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# Annual Monitoring Report 2005-2006

Local Development Framework

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# **1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires every local planning authority to make an annual report to the Secretary of State.
- 1.2 The report contains information on the extent to which the policies set out in the LDF are being achieved. As this only is the second year that the monitoring report has been completed for the LDF and because it is still in its early stages, some of the required monitoring data is not available or up to date. In these cases the most recent figures available have been used. This will at least establish a baseline for comparison in following years.
- 1.3 The monitoring data contained within this report generally covers four main areas;
  1. An overview of the progress in implementing the Local Development Framework. This includes how the Council is progressing in meeting timeframes and targets.
  2. Measuring 'contextual indicators' which give a snapshot of Harlow, highlighting key issues which new policy can be measured against. This includes demographics, social-cultural issues, economics and built environment.
  3. Core Output Indicators, which have been selected to measure quantifiable physical activities that are directly related to, and are a consequence of, the implementation of planning policies. These include housing, transport, local services, water issues, biodiversity and energy.
  4. Local Output Indicators, which monitor the progress and effectiveness of the Replacement Harlow Local Plan. As Harlow District Council is still operating under the Local Plan this section has been substituted with the Local Plan Policies. In the future the Local Development Plan policies will be supplemented within this section. The monitoring currently covers; sustainability, housing, regeneration, transport, community facilities and the natural and built environment.

# **2 Introduction And Summary Of The Monitoring Framework**

- 2.1 This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is the second produced under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill 2004, and covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. In the context of the new planning system, with its focus on the delivery of sustainable development, monitoring takes on an added importance in providing a check on whether those aims are being achieved.
- 2.2 Local authorities are required, by Regulation 48 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and by PPS12 *Local Development Frameworks*, to undertake certain key monitoring tasks;
  - Review actual progress in terms of local development document preparation against the timetable and milestones in the local development scheme;
  - Assess the extent to which policies in local development documents are being implemented;
  - Where policies are not being implemented, explain why and to set out what steps are to be taken to ensure that the policy is implemented; or whether the policy is to be amended or replaced;
  - Identify the significant effects of implementing policies in local development frameworks and whether they are as intended; and
  - Set out whether policies are to be amended or replaced.

**(Source PPS 12 and Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide)**

- 2.3 The policy documents that will eventually comprise the complete LDF have started to be produced, but will not be within the time frame of this report and unlikely for the next, consequently Harlow District Council is still operating under the Local Plan, which was adopted in July 2006. This AMR continues to focus on the policies that are set out in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan January 2004, as this was the Plan that was extant during the reporting period. Future AMRs will be able to focus on monitoring of LDF policies as they are adopted.
- 2.4 The monitoring scheme will be kept under review and will be amended to reflect changes in emphasis and changes in priorities.
- 2.5 A number of sources were used for collecting the contextual and monitoring data. They include; internally from Harlow District Council officers and databases, directly from organisations, websites, local authority reports, survey results, Office for National Statistics and Census reports. Regional and national data was either collected in house or by Essex County Council.
- 2.6 Harlow Council and the County Council have begun to re-design their information systems to enable on-going improvement to monitoring. Further technical developments continue to be developed to ensure that the monitoring systems are robust and responsive to changing demands. Harlow District Council and Essex County Council are working together in the collection and analysis of information to ensure that a consistent approach is taken to measuring and monitoring change.

### **3 Local Development Scheme (Lds) Implementation**

- 3.1 The most recent Local Development Scheme that came into effect in August 2006 under regulation 11 is the 'Local Development Scheme 2006 Issue 3'. The table below lists the Local Development Documents in the LDS together with their milestones and actual progress to March 2006. The table shows that the authority has met all milestones to March 2006.

Timetable showing milestones and actual progress to March 2006													
Local Development Documents	2005										2006		
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	
Replacement Harlow Local Plan										1			
Statement of Community Involvement											2	3	
Core Strategy DPD													
Site Specific Allocations DPD													
Generic Development Control Policies DPD													
Affordable Housing SPD													
HDC Common Guidelines SPD													
Harlow Town Centre SPD													
PPG 17 SPD													
Essex Design Guide SPD													

Key  = actual progress  
 RHLP Milestones: 1=2<sup>nd</sup> Inquiry  
 SCI/DPD Milestones: 2=commencement 3=consultation reg 25

## LDS Revision

3.2 The Local Development Scheme has been revised. The most recent Local Development Scheme that came into effect in August 2006 under regulation 11 is the 'Local Development Scheme 2006 Issue 3'. The changes to the Local Development Scheme relate to two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD):

(a) Essex Design Guide Urban Place Supplement SPD

This SPD is being produced jointly. A timetable for production has been now been agreed with other Essex authorities and the LDS was updated to reflect this. Consultation is proposed in September/October 2006 and adoption in January 2007.

(b) Harlow Town Centre SPD

The title of the SPD has changed. It is considered that a SPD is required that addresses the town centre as a whole rather than focusing on the one area in town centre north. This reflects a change in circumstances where development is no longer imminent at town centre north, therefore a development brief is no longer required. However, a need for a strategy that addresses the whole town centre has been identified.

3.3 None of the documents specified in the LDS have been adopted during the report period. The authority has adopted no Local Development Orders.

## LDS REVIEW

3.4 It is anticipated that the LDS will need to be revised to change the start date for DPD production from December 2006 to a date that coincides with the new adoption date of the East of England Plan. Any revision to the LDS would require formal submission to the Secretary of State.

3.5 The Development Plan Documents (DPDs) were originally scheduled to commence once the East of England Plan is adopted in December 2006. There have been delays to the East of England Plan progression. The timetable has been delayed and adoption is now anticipated in early summer 2007.

3.6 The regional strategy for the Harlow area is unclear because the panel report recommendations for Harlow differ significantly to the original proposals in the draft East of England Plan. HDC will not be in a position to progress DPDs until there is clear direction from an adopted regional plan.

3.7 It is anticipated that an LDS revision will also be needed in relation to the Urban Place Supplement Supplementary Planning Document (UPS SPD) to change the adoption date from January 2007 to June/July 2007. Any revision to the LDS would require formal submission to the Secretary of State.

- *Reason: The UPS SPD is being produced jointly with other Essex authorities. It was originally agreed that public participation would take place in September 2006 and adoption in Jan 2007. Harlow Council carried out public participation in accordance with this timescale but some other local authorities have been delayed. The volume of representations and the work required to address the issues raised has extended the number of panel meetings required to agree the revisions, and this in turn will delay adoption. It is therefore proposed to change the adoption date from January 2007 to June/July 2007.*

## HARLOW LOCAL PLAN SAVED POLICIES

- 3.8 Harlow has a somewhat unique situation at this reporting period, due to the progress and status of the Local Plans. Technically the only 'saved' policies are those contained in the Adopted Harlow Local Plan, which covered the period from 1986 to 2001. Although these policies were still legally operative, and used to justify planning decisions during the reporting period, they are generally subordinate to the Replacement Harlow Local Plan 2001 to 2011.
- 3.9 Work commenced on the Replacement Harlow Local Plan in 1998 and it has a lifetime up to 2011. The Second Deposit Draft Replacement Plan went to deposit in January 2004 and Committee agreed that it be used for development control purposes from that date. The RHLP has now been Adopted (July 2006). It is still therefore the Second Deposit Draft Plan that is the principal planning document during the reporting period as it essentially replaces and updates the original Adopted Plan, which is now considered to be out-of-date.
- 3.10 For this reason, this monitoring report focuses chiefly on the Replacement Harlow Local Plan, rather than the 'saved' policies of the original Adopted Plan.
- 3.11 It is difficult, therefore, to do justice to the following section of the monitoring report. The majority of the policies of the Adopted Plan have now been 'updated' through the Replacement Plan process so the 'Action' column has essentially already been achieved. The Replacement Plan is a new and emerging and therefore implementation of policies is an on-going process.
- 3.12 The policies of the Replacement Plan will also be subject to review through the Local Development Framework preparation, which will see Development Plan Documents take the place of local plans. The timeframes for this work can be found in the Local Development Scheme.
- 3.13 In regard to monitoring, a selected number of policies in the Replacement Plan are currently monitored (these were the same as those reported on in Harlow's 2003-2004 monitoring report). These policies are summarised in the section Local Output Indicators and will be added to, to ensure Core Output Indicators monitoring can be achieved. No monitoring of the adopted plan is carried out.
- 3.14 It is recognised that this section contains a number of generalities due to much of this information being 'unknown' at this stage in the process. The Council seeks to fill these gaps with more clarity in future reports, now that the Plan has been adopted.



