



# Harborough District Council

## Strategic Planning Monitoring Report

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# Introduction

- According to the 'Town & Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012), Part 8', all Local Planning Authorities are required to produce a regularly updated monitoring report.
- Since the above mentioned new Regulations came into force (8<sup>th</sup> April 2012) the regular monitoring report produced by Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) replaces the traditional Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).
- It is the intention of Harborough District Council to update this report on a twice yearly basis, for the following planning periods:
  - October to March
  - April to September
- This report focuses on information relevant to the period October 2012 to March 2013.

# LDS progress (1/2)

On 3 December 2012, the Council resolved to prepare a new Local Plan for Harborough District. This is in response to a number of important changes which have been introduced by the Government in respect of local planning policy.

The new Local Plan will incorporate a focused review of the [Harborough Core Strategy](#) (adopted in November 2011) and will also identify key areas of land for development. The refreshed Core Strategy and the strategic allocations will be prepared, consulted upon and used as a single document and will be known as the new Local Plan for Harborough District.



## New Local Plan Timeline

The current programme for delivery of a new Local Plan for Harborough District is as follows\*:

<u>Timetable – Key Stages</u>	
Early consultation and stakeholder engagement on scope of the Local Plan	Mar/April 2013
SDA Master Plan Pre-DPD Consultation	Mar/Apr 2013
Consultation on Publications Pre-Submission Local Plan	Sept – Oct 2014
Submission to Secretary of State	Dec 2014
Examination	March 2015
Adoption	July 2015

\*Please note that all timings are indicative and may be subject to change – the timings outlined above are dependent upon Council decisions, evidence gathering and Duty to Cooperate with neighbouring authorities.

## Progress to date:

- Scoping Consultation took place 18th March to 28th April 2013
- Scoping Consultation responses have been summarised and a report is available to read on our [website](#)
- Officers have made recommendations with regards to the direction of the new Local Plan and any evidence requirements highlighted by the Consultation results. [Read the full report on our website.](#)

To view evidence as it becomes available and follow the progress of the preparation of the new Local Plan for Harborough District please visit our website

[www.harborough.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

# LDS Progress (2/2)

## Strategic Development Area (SDA) Master Plan



The SDA Master Plan will form a policy within the new Local Plan in order to:

- Ensure that the Strategic Development Area is delivered in a timely and efficient manner to meet the housing requirements of Market Harborough and the wider District;
- Secure the provision of community infrastructure alongside housing, employment and other development;
- Provide transport mitigation measures as required both on and off site;
- Establish the capacity of the Strategic Development Area to accommodate housing and employment.

Early 2013 saw the SDA Master Plan has reach the second stage of the agreed process for establishing the best approach for the development of the land to the North West of Market Harborough. The completed SDA Master Plan was approved by Council on **7<sup>th</sup> October 2013**.

- A two stage process was agreed for delivering the Master Plan for Market Harborough's Strategic Development Area. We are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage; with the following timetable in place:
- 25 February 2013 - First meeting of the Community & Town Partnership Group (C&TPG)
- 5 March 2013 - First Meeting of the Project Board (PB)
- 18 March to 28 April - Master Plan Public Consultation Event
- 9 April 2013 - Second Meeting of C&TPG
- 15 April 2013 - Master Plan Public Consultation Event in Lubenham Village Hall
- 11 June 2013 - Third meeting of C&TPG
- 12 June 2013 - First Meeting of Developers Partnership group (DPG)
- 9 July 2013 - Second meeting of the PB
- 18 July 2013 - Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel
- 16 September – Council Executive Meeting
- 7 October 2013 - Full Council Meeting

Stage 1 of the agreed process was conducted from 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012, the key events and outcomes of which are published [on our website](#).



# Housing Land Supply – 5 Year Supply Summary

## Requirement

District wide requirement 2006-2028	7700
Completions 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2013	2665
Remaining District wide requirement	5035
Annual requirement over remaining 15 years	336
Additional Annual 5% buffer	18
Total Annual Requirement	354

## **Residual Five Year requirement 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2018**

**354 dwellings per annum x 5 years = 1770**

## Supply (detailed in Appendices 3 and 4)

### **Large Sites (5 dwellings and over)**

Projected Delivery from Market Harborough SDA	100
Projected Delivery from Allocated Sites (with permission)	669
Projected Delivery from other sites with permission	903
<b>Large sites sub total</b>	<b>1672</b>

### **Small Sites (under 5 dwellings)**

Projected Delivery from sites with detailed permission (Sites under construction and unimplemented) (90% implementation rate)	230
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PDL Windfall Allowance (detailed in Appendix 5) 72

