

## **Inspector's Additional Question**

### **Monitoring and Implementation**

I refer to Chapter 11 of the Local Plan 'Monitoring and Implementation' and Appendix 2 that contains the Council's Monitoring Framework. Notwithstanding the Council's response to Matter 2, Issue 4 of my Matters and issues, you will recall that at the hearings we discussed the need for appropriate monitoring and identification of the type of action that may be required if monitoring indicates that the policies of the Local Plan are failing to deliver the development required.

Currently the Monitoring Framework is somewhat vague, particularly in terms of when and what intervention strategies will be required if failures in delivery against the housing trajectory are identified. For example, it may be that the Annual Monitoring Report demonstrates that the Council has been unable to maintain a 5 year housing supply for 6 months. What action will the Council take? If it continues for 12 months, what action will the Council take? Action may include the review of the Local Plan housing allocations. The DPD in relation to Carlisle South or the required infrastructure may not proceed with sufficient speed to enable housing to be delivered as indicated. What action will the Council take?

By way of an example, I refer the Council to the Herefordshire Local Plan which addresses these issues. Of particular relevance is the Inspector's report at paragraphs 58 – 62, Main modification MM07 to Policy SS3, Appendix 3 and Appendix 5.

I would welcome the Council's views on ways in which the Monitoring Framework could be modified to ensure that progress is monitored effectively and that any necessary action will be taken in a timely manner to ensure the delivery of development required to address the needs of the district.

A response before the re-convened hearing sessions would be appreciated.

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