REPLACEMENT HARLOW LOCAL PLAN 2001 TO 2011: (PRINCIPAL) APRIL 05 – MARCH 06

Policy		Is it being Implemented? Why / why not?	Action required
<b>Sustainable Development</b>			
SD1	Protecting and enhancing environmental health	General background requirements implemented on a general scale	<p><b>Unless otherwise stated, because of the 'newness' of the Replacement Plan, Harlow District Council will not be taking steps to review these policies until after its adoption in Spring 2006.</b></p> <p><b>Please note that these are emerging policies and due to the modifications inquiry, a selected number of policies listed here have been altered or deleted.</b></p> <p><b>All policies will be subject to review through the LDF process, issues and options development.</b></p>
SD2	Regeneration	General background requirements implemented on a general scale	
SD3	Applying the sequential test	General background requirements implemented on a general scale	
SD4	Mixed uses in town centre and neighbourhood centre	No relevant planning applications for such	
SD5	Mixed uses in the rest of Harlow	No relevant planning applications for such	
SD6	Intensification of use	No relevant planning applications for such	
SD7	Energy	No relevant planning applications for such	
SD8	Waste minimisation	Has not been implemented this year but intend to in future developments	
SD9	Development involving movement of soil	No relevant planning applications for such	
SD10	Waste recycling	Implemented by waste department of council	
SD11	Water Conservation	No relevant planning applications for such	
<b>Housing</b>			
H1	Prioritise the release of housing land	Implemented through planning decision	
H2	Maximising housing development	Implemented through planning decision	
H3	Housing density	Implemented through planning decision	
H4	Housing allocations	Implemented through planning decision	
H5	Housing development phasing	General requirements – covering longer timeframes so could still be implemented	Not maintained as policy deleted after modifications, consequently no data collected
H6	Housing land monitoring	General requirements – covering longer timeframes so could still be implemented	
H7	Range of dwelling types	Implemented through planning decision	
H8	Affordable housing requirement	Implemented through planning decision	
H9	Affordable housing allocations	General requirement	
H10	Legal agreement to restrict occupancy	No relevant planning applications	
H11	Housing for people with disabilities and other special needs	Implemented through planning decision	

H12	Housing for the elderly	Site-specific -no relevant planning applications in those areas	
H13	Provision for travellers	Implemented through planning decision	
H14	Infill development	Implemented through planning decision	
H15	Commercial activities in residential properties	Implemented through planning decision	
H16	Conversion to provide separate units	Implemented through planning decision	
H17	Criteria for demolition of residential property	No relevant planning applications for such	
<b>Economic Regeneration</b>			
ER1	Priority Area for Economic Regeneration	Implemented through planning decision	
ER2	New employment land	Allocation policy still to be implemented	
ER3	Sequential approach for unallocated sites	General background policy – not easy to directly implement but gives direction	
ER4	Monitoring of employment land	General background policy regarding monitoring. Only to be implemented when problem arises	
ER5	Existing employment areas	Implemented through planning decision	
ER6	Retaining existing employment areas	Implemented through planning decision	
ER7	Neighbourhood service areas	Implemented through planning decision	
ER8	Regeneration and intensification	Implemented through planning decision	
ER9	Research and development	No relevant planning applications for such	
ER10	Economic diversity	No relevant planning applications for such	
ER11	Mixed use for redundant or vacant sites	No relevant planning applications for such	
ER12	Storage and distribution	Implemented through planning decision	
ER13	Education training and childcare	Implemented through planning decision	
ER14	Stansted airport	No relevant planning applications for such. Very general policy	
<b>Transport</b>			
T1	Reducing the need to travel	No major planning applications for such	
T2	Promoting accessible development	Implemented through planning decision	
T3	Transport impact plans	Implemented through planning decision	
T4	Green commuter plans	Implemented through planning decision	
T5	Design in reducing the need to travel	No relevant planning applications for such	
T6	Cycling and walking promotion	Implemented through planning decision	

T7	Cyclist provisions	Implemented through planning decision	
T8	Extensions to the cycleway	No relevant planning applications for such	
T9	Transport interchanges	Site specific to be implemented	To be considered for Site Allocations DPD
T10	Passenger transport	Implemented through planning decision	
T11	Vehicle parking	Implemented through planning decision	
T12	Road planning	Implemented through planning decision	
T13	New Hall link road	To be implemented at appropriate time	
T14	Traffic calming and management	No relevant planning applications for such	
T15	Freight	No relevant planning applications for such	
T16	Safeguarding rail freight facility	No relevant planning applications for such	To be considered for Site Allocations DPD
<b>Leisure and Culture</b>			
L1	Playing fields	No relevant planning applications for such.	Need to be in line with PPG17
L2	Open space and playgrounds	No relevant planning applications for such.	Need to be in line with PPG17
L3	Retaining and improving existing sport + recreation facilities	No relevant planning applications for such	
L4	New sport and recreation facility	Implemented through planning decision - built	
L5	Wet and dry sport and recreation centre	Implemented through planning decision – planning permission granted	
L6	Football stadium	Implemented through planning decision – completed	
L7	Athletics	Implemented through planning decision – completed	
L8	Wheeled sport	Allocation policy yet to be implemented	To be considered for Site Allocations DPD
L9	Local recreation provision	Allocation policy partly implemented	To be considered for Site Allocations DPD
L10	Latton farm	No relevant planning applications for such	
L11	Water based recreation	No relevant planning applications for such	
L12	Allotments	Not being directly implemented. Part of a wider rationalisation process yet to be undertaken	
L13	Public rights of way	No relevant planning applications to effect this	
L14	Joint provision and dual use	No relevant planning applications to effect this	
L15	Arts culture and entertainment	No relevant planning applications for such	
L16	Percent for art	Not been implemented this year. Difficult to implement when no standards imposed	

L17	Golf courses and other large scale open space uses	No relevant planning applications for such	
L18	Rye hill park bowling green	Site-specific policy yet to be used	
<b>Natural Environment and Natural Resources</b>			
NE1	Green wedge	Implemented through planning decision	
NE2	New green wedges	Not been implemented this year.	
NE3	New areas of green wedge	Implemented through planning decision	
NE4	Metropolitan green belt	Implemented through planning decision	
NE5	Extensions to dwellings in the green belt	No relevant applications to effect this	
NE6	Special restraint areas	Development need not yet proven	
NE7	Development of special restraint areas	Development need not yet proven	
NE8	Internal open spaces	No relevant planning applications for such	
NE9	Agricultural housing	No relevant planning applications for such	
NE10	Reuse of rural buildings	No relevant planning applications for such	
NE11	Accessible natural green spaces	No relevant planning applications for such	
NE12	Landscaping	Implemented through planning decision	
NE13	Water environment	No relevant planning applications for such	
NE14	Landscape conservation	No relevant planning applications for such	
NE15	Biodiversity and nature conservation	No relevant planning applications to effect this	
NE16	SSSI	Implemented through planning decision	
NE17	Local nature reserves	No relevant planning applications to effect this	
NE18	Wildlife sites	No relevant planning applications to effect this	
NE19	Wildlife verges	No relevant planning applications to effect this	
NE20	Protected and rare species	No relevant planning applications for such	
<b>Built Environment</b>			
BE1	Achieving a sense of character and identity	Implemented through planning decision	
BE2	Public realm	Implemented through planning decision	
BE3	Sustainable development by design	Implemented through planning decision	
BE4	Sustainable development for higher density	Implemented through planning decision	
BE5	Accessibility in the built environment	Implemented through planning decision	
BE6	Crime prevention and personal safety	Implemented through planning decision	
BE7	Listed buildings	Implemented through planning decision	

BE8	Demolition of listed buildings	No applications to effect this	
BE9	Change of use or conversion of a listed building	Implemented through planning decision	
BE10	Conservation areas	Implemented through planning decision	
BE11	Demolition and redevelopment in a conservation area	Implemented through planning decision	
BE12	New development in conservation areas	Implemented through planning decision	
BE13	Environment improvement schemes	No relevant planning applications for such	
BE14	Historic parks and gardens	No relevant planning applications for such	
BE15	Archaeology	On site-by-site basis	
BE16	Archaeological remains of lesser importance	On site-by-site basis	
BE17	Archaeological field evaluation	On site-by-site basis	
BE18	Contaminated land	No relevant planning applications for such	
BE19	Light pollution	Implemented through planning decision	
BE20	Noise pollution	Implemented through planning decision	
BE21	Air pollution	No relevant planning applications for such	
BE22	Environmental improvements	Policy partly commenced	Consider for Site Allocations DPD
BE23	Design of shop-fronts, signs and advertisements	Implemented through planning decision	
BE24	New hall plan	Implemented	
BE25	Eastend	Not implemented	Special restraint area deleted in adopted plan
<b>Regenerating the Town Centre and Shopping</b>			
RTCS1	Sequential approach	General background policy	
RTCS2	Vitality and viability	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS3	Town Centre and regeneration	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS4	Town centre improvements	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS5	Town centre north	Development brief published	
RTCS6	Town centre north redevelopment sites	Site-specific allocations yet to be implemented	Consider for Site Allocations DPD
RTCS7	Town centre central masterplan	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS8	Playhouse square site	No relevant planning applications for such	
RTCS9	New magistrates court	Court to be rebuilt on existing site	
RTCS10	Primary frontages	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS11	Secondary frontages	No relevant planning applications for such	
RTCS12	Town centre south	Development completed	

RTCS13	Wych elm	Site specific policy yet to be enacted	
RTCS14	Neighbourhood centre	Deleted in adopted plan	
RTCS15	Hatches	Deleted in adopted plan	
RTCS16	Strengthen the role of neighbourhood centres and hatches	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS17	Change of use in neighbourhood centres and hatches	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS18	Stow and bush fair neighbourhood centre	Implemented through planning decision	
RTCS19	Redevelopment of hatches	Continually accessed through planning decision	
RTCS20	New Hall shops and facilities	Partially implemented – plans received but on-going development	
RTCS21	Retail warehouse parks	Identification of existing sites incorporated in RTCS22	
RTCS22	Proposals for retail warehouses	Implemented through planning decision	
<b>Community Facilities and Public Utilities</b>			
CP1	Community facilities in new housing development	Implemented through planning decision	
CP2	Community facilities legal agreement	Implemented through planning decision	
CP3	Accessibility of new community facilities	Implemented through planning decision	
CP4	Princess Alexandra hospital	Being implemented	
CP5	Provision and expansion of healthcare facilities	Implemented through planning decision	
CP6	Rebuilding and refurbishment of community facilities	Implemented through planning decision	
CP7	Education and training facility	Implemented through planning decision	
CP8	Relocation of ambulance station	Site-specific application yet to be received	
CP9	Development by statutory undertakers	Not used in planning decisions. Difficult to monitor when permission not required	Criteria based policy developed in DPD
CP10	Securing satisfactory phasing of provision	Implemented through planning decision	
CP11	Telecommunication development	Implemented through planning decision	
CP12	Communal television reception	No relevant planning applications for such	
CP13	Development at risk of flooding	No relevant applications to effect this	
CP14	Water conservation and SUDs	No relevant planning applications for such	
CP15	Hazardous substances	No relevant planning applications for such	
CP16	Provision of underground services in verges	Implemented through planning decision	