**Total 1974**

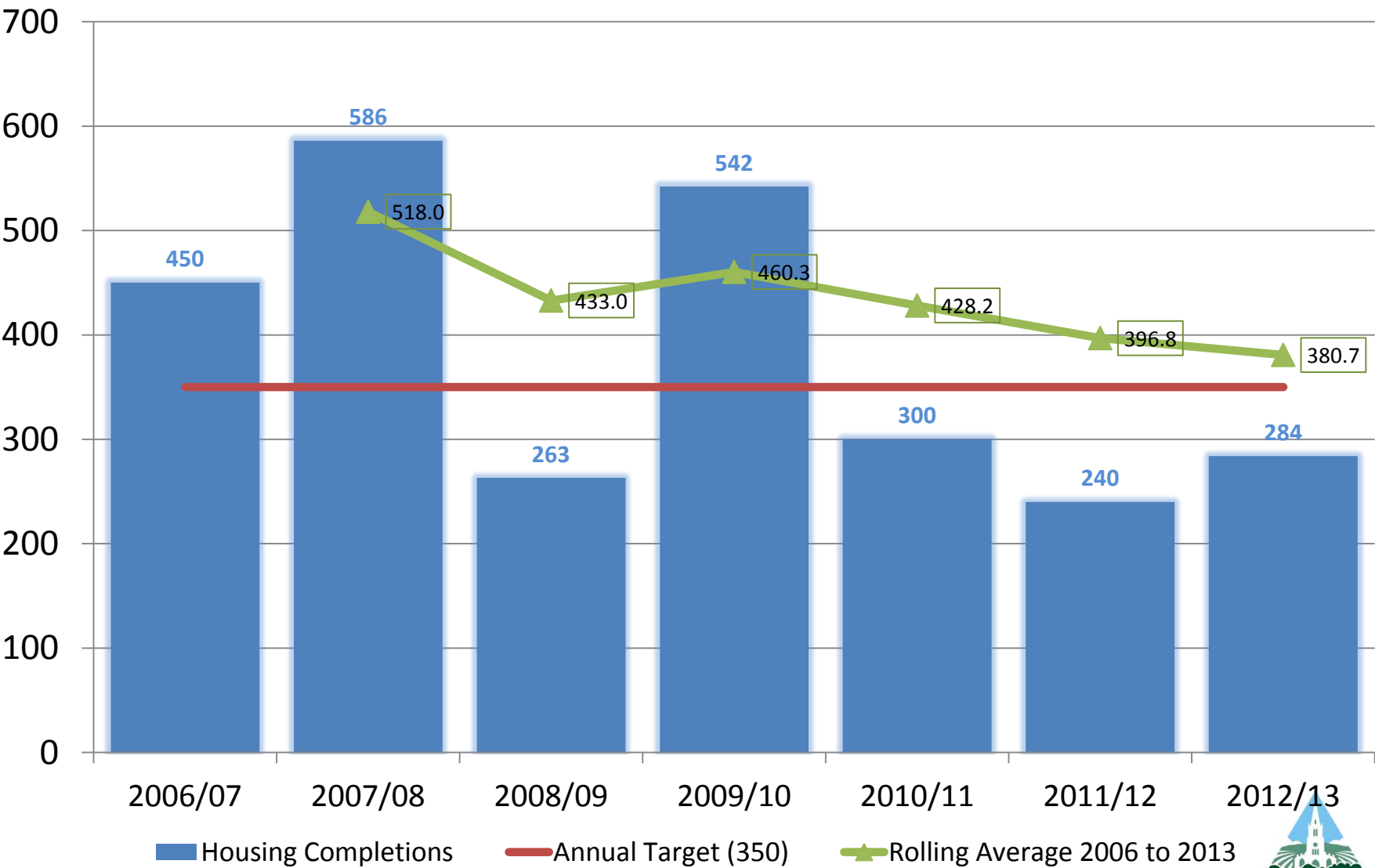
**Over Supply/Shortfall +204\***

**Housing supply calculations (1 April 2012 –  
31 March 2018) = 5.56 years**  
*(1974/354) or 111% (1974/1770 x 100)*

\* The Council has taken a resolution to permit a further 130 dwellings on two additional sites subject to Section 106 agreements being agreed (please see Appendix 6).

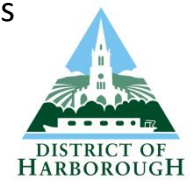
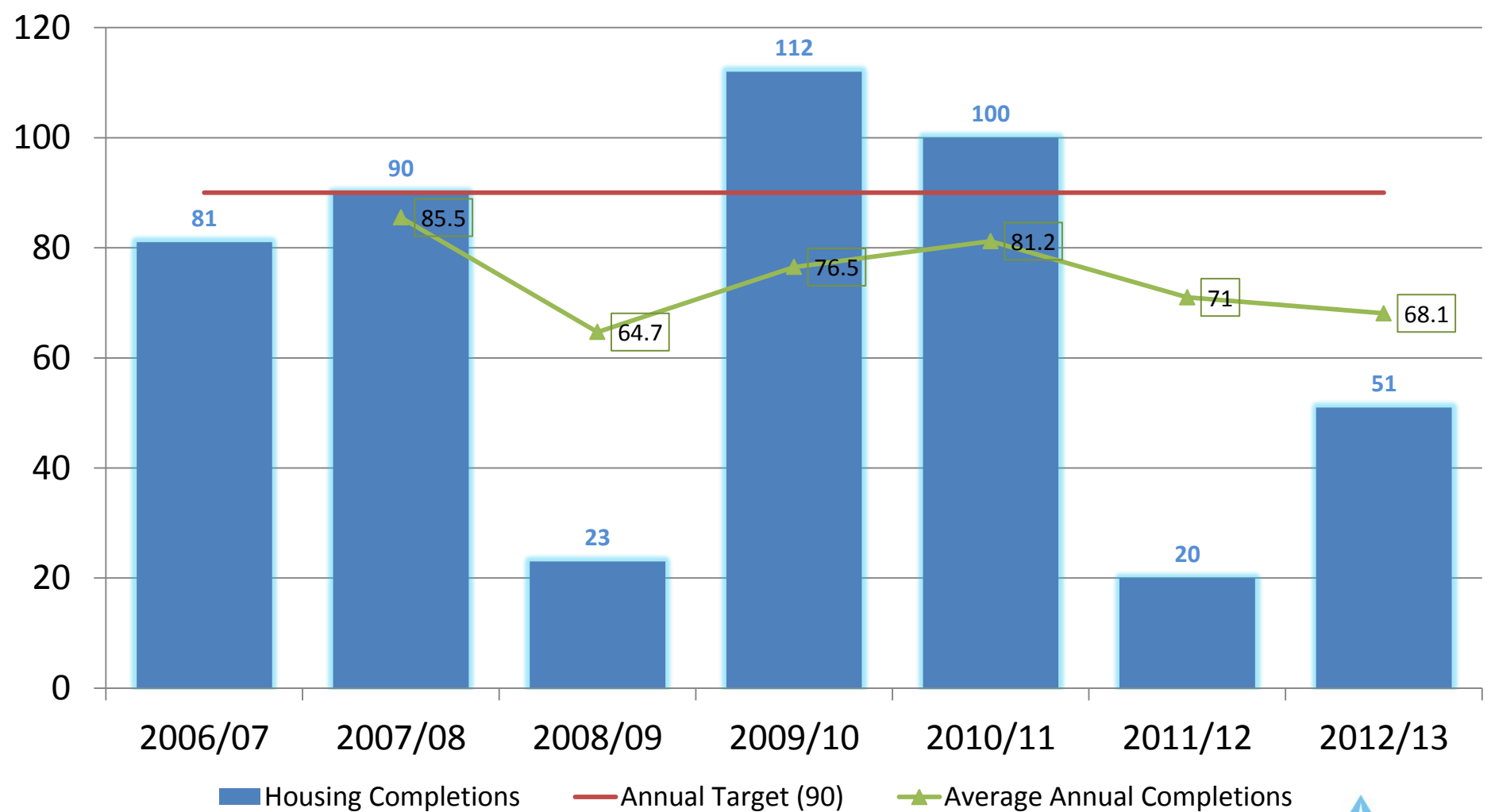
# Housing Supply

Housing completion rate averaged at 380.7 new homes per annum since the start of the plan period in 2006



# Housing Supply

Affordable Housing completion rate averaged at 68.1 new homes per annum since the start of the plan period in 2006



# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 1/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 1:</b> To meet strategic housing requirements, the accommodation needs of the District's population and the need for affordable housing				
Policy CS1: Spatial Strategy	Total amount of housing planned to be delivered over the plan period	At least 7,700 dwellings (2006-2028) At least 350 dwellings per annum (2006-2028)	HDC Local Indicator 1 (Core Output Indicator H1)	Harborough District Council currently has a 5 Year land Supply of <b>5.56 years</b> .
Policy CS2: Delivering New Housing	Net additional dwellings provided in the previous 5 years	5 year milestones (using the start date of the plan i.e. 2006/07):	HDC Local Indicator 2 (Core Output Indicator H2(a))	A summary is illustrated on <a href="#">page 6</a> of this report.  For more details including housing trajectory for the plan period please refer to the full <a href="#">5 Year Land Supply Report</a> , dated March 2013.
	Net additional dwellings provided in the reporting year	By 31 March <b>2011</b> at least <b>1750</b> dwellings will be provided across the District	HDC Local Indicator 3 (Core Output Indicator H2(b))	
	Net additional housing expected to come forward over at least a 15 year period	By 31 March <b>2016</b> at least <b>3500</b> dwellings will be provided across the District	HDC Local Indicator 4 (Core Output Indicator H2(c))	
	Net additional dwellings expected to come forward each year over the remaining plan period to meet the overall housing requirement, taking into account previous delivery since the start of the plan period.	By 31 March <b>2021</b> at least <b>5250</b> dwellings will be provided across the District  By 31 March <b>2026</b> at least <b>7000</b> dwellings will be provided across the District.	HDC Local Indicator 5 (Core Output Indicator H2(d))	

