

12. Monitoring and Implementation

A photograph of two fluffy, brown ducklings standing on a pebbly shore next to a body of water. The water is dark and reflects the sunlight, creating a shimmering effect. The background is blurred, showing trees and a building. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Achieving healthy and sustainable communities means ensuring that existing and future Uttlesford residents are served by the homes and facilities which meet their needs, promote healthy choices and social cohesion.

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- 12.1 This chapter provides an overview of how the Council will monitor and implement the strategy set out within this Local Plan 2041 including its Strategic Vision and policies.
- 12.2 Monitoring allows us to understand whether the Plan policies are working as intended and if they are effective. Monitoring the Plan is critical in ensuring the successful delivery of the Plan and to shape the development of any future Development Plans for the District.
- 12.3 The revised NPPF (2023) requires the Council to maintain a 5-year land supply. This requires any plan allocations to be sufficient to provide a rolling five-year period of housing delivery to be identified and assessed against the local housing need, including a 5% buffer to ensure competitiveness in the market. Should there be significant under delivery of housing within the district, a more substantial 20% buffer may apply. The Council will publish information annually within their Authority Monitoring Report to show the progress of housing delivery and the broader implementation of the Local Plan.
- 12.4 The Council will work jointly with stakeholders to deliver Local Plan 2041 objectives. This will include partnership working with both public agencies and the private sector and is necessary to ensure development progresses in a manner consistent with the strategy identified in this plan.
- 12.5 The Council has included a Monitoring Framework at **Appendix 16**, which identifies how the Council will monitor the effectiveness and implementation of the Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 for each policy. The Council recognises that appropriate action will need to be taken if implementation of the plan is clearly off track and triggers for action are set out within the Monitoring Framework.
- 12.6 The Council is also aware that the plan needs to be resilient to changing circumstances and be flexible and responsive if the plan is not delivering in accordance with the Monitoring Framework. Core Policy 71: Monitoring and Implementation, sets out the Council's intended approach.

Core Policy 71: Monitoring and Implementation

The Council will monitor progress towards the achievement of indicators and targets set out within the Monitoring Framework (as set out in **Appendix 16**). The Authority Monitoring Report will be produced on a least an annual basis and will be used to establish whether the implementation of the Plan, either in part or as a whole, is being effectively actioned. Where there is evidence to suggest that policy specific targets listed in the Monitoring Framework have not been met, contingency measures and actions listed in the Monitoring Framework will apply.

Contingency measures may include once or more of the following:

- i. seeking to accelerate delivery on other permitted or allocated sites
- ii. seeking alternative sources of funding if a lack of infrastructure is delaying development or causing significant problems as a result of new development
- iii. identifying alternative deliverable sites that are in general accordance with the Spatial Strategy of the Plan, and
- iv. undertaking a full or partial review of the Local Plan, if investigation indicates that its strategy, either in whole or in part, is no longer appropriate.