Implementation, Monitoring + Review		
IMP1	Provision of related infrastructure, services, facilities and environmental protection	No relevant applications to effect this or suggest otherwise

**ADOPTED HARLOW LOCAL PLAN 1996 - 2001 (EXISTING, NOT PRINCIPAL) APRIL 05 – MARCH 2006.**

Policy		Is it being Implemented? Why / why not?	Action required
<b>Population and Housing</b>			<b>No action is planned to implement policies in this Plan as it is in the process of being replaced with the Replacement Harlow Local Plan which is due to be adopted in Spring 2006</b>
H1	Housing allocations	Lifetime of policy expired in 2001	
H2	Church Langley housing	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
H3	Church Langley phasing	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
H4	Church Langley density	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
H5	Church Langley house type	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
H6	Needs of small households	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
H7	Affordable housing targets	Implemented through planning decision	
H8	Occupancy of affordable housing	Implemented through planning decision	
H9	Methods to secure affordable housing	Implemented through planning decision	
H10	Provision of special needs housing	Implemented through planning decision	
H11	Mobility and accessible housing provision	Implemented through planning decision	
H12	Provision of sheltered housing	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
H13	Infill development	Implemented through planning decision	
H14	Loss of residential accommodation	Implemented through planning decision	
H15	Commercial use of residential properties	Similar policy carried through to RHLP	
H16	Conversion/ adaptation of dwellings	Implemented through planning decision	
<b>Employment</b>			
E1	Employment allocations	Implemented through planning decision	
E2	Land at BP House	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
E3	New firms providing employment	Replaced by more general policy in RHLP	
E4	The Business Park	Implemented through planning decision	
E5	Provision for small firms	No longer relevant and replaced in RHLP	
E6	Expansion of existing employment	New policy now used in RHLP	
E7	Uses in established industrial areas	New policy now used in RHLP	

E8	Maximising the Use of Land	Replaced by new policy in RHL P	
E9	Warehousing	New policy now used in RHL P	
E10	Small offices adjacent to shopping centres	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
E11	Development of craft units	Not carried through to RHL P	
E12	Church Langley craft units	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
E13	Training	Replaced or made irrelevant by RHL P	
E14	Community gain	New policy now used in RHL P	
E15	Environmental considerations	Implemented through planning decision	
E16	Landscape considerations	New policy now used in RHL P	
<b>Transportation</b>			
T1	Dualling of Second and Third Avenue	Site-specific and implemented	
T2	New road and junction improvements	New policy now used in RHL P	
T3	Church Langley Estate Road	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
T4	Increasing use of bus services	Replaced by more general policy by RHL P	
T5	Bus station redevelopment	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
T6	British Rail stations	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
T7	New cycleways / cycle parking	Replaced by policy by RHL P	
T8	New development and cycleways / footpaths	Implemented through planning decision	
T9	Access for people with restricted mobility	Replaced by policy in RHL P	
T10	New Town Centre parking	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
T11	Use of car parks	Replaced by policy in RHL P	
T12	Car parking in shopping centres	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
T13	Parking at The Stow	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
T14	Car parking and new developments	Implemented through planning decision	
T15	Residential car parking	Implemented through planning decision	
T16	'New Street' schemes	No longer relevant for RHL P	
T17	Staple Tye Lorry Park	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
<b>Shopping</b>			
SH1	Sites allocated for shopping use	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
SH2	Upgrading the Town Centre environment	Implemented through planning decision	
SH3	Westgate Square development	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
SH4	Non-retail uses in Town Centre: Primary Frontages	New policy now used in RHL P	



SH5	Non-retail uses in Town Centre: Secondary frontages	New policy now used in RHLP	
SH6	Upgrading The Stow and Bush Fair neighbourhood centres	Replaced by new policy now used in RHLP	
SH7	Redevelopment of Staple Tye neighbourhood centre	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
SH8	Upgrading Old Harlow neighbourhood centre	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
SH9	Upgrading the Hatches	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
SH10	Church Langley neighbourhood centre	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
SH11	Church Langley local centre	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
SH12	Non-retail uses in neighbourhood centres	Implemented through planning decision	
SH13	Non-retail uses in the Hatches	Site-specific and now been replaced with more general policy in RHLP	
SH14	Out of Town retailing / retail warehousing	New policy now used in RHLP	
SH15	Provision for people with restricted mobility	New policy now used in RHLP	
<b>Leisure</b>			
LR1	Ice Rink and Ten Pin Bowling provision	More general policy has developed in RHLP	
LR2	Major recreational development	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR3	Leisure facilities east off Allende Avenue	Site-specific and now been replaced with more general policy in RHLP	
LR4	Leisure facilities east of Paldon Avenue	Site-specific and now been replaced with more general policy in RHLP	
LR5	Site for equestrian facilities	No longer relevant – not included in RHLP development	
LR6	Leisure facilities in the Town Centre redevelopment	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
LR7	Netteswellbury Farm / St Andrews Church development	Policy was site-specific and no longer relevant	
LR8	New hotels	Implemented through planning decision	
LR9	Improved access to the river for recreation	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
LR10	Pinnacles West open space	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
LR11	Recreation centres	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR12	New recreation at Ryehill Park	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
LR13	Allotment provision	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR14	Improved access to woodlands	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR15	Improving and extending footpaths	New policy now used in RHLP	

LR16	Improving and extending bridleways	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR17	Open spaces in new housing developments	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR18	Play space standards in developments	New policy now used in RHLP	
LR19	Church Langley large open spaces	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
LR20	Church Langley small open spaces	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
LR21	Church Langley leisure centre	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
LR22	Church Langley footpath network	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
LR23	Church Langley bridleway	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
LR24	Wider availability of facilities	New policy now used in RHLP	
<b>Community Uses</b>			
C1	Favoured locations for new community facilities	Implemented through planning decision	
C2	Expansion of Princess Alexandra Hospital	Site specific – implementing new policy in RHLP	
C3	Location of primary healthcare	Not relevant in RHLP – replaced new policy	
C4	Health Centre redevelopment / expansion	New policy now used in RHLP	
C5	Church Langley Health Centre	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
C6	New health facilities encouragement / assistance	Not relevant in RHLP – replaced new policy	
C7	New provision of social services	Implemented through planning decision	
C8	Community uses at Rivermill	Time and site-specific and no longer relevant	
C9	Church Langley community centre	Site-specific and no longer relevant	
C10	Neighbourhood offices	New policy now used in RHLP	
C11	Day care facilities	New policy now used in RHLP	
C12	Extension to the cemetery	Not implemented or included in RHLP	
C13	Church Langley primary schools	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
C14	Church Langley joint use of schools	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
C15	Church Langley Church	Policy was site-specific and has been achieved	
<b>The Natural Environment</b>			
NE1	Protection / Enhancement of Green Wedges	Implemented through planning decision	
NE2	New Green Wedges	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE3	Protection of the Metropolitan Green Belt	Implemented through planning decision	
NE4	Special Restraint Area	New policy now used in RHLP	

NE5	Extensions to existing dwellings within the Metropolitan Green Belt	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE6	Agricultural Housing	Replaced by new, similar policy in RHLP	
NE7	Use of redundant rural buildings	Replaced by new, similar policy in RHLP	
NE8	Internal open space	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE9	Tree preservation orders	Implemented through planning decision	
NE10	Protecting landscape features	Implemented through planning decision	
NE11	Preservation and planting of hedgerows	Replaced by new, similar policy in RHLP	
NE12	New planting	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE13	Protection of SSSIs and LNRs	Replaced by new, similar policy in RHLP	
NE14	Protection of Natural Habitat Sites	Replaced by new, similar policy in RHLP	
NE15	Church Langley Retained Landscape Features	Site-specific and now achieved. Needs ongoing protection	
NE16	The value of water spaces	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE17	Countryside management schemes	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE18	Special Landscape Areas	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE19	The Nature Conservation Zone	New policy now used in RHLP	
NE20	Church Langley structural landscaping	Site specific and has been achieved	
NE21	Agricultural land	New policy now used in RHLP	
<b>Built Environment</b>			
BE1	Sustainable development	Implemented through planning decision	
BE2	Design of new development	Implemented through planning decision	
BE3	Changes to existing buildings	Implemented through planning decision	
BE4	Improving physical access	New policy now used in RHLP	
BE5	Provision for people with restricted mobility	Implemented through planning decision	
BE6	Personal safety	Implemented through planning decision	
BE7	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	Implemented through planning decision	
BE8	Areas of Archaeological Importance	Implemented through planning decision	
BE9	Development affecting conservation areas	Implemented through planning decision	
BE10	Environment of conservation areas	Implemented through planning decision	
BE11	Demolition or alteration of listed buildings	Implemented through planning decision	
BE12	Preservation of listed buildings	Implemented through planning decision	