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 2/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b><u>Objective 1: To meet strategic housing requirements, the accommodation needs of the District's population and the need for affordable housing</u></b>				
Policy CS3: Delivering Housing Choice and Affordability	Gross affordable housing completions	At least 90 dwellings per annum (2010-2028) including delivery from both existing commitments and planned growth	HDC Local Indicator 6 (Core Output Indicator H5)	<p>Target for the period Oct 2012 – March 2013 is 45 affordable dwellings.</p> <p>Delivery of affordable housing for the period Oct 2012- March 2013 = 5</p> <p>Total Year (Apr 2012 to Mar 2013) delivered 54 affordable dwellings.</p>
Policy CS4: Providing for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Needs	Net additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least 30 pitches</li> <li>- At least 10 transit pitches</li> <li>- At least 29 plots for showpeople (2007-2016)</li> </ul>	HDC Local Indicator 7 (Core Output Indicator H4)	<p>Since the start of the plan period 5 social rent pitches have been approved.</p> <p>For the period Oct 2012 to Mar 2013 0 pitches have been approved.</p>
<b><u>Objective 2: To meet employment needs, foster economic growth and maintain high employment levels in the District.</u></b>				
Policy CS7: Enabling Employment and Business Development	Total amount of additional employment floorspace by type	To be determined following review of existing employment sites and allocations (as per Policy CS7d)	HDC Local Indicator 8 (Core Output Indicator BD1), BD3	Not currently monitored.
Policy CS7: Enabling Employment and Business Development	Employment land available by type	To be determined following review of existing employment sites and allocations (as per Policy 7d)	HDC Local Indicator 9	Not currently monitored.

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 3/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 3:</b> To locate new development in sustainable locations that respect environmental capacity and which have appropriate infrastructure, services and facilities in place or where these can realistically be provided; and to encourage the appropriate re-use of brownfield sites in sustainable locations.				
Policy CS2: Delivering New Housing Policy CS13: Market Harborough Policy CS14: Lutterworth Policy CS15: Leicester Principal Urban Area Policy CS16: Broughton Astley Policy CS17: Countryside, Rural Centres and Rural Villages	Location of new housing growth	Housing growth as follows: - At least 3,300 dwellings at Market Harborough; - At least 700 dwellings at Lutterworth; - At least 880 dwellings at the Leicester PUA; - At least 400 dwellings at Broughton Astley; - 2,420 dwellings at the Rural Centres and selected rural villages	HDC Local Indicator 10	For information on housing growth by settlement please refer to the current <a href="#">5 Year Land Supply Report</a> , dated March 2013.
Policy CS2: Delivering New Housing	Percentage of dwellings completed at a minimum of 40 dwellings per ha on sites within or adjacent to the Principal Shopping and Business Area of Market Harborough and Lutterworth.	100% of dwellings on appropriate sites of 0.3ha or above	HDC Local Indicator 11	Not currently monitored, but enforced by Development Management as part of the planning decision process.
	Percentage of dwellings completed at a minimum of 30 dwellings per hectare elsewhere within the district.	100% of dwellings on appropriate sites of 0.3ha or above	HDC Local Indicator 12	Not currently monitored, but enforced by Development Management as part of the planning decision process.

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 4/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 3:</b> To locate new development in sustainable locations that respect environmental capacity and which have appropriate infrastructure, services and facilities in place or where these can realistically be provided; and to encourage the appropriate re-use of brownfield sites in sustainable locations.				
Policy CS12: Delivering Development and Supporting Infrastructure	Provision of necessary infrastructure	Delivery of the Core Strategy Infrastructure Services plan.	HDC Local Indicator 13	S106 income has been used to deliver 3 Affordable Housing schemes – see page <a href="#">19</a> for more information.
Policy CS2: Delivering New Housing	% of new dwellings on previously developed land (PDL)	At least 35% (2006-2028) At least 16% (2010-2028) including delivery from both existing commitments and planned growth	HDC Local Indicator 14 (Core Output Indicator H3)	For information on housing growth by settlement please refer to the current <a href="#">5 Year Land Supply Report</a> , dated March 2013.
<b>Objective 4:</b> To protect, enhance and, where appropriate, secure the provision of additional accessible community services, facilities, open spaces and infrastructure throughout the District.				
Policy CS12: Delivering Development and Supporting Infrastructure	Provision of necessary infrastructure	Delivery of the Core Strategy Infrastructure Services plan	HDC Local Indicator 15	New skate park delivered in Market Harborough – refer to the Community Facilities Spending Report on page <a href="#">20</a> for more information.
Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure	Provision of open space associated with new development in accordance with the standards contained within the District Council's document 'Provision of Open Space, Sport and Recreation'	100% of relevant developments to comply with the standards	HDC Local Indicator 16	None to report for Oct 2012 – Mar 2013.
	Amount of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag standard.	All publicly accessible open space in the District to achieve the 'Good' quality standard when assessed against the 'Green Flag' standard.	HDC Local Indicator 17 (Core Output Indicator 4c)	<b>92.4%</b> of Open Space holds 'Good' Green Flag Standard.

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 5/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 5:</b> To protect and enhance the District's distinctive rural landscape, settlement pattern, historic assets, natural environment and biodiversity				
Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage	Protection of non-listed historic assets	Establishment of a local list of buildings / features of local importance	HDC Local Indicator 18	Not yet progressed.
	Designation of additional Conservation Areas	Further investigation of suitability of Dunton Bassett, Great Glen, Mowsley, Little Bowden and Peatling Magna and designation as Conservation Areas, where appropriate	HDC Local Indicator 19	Not yet progressed.
Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure	Maintaining Green Wedges	Green Wedge review complete	HDC Local Indicator 20	Not yet progressed.
	Provision of Local Nature Reserves	Provision of a new Local Nature Reserve will be sought as part of the strategic development area in Market Harborough	HDC Local Indicator 21	Addressed in the <a href="#">Draft SDA Master Plan</a> for North West Market Harborough.
	Change in areas of biodiversity importance	No net loss	HDC Local Indicator 22 (Core Output Indicator E2)	N/a
Policy CS17: Countryside, Rural Centres and Rural Villages	Percentage of development considered not to comply with Policy CS17(c)	No inappropriate development in the countryside	HDC Local Indicator 23	For the period Oct 2012 to Mar 2013 there have been 5 planning applications permitted which do not comply with CS17. Please refer to the table on <a href="#">page 21</a> for more information.

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 6/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 6:</b> To safeguard and enhance the character and built heritage of the District's settlements and ensure that residential amenity is protected.				
Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage	Protection of non-listed historic assets	Establishment of a local list of buildings / features of local importance	HDC Local Indicator 17	Not yet progressed.
	Designation of additional Conservation Areas	Further investigation of suitability of Dunton Bassett, Great Glen, Mowsley, Little Bowden and Peatling Magna and designation as Conservation Areas, where appropriate	HDC Local Indicator 18	Not yet progressed.
<b>Objective 7:</b> To protect and promote the economic viability and vitality of the District's towns and rural centres.				
Policy CS6: Improving Town Centres and Retailing	Provision of additional retailing floorspace	Comparison shopping: Minimum of 13,800m <sup>2</sup> , Convenience shopping: Minimum of 7,800m <sup>2</sup> (2006-2028)	HDC Local Indicator 24	Not currently monitored.
<b>Objective 8:</b> To promote good design which respects, and where possible enhances, its surroundings and quality of life and which improves community safety, reduces antisocial behaviour and reduces the fear and incidence of crime.				
Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage	The proportion of new residential developments of 10 or more dwellings achieving very good, good, average and poor ratings against the Building for Life Criteria.	Aspirational target of 100% achieving very good or good (resources need to be identified to undertake assessment of sites)	HDC Local Indicator 25	Not currently monitored. (CABE initiative has been absorbed by another government body.)

