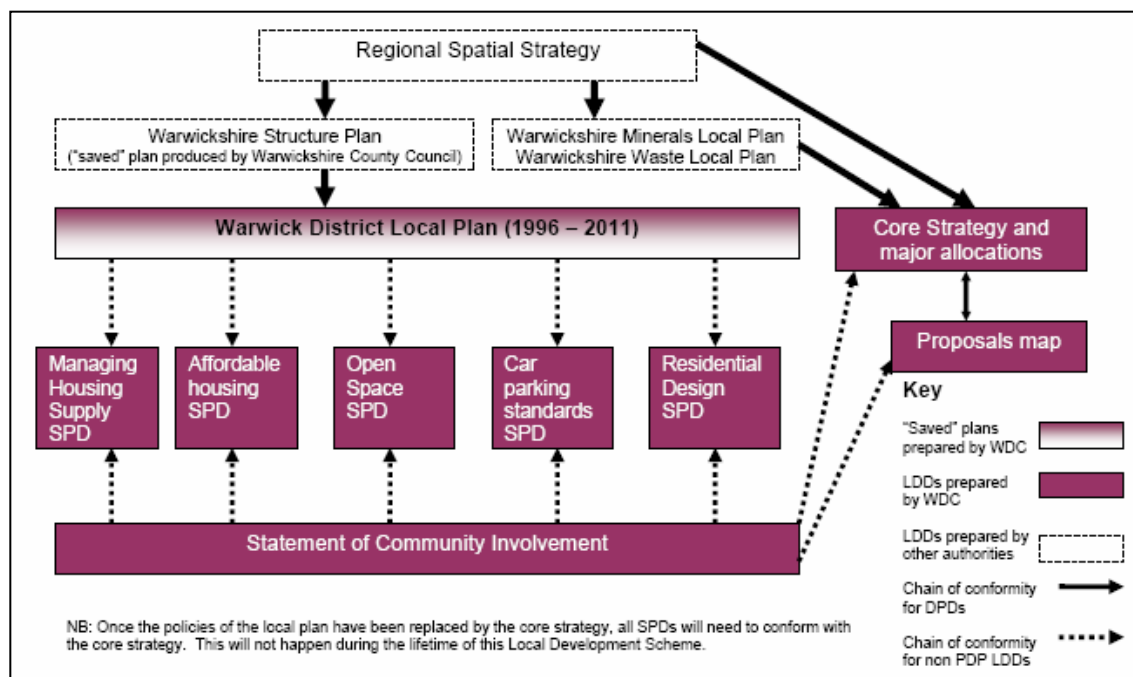


6. Implementation

6.1 Links to other tiers of plans and programmes and the project level (environmental impact assessment, design guidance, etc.)

The Local Plan needs to be in conformity with the Warwickshire Structure Plan which was adopted in 2001 and will be “saved” until 2007. **Table 6.1¹** shows the relationship between the various planning documents and the chain of conformity between these plans.

Table 6.1 Relationship between the Local Development Documents and other Development Plan Documents



6.2 Proposals for monitoring implementation of the plan

All local authorities will be required to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in 2005 as part of requirements laid down in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

¹ Source: The Warwick District Local Development Scheme, Warwick District Council, January 2005

Warwick District Council produced its first Annual Monitoring Report in December 2004 as part of monitoring the operation of the policies in the new Local Plan. It is the Council's intention to produce a Monitoring Report every year. The AMR published in 2004 included the following:

- The identification of the key milestones in the local plan that need to be monitored;
- The provision of monitoring information on these targets in a format that can be monitored over successive years (in particular including monitoring on delivery of housing and employment to meet the local plan targets);
- An assessment of the impact that the policies are having on other targets set at national, regional and local level; and
- The identification of any policies that need to be considered for early review to meet sustainable development objectives.

Further to the requirements to monitor the policies in the plan, it is also a requirement of SA to establish how the significant sustainability effects of implementing the plan will be monitored and it is important that this is integrated with the annual monitoring of the Plan.