BE13	Building preservation notices	New policy now used in RHLP	
BE14	Areas of ecological improvement	New policy now used in RHLP	
BE15	Protection against noise pollution	New policy now used in RHLP	
BE16	Design of shop fronts, signs and adverts	Implemented through planning decision	
BE17	Energy efficiency	New policy now used in RHLP	
<b>Public Utilities</b>			
PU1	Services and new development	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
PU2	Public agency development	Replaced / made irrelevant by RHLP	
PU3	New estate roads and services	Replaced by new, similar policy in RHLP	
PU4	Reductions in the flood plain	Replaced by more general policy in RHLP	
PU5	Culverting of streams and ditches	No longer in line with best practice guidance	
PU6	Safeguarding primary sub-station sites	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
PU7	Advances in communication	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
PU8	Church Langley Water Tower	Site specific and has been achieved	
PU9	Church Langley water balancing areas	Site specific and has been achieved	
PU10	Services on road verges at Church Langley	Site specific and has been achieved	
PU11	Hazardous substances	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
<b>Implementation and Resources</b>			
IR1	Means of implementation	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
IR2	Planning gain	Replaced by policy in RHLP	
<b>Monitoring, Alterations and Review</b>			
MAR1	To monitor, alter and review policies and proposals	Replaced by policy in RHLP	

## 4 Contextual Indicators

- 4.1 The purpose of contextual indicators is to provide a backdrop against which to consider policy impacts and inform the interpretation of other types of indicators. The contextual indicators give a snapshot of Harlow highlighting key issues and giving a background for policy development at implementation.

### DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE

#### Population:

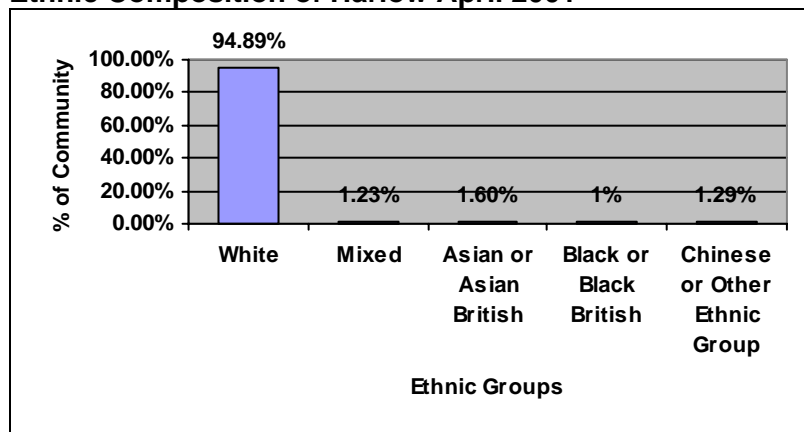
- 4.2 In mid-2004 population estimates there were 77,500 people residing in Harlow, of whom 48.6 per cent were male and 51.4 per cent were female. (Source: National Statistics – NOMIS – mid year 2004). The population of Harlow decreased by 1.5 per cent to 77,800 between 1983 and 2003 (ECC)

#### Household type:

- One-person households 9799 (30%)
- Married couple households 11792 (36%)
- Cohabiting couple households 3257 (10%)
- Lone parent households:
  - with dependent children 2589 (8%)
  - with non-dependent children only 1108 (3%)
- All other households 4640 (14%)

(Source: Census 2001 – Neighbourhood section)

#### Ethnic Composition of Harlow April 2001



(Source: Census 2001 – Neighbourhood section)

### SOCIO-CULTURAL ISSUES

#### Crime Rates (rates per 1000 of the population)

• Sexual offence	1
• Violence against the person	27
• Robbery offences	2
• Burglary dwelling offences	7
• Theft of a motor vehicle offences	6
• Theft from a vehicle offences	11

Source: [Upmystreet.com](http://Upmystreet.com)

#### Unemployment Level

- Harlow's unemployment level as of the 2001 Census was 3.36%

(Table KS09)

**Unemployment Claimant Count (% of residents of working age), 2004 for Harlow**

Economically active (Jan 2005-Dec 2005)

	<b>Harlow (numbers)</b>	<b>Harlow (%)</b>	<b>Eastern (%)</b>	<b>Great Britain (%)</b>
<b>All people</b>				
Economically active	41,000	85.5	81.3	78.4
In employment	38,200	79.7	78.0	74.5
Employees	33,500	70.2	67.0	64.8
Self employed	4,600	9.3	10.6	9.2
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Males</b>				
Economically active	22,000	90.4	86.9	83.2
In employment	19,900	81.9	83.4	78.7
Employees	16,700	69.3	67.5	65.1
Self employed	3,100	12.6	15.6	13.2
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Females</b>				
Economically active	19,000	80.5	75.3	73.2
In employment	18,300	77.4	72.4	70.0
Employees	16,700	71.2	66.5	64.5
Self employed	1,400	5.9	5.4	5.0
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>

Source: annual population survey

† numbers are for those aged 16 and over, % are for those of working age (16-59/64)

§ numbers and % are for those aged 16 and over. % is a proportion of economically active

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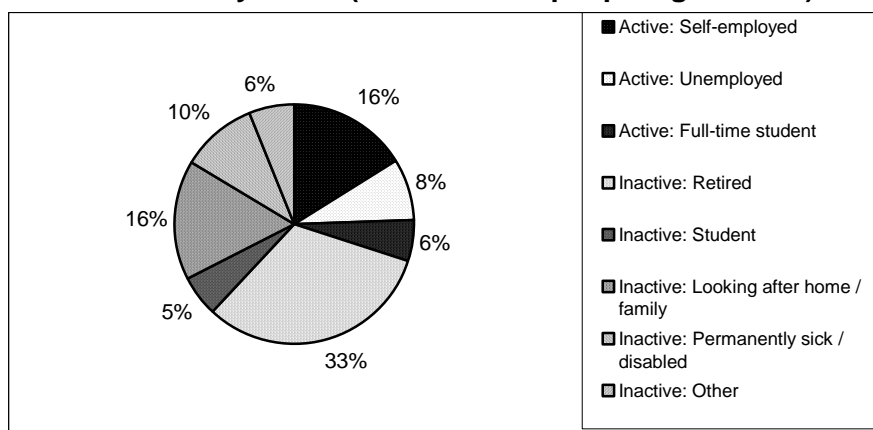
**Deprivation Levels (lowest number being the most deprived):**

Local Authority Summaries, Rank of Average Score	120/354
· Local Authority Summaries, Rank of Income Scale	193/354
· Local Authority Summaries, Rank of Employment	239/354
· Local Authority rank within the East of England Region	9/48
· Local Authority rank within Essex	2/12

(Source: ODPM 2004-2005)

**ECONOMY**

### Economic Activity Rates (% of resident people aged 16-74):



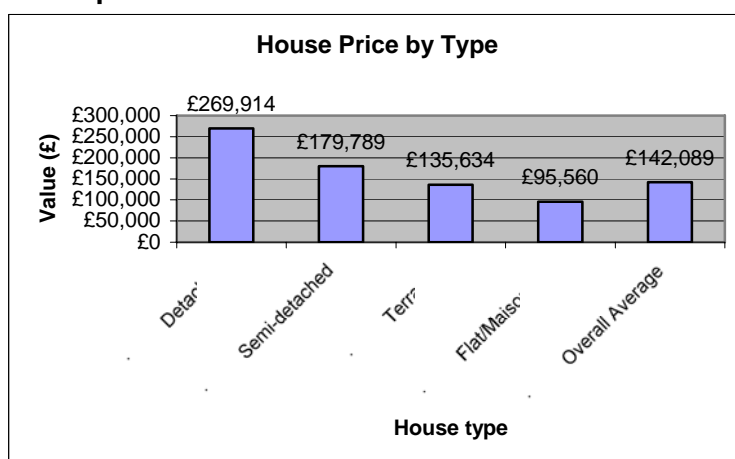
(Source: 2001 Census – Neighbourhood section)

### Household income:

- Average Gross Weekly Earnings (£) £ 452
- Average Gross Annual Earnings (£) £23,551

(Source: New Earnings Survey 2000)

### House price level:



(Source: HM Land Registry May 2003)

Latest results only available for Essex:

- Detached £286,800
- Semi-detached £231,500
- Terraced £165,200
- Flat/Maisonette £108,800
- Overall Average £176,100

(Source: Hometrack RealTime Valuation as of Jul'06)

### Employment (% in occupational areas):

4.3 The main industry in Harlow is electronics and electrical engineering but other important sectors include pharmaceuticals, food and drink, mechanical engineering, glass, chemicals and printing and publishing. Research and Development is a growing area especially in the pharmaceutical industry (ECC).

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| • Managers and senior officials | 16.3 |
| • Professional occupations      | 11.8 |

• Associate professional & technical	11.7
• Administrative & secretarial	15.2
• Skilled trades occupations	11
• Personal service occupations	5.1
• Sales and customer service occupations	5.8
• Process plant & machine operatives	11.5
• Elementary occupations	11.6

Source: local area labour force survey (Mar 2003-Feb 2004)

**Key Assets – Natural Environment:**

• 58 playing fields
• 159 ha of Public spaces
• 26 ha of Recreation grounds
• 58 ha Playing Fields
• 62 Playgrounds (11 ha)
• 134 ha of Woodlands
• 9 conservation areas (116 ha)
• 3 SSSIs

**Housing Stock Conditions**

4.4 The Government’s Decent Homes Standard set out a range of minimum standards for all homes owned by public landlords such as Councils and Registered Social Landlords. To meet this standard a home must:

- Be above the fitness standard for housing
- Be in a reasonable state of repair
- Have modern facilities and services (e.g. kitchens and bathrooms)
- Be reasonably warm.