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 7/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 9:</b> To reduce the environmental impacts of road traffic, both private and commercial, and lessen the need for car use by encouraging alternative modes of transport including cycling and walking.				
Policy CS5: Providing Sustainable Transport	Percentage of completed non – residential development within Use Classes Orders A, B and D complying with car-parking standards set out in LDF.	100%	HDC Local Indicator 26 (Core Output indicator 3a)	Not currently monitored.
Policy CS13: Market Harborough	Provision of enhanced cycling facilities	Creation and implementation of a town wide cycle network for Market Harborough	HDC Local Indicator 27	Addressed in the <a href="#">Draft SDA Master Plan</a> for North West Market Harborough.
Policy CS14: Lutterworth	Improvements to air quality within the Lutterworth town centre Air Quality Monitoring Area	Working towards achieving the National Air Quality objectives	HDC Local Indicator 28 (Annual Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment)	<p>National Air Quality Objectives stipulate an annual mean target of 40 µg<sup>m</sup>-<sup>3</sup> for Nitrogen Dioxide.</p> <p>The Lutterworth AQMA has exceeded this target every year since 2006.</p> <p>An Action Plan was approved by Committee in April 2013. A copy of the Action Plan is included as Appendix 3 of this report.</p>

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 8/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 9:</b> To reduce the environmental impacts of road traffic, both private and commercial, and lessen the need for car use by encouraging alternative modes of transport including cycling and walking.				
Policy CS2: Delivering New Housing	Percentage of dwellings completed at a minimum of 40 dwellings per ha on sites within or adjacent to the Principal Shopping and Business Area of Market Harborough and Lutterworth.	100% of dwellings on appropriate sites of 0.3ha or above	HDC Local Indicator 11	Not currently monitored, but enforced by Development Control as part of the planning decision process.
	Percentage of dwellings completed at a minimum of 30 dwellings per hectare elsewhere within the district.	100% of dwellings on appropriate sites of 0.3ha or above	HDC Local Indicator 12	Not currently monitored, but enforced by Development Control as part of the planning decision process.
<b>Objective 10:</b> To minimise waste production and maximise re-use and recycling of waste				
Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage	Waste reduction and recycling	To recycle/compost 58% of household waste by 2017	HDC Local Indicator 29	Overall recycling rate for <b>Apr2012-Mar2013</b> is <b>56.7%</b> .  Dry recycling rate for Jan-Mar 2013 is <b>31.49%</b> (incl cardboard). Green recycling rate Jan – Mar 2013 is <b>13.68%</b>

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 9/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 11:</b> To minimise energy demand and maximise the use of renewable energy resources.				
Policy CS9: Addressing Climate Change	Renewable energy generation by installed capacity and type	To increase the amount of renewable energy generation by installed capacity and type	HDC Local Indicator 30 (Core Output Indicator E3)	For the current period Oct2012 to Mar2013: No renewable energy applications received by HDC.  Planning Applications for wind turbines since the start of the plan period (2006) can be summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15 implemented</li> <li>➤ 9 consented but not yet implemented</li> <li>➤ 8 refused</li> <li>➤ 0 pending decisions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Policy CS13: Market Harborough	Provision of enhanced cycling facilities	Creation and implementation of a town wide cycle network for Market Harborough	HDC Local Indicator 27	Addressed in the <a href="#">Draft SDA Master Plan</a> for North West Market Harborough.
Policy CS2: Delivering New Housing	Percentage of dwellings completed at a minimum of 40 dwellings per ha on sites within or adjacent to the Principal Shopping and Business Area of Market Harborough and Lutterworth.	100% of dwellings on appropriate sites of 0.3ha or above	HDC Local Indicator 11	Not currently monitored, but enforced by Development Control as part of the planning decision process.
	Percentage of dwellings completed at a minimum of 30 dwellings per hectare elsewhere within the district.	100% of dwellings on appropriate sites of 0.3ha or above	HDC Local Indicator 12	Not currently monitored, but enforced by Development Control as part of the planning decision process.

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework 10/10

Policies	Indicator	Target	Harborough District Reference	Monitoring Update Oct 2012 to Mar 2013
<b>Objective 12:</b> To promote sustainable growth of tourism and access to the countryside within the district.				
Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure	Maintaining Green Wedges	Green Wedge review complete	HDC Local Indicator 20	n/a
Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage	Provision of enhanced tourism facilities	Increased range and/or enhanced quality of tourism attractions and supporting infrastructure	HDC Local Indicator 28	<p>HDC is in the process of agreeing a Blueprint for Tourism, facilitated by Leicester Shire Promotions. Successful implementation of the Blueprint should deliver measureable benefits to tourism across the District and develop the tourism offer by:</p> <p>Tangible objectives will be agreed in the near future with the Harborough Partnership for Tourism.</p>
<b>Objective 13:</b> Locate new development in areas which will not put life or property at risk of flooding.				
Policy CS10: Addressing Flood Risk	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding and water quality grounds.	0 planning permissions issued against the advice of the Environment Agency.	HDC Local Indicator 31 (Core Output Indicator E1)	0 planning permissions issued against the advice of the Environment Agency.

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework – Objective 3

Policy CS12: Delivering Development and Supporting Infrastructure – S106 spending record

## Affordable Housing Spending Report

<u>Date Funds Received</u>	<u>Money from Development Site</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Amount spent so far</u>	<u>Where spent</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
05.08.2010	70 Lubenham Hill, Market Harborough	£212,500	£20,000	Affordable Homes in Bitteswell	Bitteswell Almshouse Trust
unknown	Tilton on the Hill	100,000	unknown	Provision of Affordable Housing in Tilton on the Hill	Unknown
unknown	Husbands Bosworth	87,000	unknown	Provision of Affordable Homes in Husbands Bosworth	East Midlands Community Housing

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework – Objective 4

Policy CS12: Delivering Development and Supporting Infrastructure – S106 spending record

## Community Facilities Spending

<u>Date Funds Received</u>	<u>Money from Development Site</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Amount spent so far</u>	<u>Where spent</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
26.11.2077	Lathkill Street 2 Development	£ 177,611.52	£ 99,520.00	New Skatepark	Bellfields Recreation Skate Park

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework – Footnote to Objective 5

**<sup>1</sup>CS17 Monitoring** – Planning applications approved for housing development in countryside locations not in accordance with the Core Strategy Policy CS17.

