Number of pitches for travellers and travelling show people provided • Regular updates to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment • Number of affordable homes completed in the reporting year • The number of homes completed by type and bedroom size in the reporting year • The number of homes completed through the provision of specialist housing in the reporting year • The number of self-build/custom build homes completed in the reporting year
Land and waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications refused on the grounds of harm to the Green Belt or District Open Land
Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive landscape impact assessments on proposals approved • Negative landscape impact assessments by EFDC on proposals refused
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road junction improvements • Improvements in accessibility scoring by location for walking and cycling

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements in public transport networks • Numbers of Transport Plans agreed by location and land use type • Additional kilometres of public rights of way
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and location of schemes implemented with sustainable drainage serving existing as well as new development • Number and location of developments contributing to maintenance of watercourse infrastructure • Number and location of developments including watercourse re-naturalisation or flood storage areas • Number and location of non-domestic schemes achieving a 30% reduction in water usage over base line. • Number of dwellings signed off as meeting (or not meeting) Part L optional standard for water efficiency.