4.5 The Government requires the homes owned by all public landlords to comply with the Decent Homes Standard by 2010 and reduce by one-third the number of non-decent homes by 2004.

**Harlow’s Housing Stock Conditions**

Total Stock of Housing	Total Stock of Council Housing	Number not meeting Decent Home Standard	% Not meeting Decent Home standard
32,578	10,516	2024	18% 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006 – 14.4% 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2006

Source: Housing Strategy, 1 April 2003

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT ASSETS**

4.6 Physical Condition Survey completed by Assets and Facilities team. The survey relates to the condition of assets on site from August 2004 to March 2005. The grades specify the amount that needs to be spent per square metre to bring the building up to standard.

Grade	% of buildings	Explanation of Grade
Grade A	23 %	£0 to £25/m <sup>2</sup>
Grade B	26%	£26 to £75/m <sup>2</sup>
Grade C	11%	£76 to £100/m <sup>2</sup>
Grade D	40%	>£100/m <sup>2</sup>



- 4.7 A survey has not been carried out this year, it is anticipated that a further survey will be carried out next year.

## **TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY**

### **Passenger Transport – bus based and rail/bus interchange**

*(Sourced from Essex County Council and the LTP Annual Progress report 2005)*

- 4.8 During 2004/05 the following measures were carried out:
- 1,034 bus stops were upgraded as part of a countywide programme to improve roadside information. Of these 135 stops were brought up to QBP standards with new raised kerbs, telematics, real-time information, as well as new flags, poles and static timetable information. New passenger shelters were also introduced at a number of locations using a special fund available to Parish Councils and waiting/loading restrictions introduced to control parking. Over 300 buses are fitted with transponders linked to the Traffic Control Centre and over 150 bus stops display real time information via electronic “smartinfo” and “flag” signs. This is the largest scheme outside London.
  - 40% more funding to enable community services to be expanded. One of the ways this was achieved was through the County Council’s ‘Community Link’ initiative, which provides and organises a range of fleet vehicles for use by community groups via a call centre at County Hall.
  - Continued work on implementing the Optimum EU project to improve access to healthcare, initially in Colchester with the ‘GetThere’ initiative. This brings together bus services, car sharing schemes and a range of other facilities, including taxi-shuttles and park and ride, in order to provide patients, staff and visitors with travel information and alternative ways to access healthcare facilities.

### **Walking and Cycling - improvements to networks and environments**

*(Sourced from Essex County Council and the LTP Annual Progress report 2005)*

- 4.9 50 walking and cycling schemes were introduced in 2004/05 including:
- Investment in the National Cycle Network
  - Urban cycle routes
  - Numerous measures to improve pavements and introduce crossings
  - Urban regeneration schemes to improve the environment and enhance safety,

*The effects of these improvements have been:*

- an increase in the percentage of people within 400 metres (urban) and 800 metres (rural) of a bus stop with an hourly or better service
- an 18% increase in those using Community Transport and
- a 25% increase in passengers using Sunday services
- the meeting of targets for service level types identified in the County Council’s Road Passenger Transport Strategy

- 4.10 At the time of publishing this AMR a progress report on the LTP had not been published. A new Local Transport Plan for 2006 – 2011 has been submitted to Government for approval.

## **SPATIAL INEQUALITY**

- 4.11 Harlow has pockets of deprivation at a very localised level and this can lead to increases in crime, child poverty, unemployment and illness.

4.12 The Council does not have up-to-date monitoring information specifically addressing spatial inequality, although does hold records of past surveys and census information which could provide a benchmark to compare to future monitoring and Annual Monitoring Reports.

4.13 One such source of information is the Index of Multiple Deprivation, which combines indicators across seven domains into a single deprivation score and rank. The domains are:

- Income deprivation
- Employment deprivation
- Health deprivation and disability
- Education, skills and training deprivation
- Barriers to Housing and Services
- Living Environment deprivation

Index of Multiple Deprivation for areas of Harlow:

	IMD Score	Rank of IMD	Rank Harlow
Brays Grove	29.86	2,001	9
Great Parndon	21.54	3,266	15
Hare Street & Town Centre	42.76	949	1
Katherines with Sumners	25.82	2,528	13
Kingsmoor	26.71	2,387	12
Latton Bush	34.02	1,577	7
Little Parndon	32.62	1,707	8
Mark Hall North	29.67	2,026	10
Mark Hall South	35.57	1,444	4
Netteswell East	35.21	1,474	5
Netteswell West	35.06	1,493	6
Old Harlow	20.15	3,528	16
Passmores	37.08	1,333	2
Potter Street	25.55	2,573	14
Stewards	36.60	1,378	3
Tye Green	29.19	2,093	11

**Source:** DTLR Indices of Deprivation 2000

## 5 **Core Output Indicators**

- 5.1 This section reports on the core output indicators that measure quantifiable physical activities that are directly related to, and are a consequence of, the implementation of planning policies.
- 5.2 As a general note: Where there are gaps in the monitoring data for this year, it is aimed to fill in next years report. Harlow continues to develop its electronic Acolaid planning application system to allow for further indicators to be added to the reporting currently done on development control applications and decisions. In addition Essex County Council is coordinating residential and non-residential studies as part of a service level agreement. For a relatively small council like Harlow resourcing issues may be a problem. Monitoring, however, is recognised as a priority to ensure informed decision making in the future.
- 5.3 Analysis of future Annual Monitoring Reports, comparing them over time, it will become clearer which policies relating to the core indicators are effective and which need revision.

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 2004-2005**

#### **Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to this indicator:**

ER1	Priority Area for Economic Regeneration
ER2	New employment land
ER3	Sequential approach for unallocated sites
ER4	Monitoring of employment land
ER5	Existing employment areas
ER6	Retaining existing employment areas
ER8	Regeneration and intensification
ER10	Economic diversity
ER14	Stansted airport

#### **Amount of land developed for employment type**

	2004 - 2005	2005 - 2006
Employment type	Sq metres gross floorspace	Sq metres gross floorspace
B1(B1a)	6848	1199(B1a)
B2	0	0
B8	1170	5905
B1/B2/B8	3728	1877
Total	11746	8981

#### **Commentary:**

- Planning applications, which allow consent for B1/B2 and B8 mean that a true picture for development within the separate use classes cannot be indicated.
- There had been a reduction in completions for B1. Although There is consent for 17,500 sqm in the pipeline.
- There is an increase in B8 completions, in particular from a distribution warehouse on an area identified for B1.

#### **Amount of land developed by employment, by type which is in development and/or regeneration areas defined in the LDF**

#### **Commentary:**

- All employment development was in designated employment areas. None was completed on allocated employment areas, as this issue is subject to the Local

Plan Modification process. New employment land has been allocated in the now Adopted Plan.

### Percentage of land developed for employment by type, which is on Previously Developed Land

**Commentary:**

- All land developed for employment was on previously developed land.

### Employment land supply by type

Employment type	2004 - 2005		2005 - 2006	
	Sq metres gross floorspace	Hectares	Sq metres gross floorspace	Hectares
B1(B1a)	19923	2.92	17483(4058)	To be assessed
B2	0	0	0	0
B8	21873	0.33	7585	To be assessed
B1/B8	6232	.98	0	0
B1/B2/B8	7685	1.49	8002	To be assessed
Total	55713	5.7	33070	

**Commentary:**

- Planning applications, which allow consent for B1/B2 and B8 mean that a true picture for development within the separate use classes cannot be indicated.
- Supply of B1 land remains at a similar level.
- There is no supply of B2 land reflecting the current nature of the town tending towards the service sector.

### Losses of employment land in development/regeneration areas and local authority area

**Commentary:**

- 612 sq metres were lost to employment. This data is not collected in hectares at this time. This data is expected to be available for the 2006 – 2007 Monitoring Report, due to the integration of the corporate GIS system and the planning application administration software (project delayed due to technical problems). At this point new application site boundaries can be digitised and a density ascertained.

### Amount of employment land lost to residential development

**Commentary:**

- An application was allowed on appeal for 0.91ha to 91 dwellings.