The Consultation Paper on Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Frameworks identifies ways in which monitoring the plan for sustainability effects can help to answer questions such as:

- Were the assessment's predictions of sustainability effects accurate?
- Is the plan contributing to the achievement of desired SA objectives and targets
- Are mitigation measures performing as well as expected?
- Are there any adverse effects? Are these within acceptable limits, or is remedial action desirable?

It is not necessary to monitor everything or monitor an effect indefinitely. Instead monitoring should be focussed on:

- Significant sustainability effects that may give rise to irreversible damage, with a view to identifying trends before such damage is caused.
- Significant effects where there was uncertainty in the SA and where monitoring would enable preventative or mitigation measures to be undertaken.

The AMR monitors a number of indicators under the 20 objectives for the Local Plan. Under each of these objectives is one or more targets. These objectives and indicators are presented in **Table 6.2**.

Table 6.2 Objectives and Indicators Monitored in the AMR

Objective	Indicators
Aim 1: To maintain high and stable levels of economic growth.	
Objective 1A – To meet the employment needs of the whole community to 2011.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress on employment commitments and other sites which have come forward since 1996 2. Permission granted during 03/04 for employment floor space over 0.2 ha (outside town centres) by use class type (B1, B2 and B8). 3. Progress on current employment allocations 4. Progress on major development sites in the Green Belt 5. Loss of employment uses within designated Town Centre Employment areas 6. Loss of existing employment floor space (over 500 m² in town centres, 0.2 ha elsewhere).
Objective 1B – To support small businesses.	See indicators 1,2,3,5,6 and 7.
Objective 1C – To support the diversification of the rural economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Permissions granted for rural diversification proposals
Objective 1D – To meet the housing needs of the whole community to 2011.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Progress towards Structure Plan Housing Requirements 9. Dwellings completed by size and type
Objective 1E – To maintain and enhance the viability and vitality of the town centres.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Retail development permitted over 10,000 ft². 11. Applications for retail development refused over 10,000 ft². 12. Progress on Area of Search for Leamington. 13. Retail survey work undertaken. 14. No of applications refused for Change of Use from A1 within primary and secondary retail frontage. 15. Progress on Kenilworth Town Centre Draft Redevelopment Proposals. 16. Applications for changes of use to Use Class A3 approved within designated café quarters.
Objective 1F – To promote the regeneration of deprived areas.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Progress on Court Street Brief proposals. 18. Progress on current employment allocations a) and b)
Objective 1G – To promote sustainable tourism.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Progress on Hatton Country World 20. New hotel development (including extensions to existing hotels) over 5 bedrooms within use class C1 and A3. 21. Loss of hotel floorspace within Use class C1 and A3.
Aim 2: Effective protection of the environment.	
Objective 2A - To minimise the development of green field land.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Residential development permitted on previously developed land 23. Employment development permitted on previously developed land

Objective	Indicators
Objective 2B – To protect and enhance the natural environment.	24. Number and percentage of dwellings completed (over a threshold of 10 units or more). See 1E, 2A and 4D.
Objective 2C – To protect and enhance the historic environment.	25. Number of listed buildings / conservation area applications approved / refused 26. Number of listed buildings demolished or partially demolished 27. Review of Leamington and Warwick Conservation Areas 28. Progress on Kenilworth Conservation Review 29. Applications permitted which may harm or affect the setting of an ancient scheduled monument
Objective 2D – To protect the character and setting of towns and villages	30. Progress on the Barford by Pass 31. Permissions allowed on green belt sites
Objective 2E – To promote excellence in design and enhance the built environment.	32. Progress on the SPG on residential design guidance 33. Applications which have secured public art contributions
Aim 3: Prudent use of Natural Resources	
Objective 3A – To reduce the need to travel.	See 1A, 1E, 1F, 2A and 4A
Objective 3B – To promote more sustainable travel choices.	34. Progress on Kenilworth Railway Station 35. Progress on Warwick and Leamington Park and Ride Proposals 36. Progress on the development of quality cycle and pedestrian corridors
Objective 3C: To reduce the consumption of scarce resources.	See 3A, 3B, 2A, 2B and 1G
Aim 4: Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone	
Objective 4A – To secure affordable housing.	37. Affordable housing permitted and completed 38. Progress on SPG on affordable housing
Objective 4B – To promote Social Inclusion and reduce anti-social behaviour.	39. Progress on Court Street brief proposals 40. Application where DP13 (Crime Prevention) has been applied or where the council has specifically consulted with Warwickshire police
Objective 4C – To promote healthy lifestyles.	41. Progress on SPG on Open Space Standards
Objective 4D – To protect the amenity of the local community.	42. Amount of open space lost 43. Applications providing open space contributions 44. Progress on SPG on car parking 45. Current status on the Coventry Airport Application
Objective 4E – To protect and enhance community facilities	46. Leisure development permitted within specified use classes