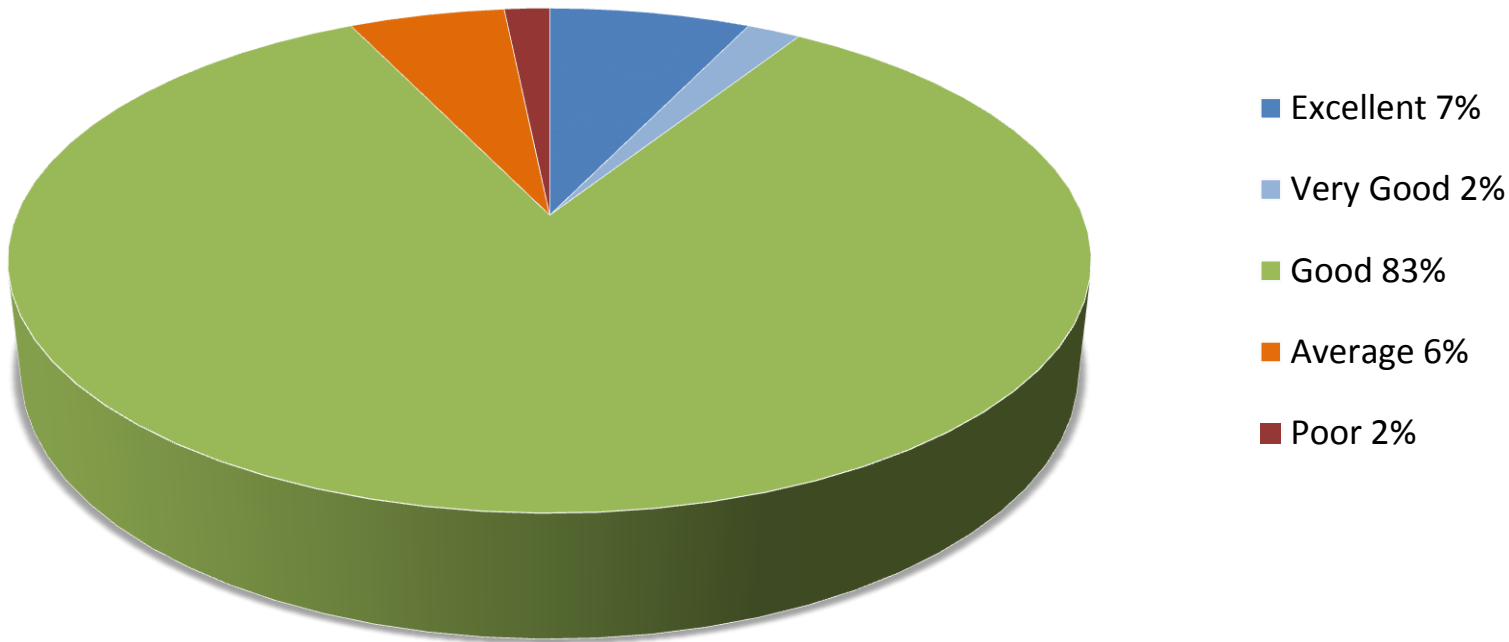
Settlement	Reference	Date Permitted	Notes
Cold Newton	12/01213/FUL	08/10/12	Replacement dwelling
Illston	12/00808/FUL	09/10/12	Conversion of outbuilding
Kimcote	12/01552/FUL	17/01/13	Bungalow to 2 storey detached replacement
Knaptoft	11/01739/OUT	19/12/12	2x agricultural workers dwellings
Lowesby	12/01342/FUL	07/11/12	Conversion of stable roof space to 3 staff flats

# Core Strategy Monitoring Framework – Green Flag Standards of Public Open Spaces

Harborough District Council currently monitors 254 parcels of public Open Space.

Below is a summary of the current Quality rating for all Open Space across the District, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Please note that Open Spaces are continually monitored on a rolling basis throughout the year. An update will be published in this report twice yearly. For accurate, point-in-time updates please contact [planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk).

Harborough Open Spaces –  
Green Flag Quality Standard



# Ten parishes engaged in Neighbourhood Planning

Harborough is proud to have four Front Runner (FR) Neighbourhood Planning groups across the District. On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012, Harborough District Council hosted it's first Neighbourhood Planning Conference. Around 90 delegates including parish councils, council planners, the civic society, councillors, developers, estate agents and other key people from the community attended.

The objective of the Conference was to increase awareness and understanding of Neighbourhood Planning and to provide expert guidance on how to begin a neighbourhood plan. It featured presentations from keynote speakers including Stephen Pointer (Head of Strategic Planning and Housing) from Harborough District Council, Mick Duggan from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and Jeff Bishop from the Localism Network. It also included workshops allowing people meet the presenters and benefit from the range of subjects covered, as well as Harborough District Council representatives.

Since the Conference, interest in Neighbourhood Planning buoyed and we now have 10 Neighbourhood Plans at various stages , including the four Front Runners (FR):

Drat plan Consulted on and Examined (1)	Approved Neighbourhood Areas (5)	Expressed interest / Early stages (4)
Broughton Astley (FR)	Broughton Astley (FR)	Great Glen
	Foxton (FR)	Bitteswell
	Billesden (FR)	Houghton On The Hill
	Scraptoft (FR)	Thurnby
	Lubenham (subject to an agreed Division of Responsibility)	East Langton

# Duty to Co-operate <sup>1/4</sup>

Harborough District Council's Strategic Planning Team maintains a Summary of activity for each project in operation which involves cross-authority cooperation. The following is a summary of Duty to Cooperate activities through the October 2012 – March 2013 period.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Communication</u>	<u>Attendees/HDC rep</u>	<u>Precis of outcomes and link to minutes/correspondence</u>
<b>Green Infrastructure</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2012	NHE Partnership mtg	M Bills	Please email <a href="mailto:planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk">planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk</a> if you require details
	Jun-12	LNP Application and objectives	M Bills	
	Oct-12	Designation of NHEP as LNP	M Bills	
	Dec-12	NHE Partnership mtg	M Bills	
	Apr-13	NHE Partnership mtg	M Bills	
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	3rd Aug 212	Planning Officers Forum	Other HMA authorities HDC Representative	The possible need for further information gathering in relation to future housing needs in Leicester and Leicestershire was discussed.

# Duty to Co-operate <sup>2/4</sup>

<u>Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Communication</u>	<u>Attendees/HDC rep</u>	<u>Precis of outcomes and link to minutes/correspondence</u>
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	10th Aug 2012	Development Plans Forum	Other HMA authorities  Tess Nelson	Harborough's future Housing Requirements Study was discussed and it was agreed to share the brief amongst Leicester and Leicestershire authorities.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	8th Nov 2012	PUA Group	Other PUA authorities  Tess Nelson	The possible need for an update to the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Requirements Study was discussed.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	19th Nov 2012	Email including HHR Study Consultants Brief and inviting comments	Other HMA authorities	Email sent to all HMA authorities explaining why the study was necessary, objectives, outcomes and timescales. A copy of the project brief was enclosed and comments invited.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	29th Nov 2012	HPIG D&I Group	LAs/LLEP	Draft SHMA brief discussed.

# Duty to Co-operate <sup>3/4</sup>

<u>Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Communication</u>	<u>Attendees/HDC rep</u>	<u>Precis of outcomes and link to minutes/correspondence</u>
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	18th Dec 2012	HHR Study HMA Partners Meeting	Leicester City and District authorities	As part of the DtC other HMA authorities were invited to a meeting which outlined the project and gave some initial demographic findings for the districts.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	10th Jan 2013	HPIG	LAs/LLEP	Meeting attended.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	1st Feb 2013	HPIG D&I Group	Other HMA authorities Tess Nelson	The timetable for the publication of the Harborough Housing Requirements Study was discussed.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	7th Feb 2013	HPIG	Las/LLEP	Discussed need for a SHMA.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	21st Feb 2013	PUA Group	Other PUA Authorities Lesley Aspinall - HDC	Verbal update on progress and assurance that authorities would get sight of it before publication (towards the end of March).