## HOUSING

### Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to these indicators:

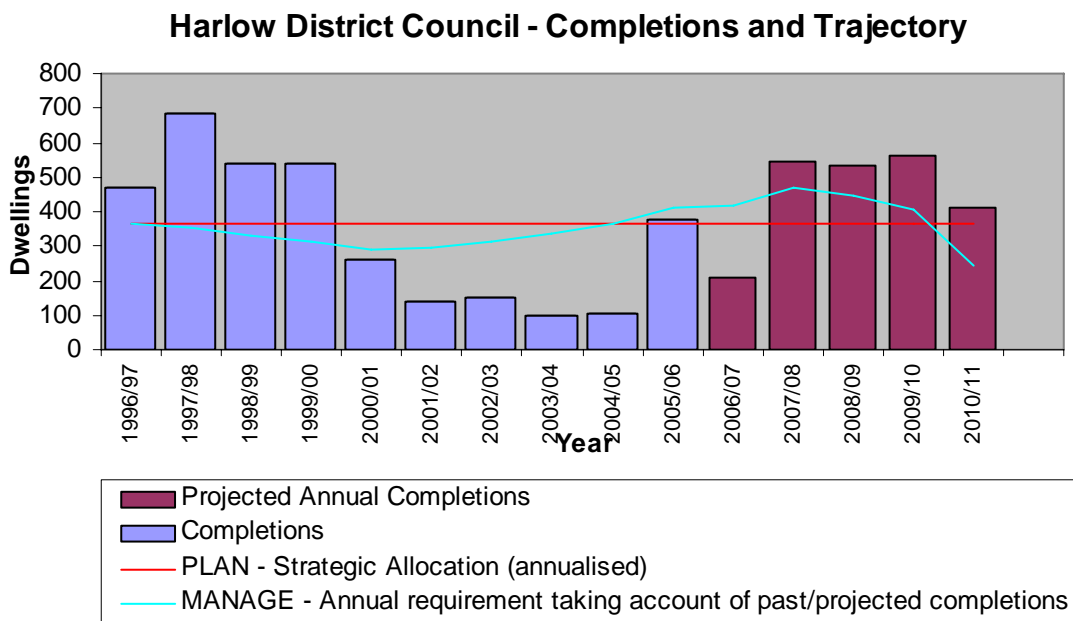
H1	Prioritise the release of housing land
H2	Maximising housing development

H3	Housing density
H6	Housing land monitoring
H8	Affordable housing requirement
H9	Affordable housing allocations
H14	Infill development
H16	Conversion to provide separate units

Housing stock numbers in Harlow 2000-2004:

Year	Council Housing	Total Housing Stock
2003	10,516	32,578
2004	10,856	34,437
2005		34,572

### Housing Trajectory



See Appendix 1 for details

#### Commentary:

- Early years high completion rates indicate the main building period for Church Langley.
- From 1996 to 2000 building rates were significantly above Structure Plan requirements
- The dip between 2000 and 2005 indicates the tailing off of development at Church Langley
- From 2006 to 2011 building rates increase to compensate for reduction in earlier years. Boosted in the main by the new Strategic housing development at Newhall and a change in direction of government guidance reflected in the emerging Local Plan in which more development is encouraged on previously developed land.

#### Percentage of new and converted dwellings on Previously Developed Land 2005-2006

5.4 86 percent of completions were on PDL.

5.5 The target for this is set in Best Value Performance Indicator 106, which is 60%.

**Commentary:**

- The reliance on greenfield strategic development coming on stream means that there will be a significant swing between completions on those and previously developed land. In this recording period a slowing down of major greenfield completions has meant a dominance of smaller previously developed land completions.

**Percentage of new dwellings completed by density 2004-2005**

- 5.6 Percentage less than 30 dwellings per hectare – 1%  
 Percentage between 30 and 50 dwellings per hectare – 69%  
 Above 50 dwellings per hectare – 30%

Note: Assumed Gross/Net Ratio as per Tapping The Potential (<0.4=100%, 0.4-2ha = 90% and >2ha = 75%). Based on developments of 10 or more dwellings

**Commentary:**

- 99% of completions were at a density within or above government requirements in PPG3 - Housing

**Affordable Housing completions**

- 5.7 There were 18 Affordable Housing completions. This equates to 5.6% against target.
- 5.8 The target for this indicator is 30% of dwellings completed on sites requiring affordable housing.

**Commentary:**

- Affordable housing completions have been reliant on permissions that incorporated an affordable housing element. A major contribution to 2006 completions was Church Langley which has a low affordable housing element in this period as affordable housing provision on this site has been completed several years ago. Newhall and the Gateway scheme (Sportscentre) which will be providing a significant proportion of affordable units have not yet been completed at the significant rate which is expected in the future.

**TRANSPORT****Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to these indicators:**

T1	Reducing the need to travel
T2	Promoting accessible development
T3	Transport impact plans
T4	Green commuter plans
T10	Passenger transport
T11	Use of car parks

**Amount of completed non-residential development within UCOs A, B, and D complying with car-parking standards set out in LDF**

- 5.9 The Replacement Local Plan does not directly monitor compliance with car-parking standards. It does prescribe parking provisions, which are in accordance with the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards, for planning applicants to adhere to in proposal stage. These have all been complied with in planning applications.

- 5.10 The non-residential car-parking standards outlined in the LDF are yet to be executed and therefore, measured.
- 5.11 As part of the service level agreement with Essex County Council monitoring of car parking spaces is undertaken, however, this database is in the early stages of compilation, and has only recently begun to be monitored. The target for this indicator will be 100% compliance.

**Amount of new residential development with 30 mins of public transport time of a GP, hospital, primary and secondary school, employment and a major health centre.**

- 5.12 100% of all residential completions during 2006 were located within 30 mins public transport time of key services GP, hospital, primary school, secondary school, areas of employment (500+) and major retail centres.
- 5.13 The target is 100%.

**Commentary:**

- Due to the physical size of Harlow, and its cluster neighbourhood design, most new residential development would be located within 30 minutes or more of public transport needed to reach the facilities listed.
- With potential expansion of the town, it would be a useful baseline to measure against and include in the next Monitoring Report. This issue has been highlighted within the sustainability objectives to be addressed in future DPDs regarding transport and accessibility to community infrastructure.
- The progress of Transport Accessibility on a more regional basis is addressed in the section 'Contextual Indicators' in this report. These indicators will also help to establish a baseline for this issue.

**LOCAL SERVICES**

**Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to these indicators:**

RTCS1	Sequential approach
RTCS2	Vitality and viability
RTCS3	Town Centre and regeneration
RTCS4	Town centre improvements
RTCS5	Town centre north
RTCS6	Town centre north redevelopment sites
L1	Playing fields
L4	New sport and recreation facility
L15	Arts culture and entertainment
L17	Golf courses and other large scale open space uses
*Plus specific leisure facilities allocation policies (e.g. football stadium)	

**Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development.**

- 5.14 A total of 8147 sqm of retail floorspace was completed in the District in the reporting year.

**Commentary:**

- Of these completions 7432 sqm was a new major retail warehouse park.

**Percentage of completed retail, office and leisure development in the town centres**

- 5.15 There were no office, retail or leisure development completed within district centres or Harlow Town centre in the 2006 survey.
- 5.16 As part of the annual monitoring (SLA) Essex County Council records retail permissions (250 sq m), Office (1,000 sq m) and Leisure (1000 sq m). All permissions at 2006 have been digitised into the DMS so site areas are available of the permission boundary. EERA monitoring requires ECC to identify those retail permissions, which are regarded as town centre, edge of centre etc. These are analysed against the latest local plan boundaries.

**Percentage of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag award standard**

- 5.17 There are two eligible open spaces within Harlow for Green Flag award standard. For the recording year neither were at that standard.
- 5.18 The target is for both eligible open spaces to be awarded a Green Flag.

**Commentary:**

- Although it would be desirable to have Harlow's open spaces managed to this standard, at this stage more work is required in order to be eligible. The fragmented management structure of some of the highest quality parks has been an obstacle to the integrated running. Despite this, the Parks department is constantly working to upgrade the parks and aim to achieve this status.
- Data is collected by the Parks Department to monitor and manage the two parks. Management Plans are in place to achieve Green Flag Status.

**FLOOD PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY**

**Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to these indicators:**

SD11	Water Conservation
NE13	Water environment
CP13	Development at risk of flooding

**Planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the environmental agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality**

- 5.19 This matter is not directly addressed or monitored in the Local Plan. The importance of flooding and water quality issues have, however, been recognised and have directly pinpointed these areas for policy development through our Sustainability Objectives for future Development Plan Documents.
- 5.20 Current practice is that the Environment Agency is consulted on planning applications within flood risk areas and their advice is taken into account in decision-making. However, one planning permission has been granted for a storage/reception building for a canal boat project for disabled people contrary to advice. It was considered that this was not a habitable building, and some realignment had taken place to provide a buffer zone.



- 5.21 The Environment Agency produces flood hazard maps, which are updated annually. These maps provide the trigger point for consultation. Although applications and proposals of activities to this end are rare, they do need to be quantified and will therefore specifically record any such planning permissions. Regard to the environmental agency's advice on such applications should be a point of criteria for planning permission in future Development Plan Documents.
- 5.22 In regard to water quality, this is monitored by the Environment Agency. If planning permissions are granted contrary to their advice, these need to be recorded and justified. This will be flagged for the next round of monitoring.

## **BIODIVERSITY**

### **Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to these indicators:**

NE1	Green wedge
NE4	Metropolitan green belt
NE11	Accessible natural green spaces
NE12	Landscaping
NE13	Water environment
NE14	Landscape conservation
NE16	SSSI
NE17	Local nature reserves
NE18	Wildlife sites
NE19	Wildlife verges
NE20	Protected and rare species

### **Change in priority habitats and species (by type) and areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value**

- 5.23 Monitoring information for this issue is not currently available. A monitoring indicator exists in the Replacement Local Plan for a percentage of planning applications approved for development on the internal Open Spaces, wildlife sites and verges (target: None approved). This would go some way in establishing if a designated site had changed in status or value.
- 5.24 As shown below, Harlow District has a number of designated natural areas considering it is such an urban environment. The District has 16 County Wildlife Sites (CWSs), as recorded in an Essex Wildlife Trust survey in 1990. The district has a total of three LNRs at Harlow Marsh (13ha area), Hawkenbury Meadow (2ha) and Parndon Woods and Common (50ha).

### **Nationally Important Wildlife Sites**

The District has two SSSI,

- Parndon Wood (22ha) which is also a LNR, Metropolitan Green Belt, Special Landscape Area and Nature Conservation Zone and;
- Hospital and Risdens Wood (24.3ha) – LNR, Metropolitan Green Belt, Special Landscape Area and Nature Conservation Zone.