Objective	Indicators
	47. Application providing contributions towards new community facilities
	48. Applications refused for changes of use from retail (Class A1) within designated local shopping centres

The indicators identified in **Table 6.2** provide a very useful starting point for developing proposals for monitoring the sustainability effects of the plan. A number of indicators were identified as part of developing the SA framework (see **Table 4.2**) and it may be appropriate to select a number of these to supplement the monitoring information. Measuring these indicators will enable the Warwick District Council to establish a causal link between implementation of the plan and the likely significant effect being monitored. However, it is important that adequate emphasis is placed on interpreting the data and analysing the results, rather than simply collecting information on large numbers of indicators.

Additional objectives and indicators are proposed in **Table 6.3**. Data for the majority of these indicators are readily available from reliable sources. These additional objectives and indicators may be used to monitor the collective success of the plan, but they are not specific enough to say whether individual plan policies are a success or otherwise.

Table 6.3 Additional Indicators identified as part of the SA Framework (highlighting where similar objectives are already collected as part of plan monitoring)

Indicators
Number of VAT registered businesses
Number of business start-ups net of closures
Loss of employment uses within designated town centre employment areas (<i>already monitored as part of AMR</i>)
Number of planning permission granted for rural diversification proposals (<i>already monitored as part of AMR</i>)
Number of service closures in rural areas
Number of applications refused for change of use from A1 within primary and secondary shop frontages (<i>already monitored as part of AMR</i>)
Number of tourists
Homeless households in need of temporary accommodation
Percentage of population living in affordable housing
Percentage of land designated for particular quality or amenity value
Condition of protected species
Percentage of rivers of good or fair quality
Local bus services- journeys per passenger kilometre
Percentage of journeys to school by car
Percentage of journeys to work by car

Indicators

Condition of landscape character areas
Per capita consumption of electricity
Per capita consumption of gas
Land at risk of flooding
Percentage of listed buildings and archaeological sites at risk of decay
Number of buildings of cultural or historic interest restored
Percentage of residents that are satisfied with their neighbourhood
Number of days when air pollution is moderate or high
Number of days when air pollution is moderate or high for PM ₁₀ , ozone, etc.
Percentage of development on greenfield sites (<i>already monitored as part of AMR</i>)
Percentage and type of agricultural land affected by development
Amount of waste produced per capita
Percentage of waste recycled and composted per capita
Number of homes built to ecohome or other efficiency standard
Use of water per capita
Percentage of homes unfit for use
Percentage of district-owned public buildings with access and facilities for people with disabilities
Percentage of population within 10 minute walk of bus stop
Length of new cycleways created
Percentage of population with a limiting long term illness
Percentage of population within 200m of parks and open spaces
Percentage of adult population who have never worked or are long term unemployed
Number of companies implementing flexible working schemes
Number of crimes reported per 1000 population
Percentage of those very or fairly worried of being a victim of crime

6.2.1 Documenting the monitored data

The monitoring arrangements will be confirmed in a statement following adoption of the Local Plan, which will also set out the changes to the Local Plan in response to the SA process. **Table 6.4** suggests a format for documenting how the monitoring process should be managed.

Table 7.4 Documenting the monitoring data

What needs to be monitored	Indicator	Source of information	Are there any gaps in existing information and how can these be resolved?	When should remedial action be taken?	What remedial action could be taken?