# Duty to Co-operate <sup>4/4</sup>

<u>Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Communication</u>	<u>Attendees/HDC rep</u>	<u>Precis of outcomes and link to minutes/correspondence</u>
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	28th March 2013	Copy of final HHR Study sent to other Districts prior to publication.	Other District Authorities	The final report and exec summary was sent out to other HMA local authorities in 28 <sup>th</sup> March prior to its publication on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April as part of the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel (meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> April) papers.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	8th Apr 2013	HPIG D&I Group	LAs/LLEP Stephen Pointer - HDC	SP presented paper on Housing Requirements Study v. SHMA drawing on experience in relation to HHRS.
<b>Housing Requirements Study</b>	11th Apr 2013	HPIG	LAs/LLEP Stephen Pointer - HDC	Meeting attended.
<b>SHLAA</b>	25th Jul 2013	Meeting	Melton Charnwood Blaby North West Leics Oadby & Wigston Hinckley & Bosworth Leicester City Harborough	L&L Officers met to discuss latest thoughts on SHLAA -  Meeting to discuss an update to the Joint Leicester and Leicestershire SHLAA Methodology and to share best practice in undertaking assessment.

# Social Indicators

There are two recent pieces of evidence of social change across the Harborough District :

1. **Census 2011 demographic data** - variations in comparison to 2001 Census data for the District. This will be a two stage release of information, the second being available in the next bi-annual monitoring report which will look at employment, occupation, industry, methods of commuting, ethnicity and health and caring.

Key themes of analysis in Stage 1 are as follows:

1. Resident population [Page 28](#)
2. Age structure and gender [Page 29](#)
3. Marital Status [Page 30](#)
4. Population density, and tenure [Page 31](#)
5. Accommodation types [Page 32](#)

*Please note analysis conducted by HDC using data sourced from:*

ONS statistics from [Leicestershire Statistics and Research Online](#) and [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

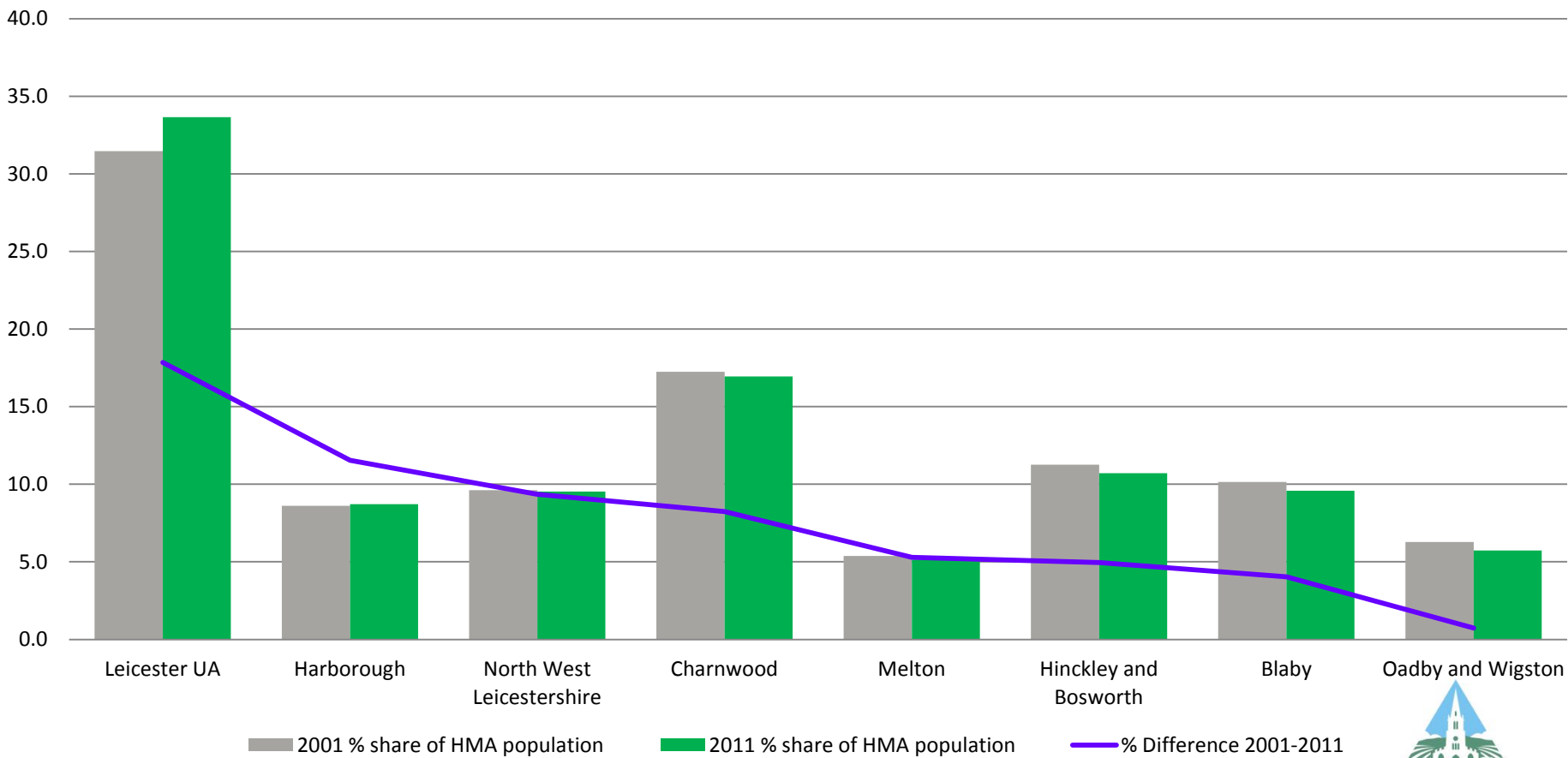
1. **Economic Performance** – information delivered by the recent Housing Requirements Study from GL Hearn – refer to [Page 34](#) of this report.



# Census 2001 to 2011 – Resident Population

- Total Leicester and Leicestershire HMA and Rutland residential population rose by **10.2%** to 980,500 in 2011
- Harbrough’s residential population grew from 76,559 in 2001 to 85,382 in 2011 (a population increase of **11.5%** for the District)
  - This represents the **2<sup>nd</sup>** highest percentage increase in Resident Population across the HMA (see **blue line** on chart below)

Census Results 2001 vs 2011 -  
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland HMA Residential Population



Census Figure 1: Population 2001 – 2011 by Local Authority for the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland HMA



# Census 2001 to 2011 – Gender and Age Structure

The 2011 Census Results highlight small but significant changes to the population structure for the Harborough District since 2001 -