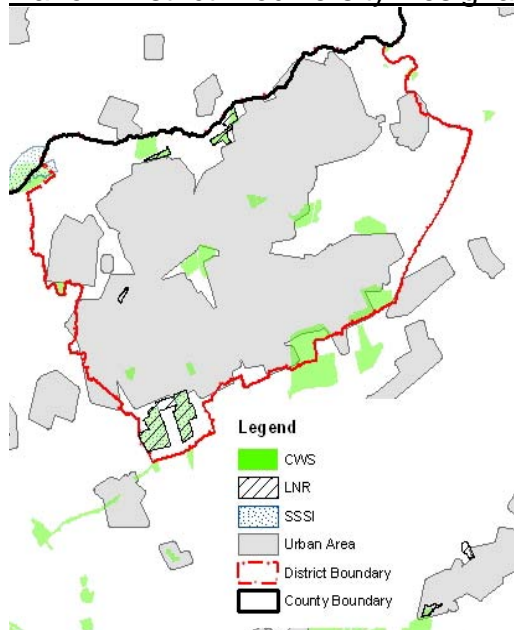
- 5.25 The Government has set a Public Service Agreement target that 95% of SSSI land by area should be in favourable condition by 2010.

5.26 On original inspection by Natural England the SSSIs were in an unfavourable condition.

**Commentary:**

- There is currently a SSSI Management Plan being developed for the whole District to manage these two important sites and work has been carried out and the sites are considered to be recovering. Natural England has been asked to resurvey these sites in advance of their normal cycle.
- Harlow District Council, together with the community, has an active programme to reverse this problem.

Harlow District Biodiversity Designations (1990)



**Change in priority Species**

5.27 Recently five flagship species have been selected for the Harlow area. A baseline will be established for these species and they will be regularly monitored. The five species and targets are outlined in the table below:

EBAP targets (ECC and Essex Wildlife Trust, 1999): Harlow Flagship Species

Species	Action/Target	Harlow DC responsibility	Detail
Sky Lark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To maintain and where possible enlarge the population of skylarks in Essex</li> </ul>	Yes	Review management of land owned by BAP partner bodies for skylarks. Target: management practices on land owned by BAP partner reviewed in terms of skylark requirement by 2001
Pipistrelle Bat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain existing population and range of pipistrelles</li> </ul>	No	Survey work carried out on appropriate woodland habitats.
Great Crested Newt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2006 a survey was commissioned by HDC to ascertain the distribution of the species in Harlow.</li> </ul>	Yes	As set out in action/target column

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once known maintain the range distribution and viability of the existing county population</li> <li>Restore some population to counter past losses</li> </ul>		
Bee Orchid	Not specified within EBAP		
Desmoulin's Whorl Snail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that identified populations of snails are protected, maintained and enhanced</li> <li>Undertake survey of former and likely sites to determine a true county distribution by the year 2005</li> </ul>	No	Regardless of this not being a direct responsibility of Harlow DC, some survey work has been undertaken on this species

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

### Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to these indicators:

SD1	Protecting and enhancing environmental health
SD7	Energy

### Renewable energy capacity installed by type

- 5.28 East of England targets producing 14% of its electricity needs from renewable sources by 2010 (Making Renewable Energy a Reality – Setting a Challenging Target for the Eastern Region. ESD and Global to Local, 2001), this target is set at 9% for Essex.
- 5.29 The District does not currently have any large renewable energy power plants and is not an attractive area for wind-generated power proposals due to its location. Harlow is therefore not contributing to the 9% renewable sources target for the county.
- 5.30 For renewable energy innovations in new residential, commercial, or industrial development, to come from on site renewable energy developments, they are monitored where they require planning permission. Local Plan Policy actively supports new developments incorporating renewable energy.
- 5.31 There were no applications during the recording period. A district wide target has not been set, as this will require further research into the districts potential for renewable energy.

## GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS

### Policies in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan relevant to this indicator:

H13	Provision for travellers
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### Number of authorised public and private sites

- 5.32 Essex County Council has 2 authorised public sites in the Harlow District– Fern Hill Lane and Flex Meadow, providing 44 pitches.

**Number of unauthorised sites and numbers of caravans on them (and any changes)**

5.33 None currently known

**Permissions granted for new, or extensions to, public or private sites (and any unimplemented permissions)**

5.34 No new permissions or extensions submitted. The Council is not seeking to establish further Council run sites for settled occupation. The Council has been approached on a number of occasions with requests for winter quarters but it has not been possible to identify an appropriate site.

**Performance of existing development plan policies**

5.35 Government advises in Circular 1/94 that policies should contain clear and realistic criteria for the provision of sites.

5.36 The policy in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan sets out a number of criteria that need to be met if planning permission is to be granted. Criteria include: provision only for recognised travelling show people, effect on natural environment and neighbours, effects on character, landscaping and screening, highway safety, accessibility to local services.

5.37 This provides clear guidance for decision-makers to consider in the event of a planning application.

5.38 A county wide assessment of traveller and gypsy provision is under way.

**SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS INDICATORS**

5.39 Significant Effects Indicators are still being developed for Harlow. These are being advanced alongside the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping process, which is currently at public consultation stage. After public consultation closes and the sustainability objectives, targets and indicators are finalised for the Scoping Report, the Council will be equipped with more information on what indicators are needed.

5.40 Monitoring of these indicators should enable the Council to see if there is a difference between the predicted effects of the implementation of policies, and the actual effects. This will help ensure a robust assessment of policy implementation. The indicators chosen will reflect the specific needs of Harlow as a small area, our monitoring experience and the availability of resources.

## 6 Local Output Indicators 2005-06

- 6.1 These indicators have been selected in light of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI) and address the outputs of Local Plan policies not covered by the core output indicators.
- 6.2 These indicators comprise the monitoring requirements set out in the Replacement Harlow Local Plan, which have been monitored for well over a year now and were included in last year's Annual Monitoring Report. The Local Plan's indicators are not intended to be a detailed or comprehensive set of criteria to assess every policy in the Local Plan or to duplicate indicators which are more appropriately monitored elsewhere. They have been selected to ensure monitoring is practical and achievable.
- 6.3 The nature of some of the information means that it is not appropriate to set targets relating to them although the data will be collected to provide the Council with additional information on the District or the performance of the Local Plan. This is the case with population and unemployment data and basic information on the amount of floor space constructed for certain uses.
- 6.4 In addition to the indicators contained in the table, the Council will also continue to review:
- Changes in other policies and objectives of the Council and other agencies with an interest in the area;
  - Changes in Government guidance;
  - Changes to local development frameworks of adjacent authorities;
  - Trends in the development industry and the wider economy.

### GENERAL

<b>Policy</b>	BVPI 108
<b>Indicator</b>	Number of planning applications advertised as departures from the Plan and approved as a percentage of total number of planning applications approved in the year.
<b>Target</b>	Less than 1% of the total planning applications approved in a year.
<b>Actual</b>	0%
<b>Commentary</b>	One application, which was a departure from the Plan, was refused.

<b>Policy</b>	BVPI 204 (6)
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of appeals where the Council's decision was overturned.
<b>Target</b>	Less than 1% of the total appeals heard in a year.
<b>Actual</b>	50%%
<b>Commentary</b>	This was based on only a sample of two applications.

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

<b>Policy</b>	SD3
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of applications for developments that met the sequential test.
<b>Target</b>	100% of developments, to which Policy SD3 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	100% (check below)
<b>Commentary</b>	Of the major development the following were considered to have met the sequential test (primarily for being built on PDL):

<b>Policy</b>	SD4/SD5
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved on mixed use developments

	where proposals are for compatible uses.
<b>Target</b>	100% of planning applications approved, to which Policy SD4 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No relevant policies

## HOUSING

<b>Policy</b>	H1 (BVPI 106)
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of dwelling completions on previously developed land.
<b>Target</b>	60% of dwelling completions on developments, to which Policy H1 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	84%
<b>Commentary</b>	There were 121 dwellings completed on previously developed land 05/06

<b>Policy</b>	H3
<b>Indicator</b>	Average density of 30 dwellings per hectare to be achieved on allocated housing sites.
<b>Target</b>	100% of dwellings completions, on developments to which Policy H3 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>One application received on the Replacement Harlow Local Plan allocated housing sites. This is the Newhall Development (application number HW/PL/04/000228), which with 30 dwellings on just in excess of half a Ha gives a density of just under 70 units per Ha.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: New proposals for the Completion of the part built approved residential of land parcel 1B at New Hall Farm</li> <li>• Location: Land at New Hall Farm Area 1B and 1C, London Road</li> <li>• Proposal: Erection of 4 Storey block</li> <li>• Location: Land parcel 1G, The Chase, New Hall Farm, Harlow</li> </ul>

<b>Policy</b>	H5/H6
<b>Indicator</b>	Dwelling completions to meet the annual dwelling requirement.
<b>Target</b>	90% of the annual dwellings requirement of 255 is met.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>315 dwellings were completed against the target of 255.</p> <p>NB This indicator has been deleted from the Adopted Replacement Harlow Local Plan.</p>

<b>Policy</b>	H8/H9
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved, for developments that are eligible for affordable housing, that have negotiated 30% affordable housing.
<b>Target</b>	100% of housing planning applications approved, to which Policy H8 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>The following applications have negotiated affordable housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: New proposals for the completion of the part built approved residential development of land parcel 1B at New Hall Farm.</li> <li>• Location: Land at New Hall Farm Area 1B and 1C, London Road</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Erection of 4 storey block</li> <li>• Location: Land parcel 1G, The Chase, New Hall Farm, Harlow</li> </ul>
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## ECONOMIC REGENERATION

<b>Policy</b>	ER2/ER4
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for B1, B2, and B8 developments on sites not allocated in local plan and not located within the designated employment areas that met the sequential test.
<b>Target</b>	100% of planning applications approved, of which Policy ER3 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications were received

<b>Policy</b>	ER2/ER5
<b>Indicator</b>	The amount of employment land lost to non-employment uses in the Employment Areas.
<b>Target</b>	No loss of employment land to non-employment uses.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications were received

<b>Policy</b>	ER13
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for new and expanding employment companies that agree to operate local recruitment, training, education and childcare.
<b>Target</b>	90% of planning applications approved, to which Policy ER13 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications received relevant to this policy

## TRANSPORT

<b>Policy</b>	T3
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for major developments that submitted a Transport Impact Assessment.
<b>Target</b>	100% of planning applications approved, to which Policy T3 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications received that were relevant to this policy

<b>Policy</b>	T4
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for new and expanding employment companies that submitted a Green Commuter Plan.
<b>Target</b>	90% of planning applications approved, to which Policy T4 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	75%
<b>Commentary</b>	The following applications were conditional on submission of a Green Commuter Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Demolition of existing Do-It-All &amp; Harveys retail warehouses and erection of single DIY store with outdoor projects</li> </ul>

	<p>centre together with reconfiguration of car parking, servicing, access &amp; landscaping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Princes Gate, Howard Way, Harlow</li> <li>• Proposal: Erection of 14No units in Three terraces</li> <li>• Location: Plots 11&amp; 12, Harlow Business Park, Roydon Road, Harlow</li> <li>• New Manufacturing unit with ancillary office accommodation facility</li> <li>• Location: Plot 7, Harlow Business Park, Roydon Road, Harlow</li> </ul> <p>For the following application we did not get a green commuter plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Construction of 9 Light industrial units</li> <li>• Location: Plot 13, Harlow Business Park, Parkway, Harlow</li> </ul>
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<b>Policy</b>	T7/T10
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for developments that require the provision for rail, bus, taxi or cycle ways.
<b>Target</b>	90% of planning applications approved, to which Policy T10 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>The following applications required provision for improvement or development of bus, cycle or walkways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Erection of 14No units in Three terraces</li> <li>• Location: Plot 11 &amp; 12, Harlow Business Park, Roydon Road, Harlow</li> </ul>

## LEISURE & CULTURE

<b>Policy</b>	L1
<b>Indicator</b>	Number of playing fields lost where no comparable replacement is provided.
<b>Target</b>	No loss of playing fields to development unless in accordance with Policy L1.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications were received relevant to this policy

<b>Policy</b>	L3
<b>Indicator</b>	Number of sports, leisure or recreational facility lost where no comparable replacement is provided.
<b>Target</b>	No loss of sport, leisure or recreation facility to development unless in accordance with Policy L3.
<b>Actual</b>	No loss
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>The following application was approved to which this policy applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: To change existing 2No Bowling Greens into Hard Court Tennis surfaces</li> <li>• Location: Latton Bush Centre, Southern Way, Harlow</li> </ul>

<b>Policy</b>	L15
<b>Indicator</b>	Number of cultural & entertainment facilities lost where no comparable replacement is provided.
<b>Target</b>	No loss of cultural & entertainment facilities to development unless in accordance with Policy L15.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable



<b>Commentary</b>	No applications were received relevant to this policy
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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

<b>Policy</b>	NE1
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for development in Green Wedge.
<b>Target</b>	No planning applications approved for development that is contrary to Policy NE1.
<b>Actual</b>	0% applications approved
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>The following applications were approved in compliance with this policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: To change existing 2No Bowling Greens into Hard Court Tennis surfaces</li> <li>• Location: Latton Bush Centre, Southern Way, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Boundary Fencing, Gates and Extension Car Park</li> <li>• Location: St. Alban's RC Primary School, First Avenue, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Proposed relocatable and provision of 2No classrooms</li> <li>• Location: St. Mark's RC Comprehensive School, Tripton Road, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Two-storey side extension and garden wall</li> <li>• Location: The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Harlow</li> </ul>

<b>Policy</b>	NE4
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for development in Green Belt.
<b>Target</b>	No planning applications approved for development that is contrary to Policy NE4.
<b>Actual</b>	One
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>One application has been approved for development in Green Belt areas which complies with this policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Proposed two-storey rear extension, side extension and widening of access to driveway</li> <li>• Location: Mutton row, Hobbs Cross Road, Harlow</li> </ul>

<b>Policy</b>	NE6
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for development in Special Restraint Areas.
<b>Target</b>	No planning applications approved for development that is contrary to Policy NE6.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications were received relevant to this policy

<b>Policy</b>	NE8/NE16/NE17/NE18/NE19
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for development on the internal Open Spaces, wildlife sites & verges.
<b>Target</b>	No planning applications approved for development that is contrary to Policies NE8, NE16, NE17, NE18 & NE19
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications were received relevant to this policy

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT

<b>Policy</b>	BE5
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved for change of use, alteration or extension to any building open to the public or used for educational or employment purposes that has full accessibility for all.
<b>Target</b>	100% of planning applications approved, to which Policy BE5 applies, meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>This policy was applied to the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Construction of Wet &amp; Dry Sports Centre and Parking – Phase 1</li> <li>• Location: Land to the south of Harlow College, Velizy Avenue, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Erection of New Building C</li> <li>• Location: Harlow College, Velizy Avenue, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Two-storey extension to existing health centre</li> <li>• Location: Florence Nightingale Health Centre, Church Langley, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Change of use from A1 (Retail) to D2 (Tanning Shop)</li> <li>• Location: Harlow Town Station, Station Approach, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Proposed relocatable and provision of 2No classrooms</li> <li>• Location: St. Mark's RC Comprehensive School, Tripton Road, Harlow</li>   <li>• Proposal: Construction of a New Two Storey Building (Building E)</li> <li>• Location: Harlow College, Velizy Avenue, Harlow</li> </ul>

<b>Policy</b>	BE7
<b>Indicator</b>	Number of listed buildings that are damaged or demolished each year.
<b>Target</b>	No listed buildings damaged or demolished through development.
<b>Actual</b>	None
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>No listed buildings were damaged or demolished</p> <p>8 applications were received for alterations and extensions to listed buildings.</p>

<b>Policy</b>	BE17
<b>Indicator</b>	The percentage of sites that may contain archaeological remains and are proposed for development that are given an archaeological field evaluation.
<b>Target</b>	100% of planning applications approved (for developments to which Policy BE17 applies) meet policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>Policy BE17 applied to the following applications which all were required to complete and archaeological evaluation. These applications were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Construction of a single storey extension</li> <li>• Location: The Pink Cottage, Commons Road, Harlow</li> </ul>

## REGENERATING THE TOWN CENTRE

<b>Policy</b>	RTCS1
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of retail/town centre uses' floor area completed in: a) Town Centre b) Neighbourhood Centres c) Hatches
<b>Target</b>	More than 90% of floor area completed, to which Policy RTCS1 applies, meet policy requirements (i.e. less than 10% on out of town centre sites).
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications received to which this policy applies.

<b>Policy</b>	RTCS1
<b>Indicator</b>	New Out of Centre Sites.
<b>Target</b>	No planning applications approved for new out of centre sites.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications received.

<b>Policy</b>	RTCS10
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of A1 uses to A2 & A3 in primary shopping frontage.
<b>Target</b>	No planning applications approved which increase A2 & A3 uses above 15% of primary shopping frontage.
<b>Actual</b>	100%
<b>Commentary</b>	Only one application received relevant to this policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal: Change of use from Class A1 (Shops) to Class A2 (Financial &amp; Professional services)</li> <li>• Location: Unit 1 Broad Walk, Harlow</li> </ul> <p>NB This application takes A2-A3 above 15% of frontage.</p>

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

<b>Policy</b>	CP1
<b>Indicator</b>	Percentage of planning applications approved on major developments that provide and contribute to community facilities.
<b>Target</b>	100% of planning applications approved, to which Policy CP1 applies, meets policy requirements.
<b>Actual</b>	Not applicable
<b>Commentary</b>	No applications received which were relevant to this policy

## 7 Monitoring Requirements For The Future

- 7.1 As is acknowledged in the Government guidance on Annual Monitoring Reports, many of the Indicators that are not currently monitored will need to be implemented into the monitoring scheme for the future.
- 7.2 In the cases where the indicators have not previously been monitored, the most recent figures available have been used. This will help establish a baseline for comparison in following years.
- 7.3 Because the Replacement Harlow Local Plan was adopted after the base date, and until the further progress of the LDF, it is unlikely that next year's Report will be able to address all of the monitoring requirements prescribed. Harlow continues to develop its electronic Acolaid system to allow for further indicators to be added to the reporting currently done

on development control applications and decisions. Further technical developments will be required for the Council to ensure that the monitoring systems are robust and responsive to changing demands. Projects to bring about the electronic gathering of data have been delayed.

- 7.4 Harlow Council and Essex County Council have agreed to improve upon existing joint working in relation to both development monitoring and Strategic Environmental Assessment baseline data, indeed data has been supplied by Essex County Council this year that was lacking in the previous year.