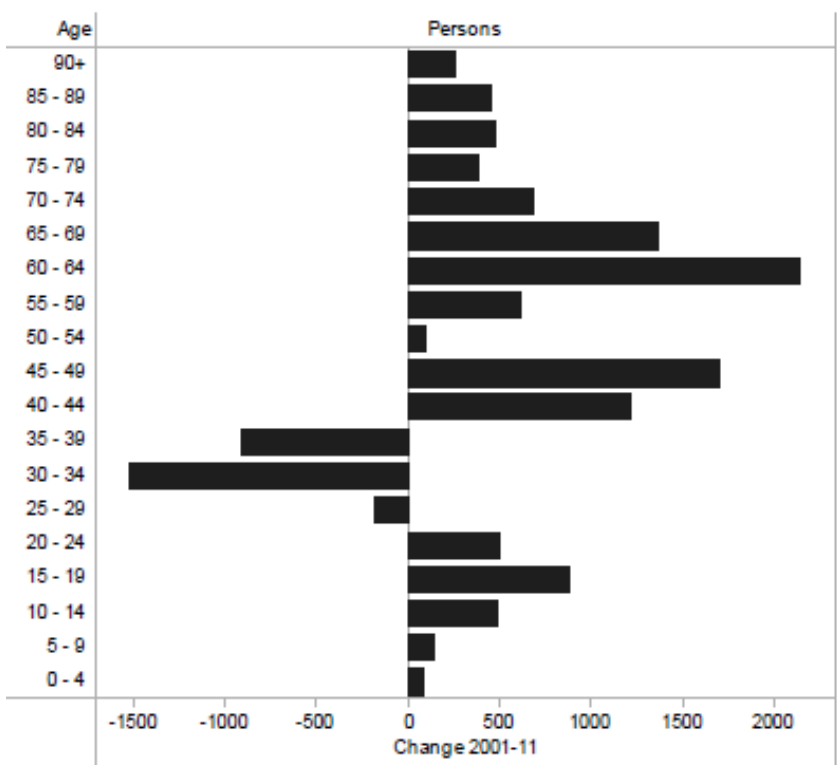
- An overall increase in population of almost 12% for the District with equal growth rates for males and females (see Census Figure 2)
- A significant increase of almost 50% in the population of school age children and students (see Census Figure 2)
- The significant population growth of school aged children is commensurate with changes to the District’s age structure since 2001 with notable growth in these specific age groups (see Census Figure 3) :
  - 10 – 19 year olds
  - 40 – 49 year olds
- Despite the growth of families with school aged children, there also continues to be strong evidence of an ageing population inhabiting the District:

	2001 Census: Harborough	2001 Census: UK	2011 Census: Harborough	2011 Census: UK
Age 65 and over	16% of all residents	18% of all residents	18% of all residents	16% of all residents
Mean Age	40	na	42	na

**Harborough: KS101EW: Usual resident population, 2001-2011**

Population: All usual residents	+ 11.52 %
Population: Males	+ 11.55 %
Population: Females	+ 11.50 %
Schoolchild or full-time student aged 4 and over at their non term-time address	+ 48.76 %

Census Figure 2: Usual Resident Population 2001 – 2011 % change for Harborough District



Census Figure 3: Population Age Structure 2001 – 2011 % change for Harborough District



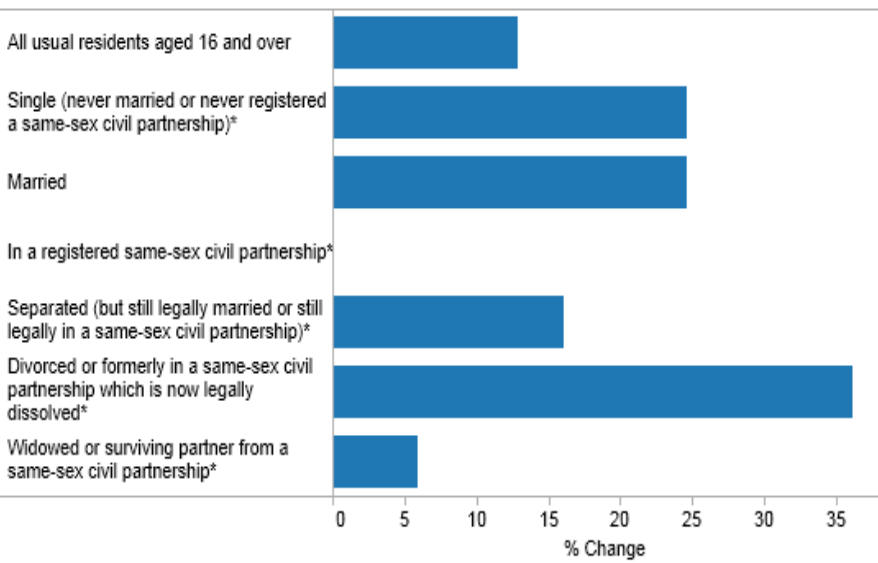
# Census 2001 to 2011 – Martial Status

- In 2001 31,095 out of 61,133 residents aged over 16yrs were Married (51%), in 2011 this figure stands at 56%.
- 133 residents aged over 16yrs are in a registered same-sex civil partnership (not recorded in 2001).
- The Divorced rate has increased by 1.5% between 2001 and 2011; 8.6% of residents aged over 16yrs are Divorced compared with 7% in 2001.
- Levels of separation are stable accounting for 2.2% of residents aged over 16yrs in 2001 and 2.3% of residents aged over 16yrs in 2011.
- The Single population in 2011 is higher than in 2001; 23% of residents aged over 16yrs were Single in 2001 compared with 26% in 2011.
- The widowed population in Harborough remains stable ; 7.3% of residents aged over 16yrs in 2001 and 6.9% of residents aged over 16yrs in 2011.

Harborough: KS103EW: Marital and civil partnership status, 2001-2011

Category	2001 Values	2011 Values	Change 2001-11	Percent Change 2001-11
All usual residents aged 16 and over	61,133	69,034	7,901	13
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)*	14,277	17,791	3,514	25
Married	31,095	38,763	7,668	25
In a registered same-sex civil partnership*		133		
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)*	1,393	1,617	224	16
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved*	4,372	5,953	1,581	36
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership*	4,510	4,777	267	6

Harborough: KS103EW: Marital and civil partnership status, 2001-2011

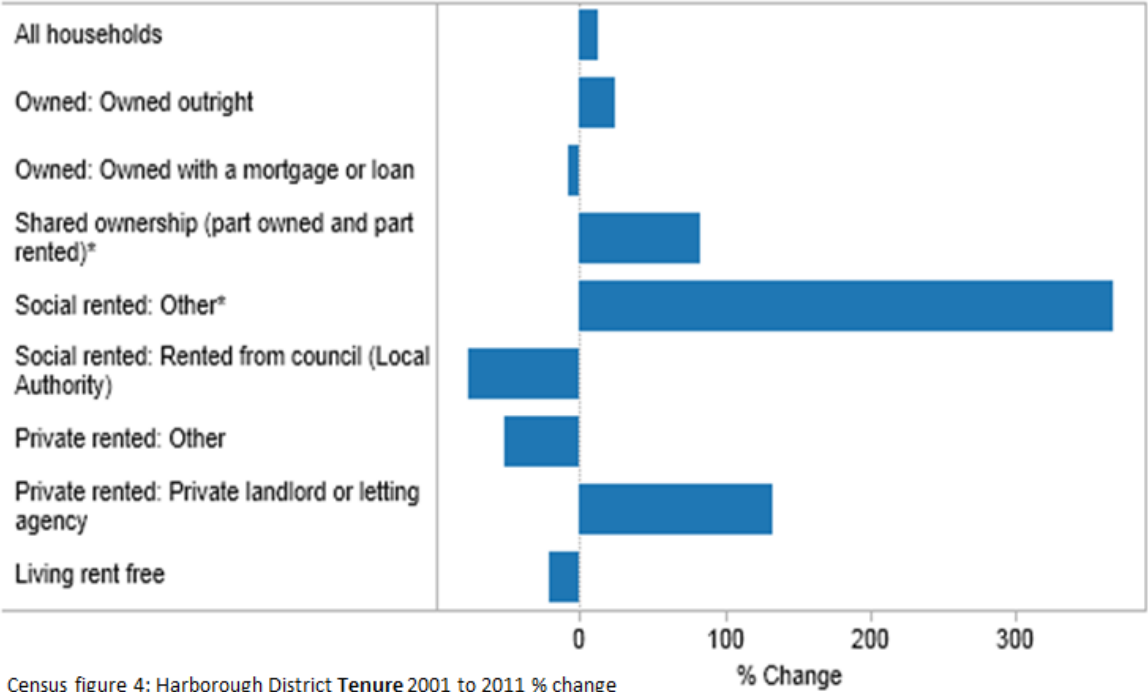


# Census 2001 to 2011 – Population density and tenure

- Due to the rural nature of the District the **population density** has remained stable despite the 12% population increase:

Population density	2001	2011
Persons per hectare	1.29	1.4

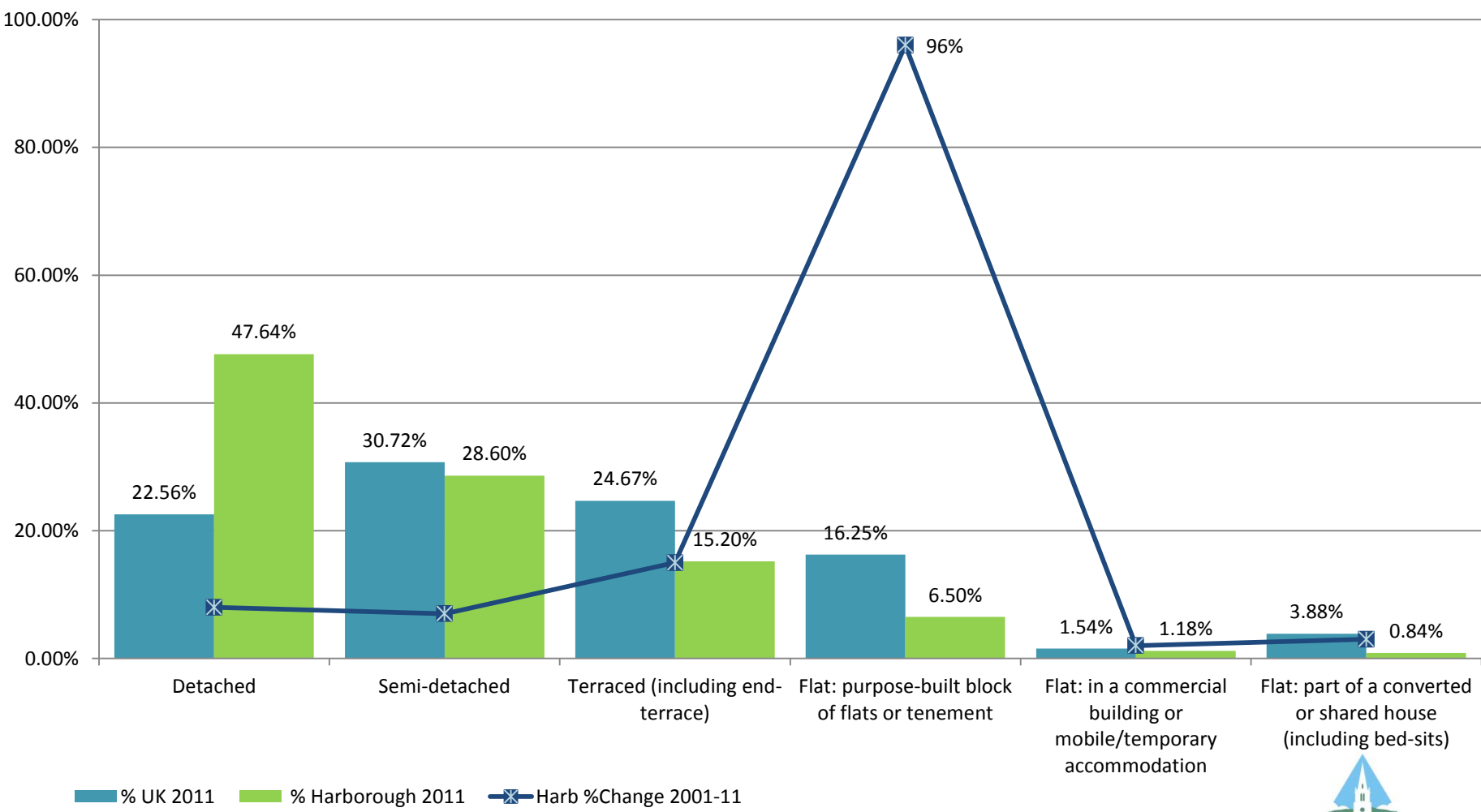
- Tenure** variations reflect the economic slow down and difficult mortgage market when compared with 2001 figures (Census Figure 4):
  - ‘Social rented other\*’ has increased three-fold from 522 to 2,442 households
  - ‘Owned: with mortgage or loan’ has dropped by 8% to 13,849
  - ‘Private rented: private landlord or letting agency’ has increased by 132% from 1,524 in 2001 to 3,540 in 2011
  - ‘Shared ownership’ tenures almost doubled from 226 in 2001 to 414 in 2011; demonstrating progress in terms of increased access to Affordable Homes since adoption of the Core Strategy (refer to page 10 of this report for more information)
- However, there has also been a 25% increase in property which is owned outright; demonstrating some resilience to the challenging economic climate and synonymous with above average proportion of residents aged 65 and over in the District.



Census figure 4: Harborough District Tenure 2001 to 2011 % change

# Census 2001 to 2011 – Accommodation Type

- The affluence of the District is also illustrated by the distribution of **housing types** with detached houses accounting for almost half (48%) of all homes in the District, compared with a national average of 23% for England & Wales
- The range of accommodation type between 2001 and 2011 illustrates significant shift in supply and demand with the occupation of purpose built flats up by 96% (see Census figure 5).



Census figure 5: Harborough District **Accommodation Type**, compared with total for England & Wales



# Social Indicators Part 2

## Evidence of Employment Growth in the District

In March 2013 Harborough District Council published a Housing Requirements Study. This was commissioned in light of the abolition of RSS which previously identified housing need across the Leicester and Leicestershire HMA.

The Housing Requirements Study (by GL Hearn) looks at economic trends as part of its analysis of the District; highlights from which are summarised here. This summary focuses on the performance of the District between 2001 and 2011. To see detailed economic forecasts or to read the [Housing Requirements Study in full please go to our website](#).

- Compared to the wider HMA the District's economy has performed well over the past decade and has supported relatively strong employment growth
  - 2001 to 2011 employment in the District grew by 22.1%; compared to 8.5% across the HMA and 7.8% across the region
- The District's economic performance is reflected by
  - Being an attractive place to live
  - Offering strong workforce skills
  - Being accessible to the M1 and mainline rail services to London and the wider East Midlands
  - Being a strong base for SMEs, particularly manufacturing and distribution sectors
- Looking forwards there is an under-representation of private sector knowledge-based industries
  - There is evidence of out-commuting of higher skilled workers
  - There is competition for investment from surrounding areas including to the south within Northamptonshire
- Employment growth over the 2001-11 period is driven by wholesale and retail (4,400 jobs), professional and private services (+2,300 jobs) and public services (+1,600 jobs). However, employment contracted in the manufacturing industry by -2,200 jobs.

# Policy omissions

- None to report

# Appendix –

Links to useful documents which have been referenced in the report

Appendix	Title	Page #
1	5 Year Land Supply update: Apr 2012 to Mar 2013	<a href="#">Available on our website</a>
2	GL Hearn Housing Requirements Study	<a href="#">Available on our website</a>
3	Air Quality Management Area Action Plan	39 (Jo to insert from PDF)

# Questions?

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