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# SECTION ONE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE KEY FINDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

1.1 This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) prepared by Newark and Sherwood District Council, addresses the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. The AMR presents an analysis, through a range of indicators, of existing policies, together with a progress check of local development preparation as set out in the existing Local Development Scheme (LDS).

## Local Development Scheme Progress

1.2 Progress on the various documents of the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework are as follows:

- **Statement of Community Involvement:** Adopted in line with LDS.
- **Core Strategy Development Plan Document:** work progressed in line with the LDS, however, Government Office advised the District Council that it may be appropriate to look again at the work that had been undertaken in respect of the DPD. An Independent Assessment has been undertaken and work on a Second Preferred Options stage will commence in 2008.
- **Site Specific Land Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document, General Development Control Development Plan Document and Adopted Proposals Map Development Plan Document:** work on these documents is due to begin in 2009.
- **Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):** Work will begin on this once the Core Strategy is submitted.
- **Developer Contributions SPD:** Work has been delayed on this document pending submission of the Core Strategy.
- **Sustainable Energy SPD:** Work has begun on this SPD.

1.3 The AMR includes a study of contextual indicators for the District which reveals the 'on the ground' circumstances and trends relevant to this area. Here are some key trends and features:

- Population growth is a feature along with a diverse local economy, the latter including a strong services element, in contrast to the more traditional sources of employment associated with a large rural district. Unemployment is low but there are pockets of deprivation in the District.

- Housing costs have risen recently and this has raised concerns over affordability, and highlighted the need for additional affordable housing and housing that better fits local needs.
- A high quality built environment with numerous Conservation Areas and listed buildings, and a heritage of many natural features and assets.
- A key strategic priority for the District Council is to maintain safer communities, and there is evidence of a recent drop in recorded crime levels.
- A contrast between certain parts of the District well-served by road and rail, and others in the wider rural area, with only limited accessibility other than reliance on the private car.

#### 1.4 The Core Output Indicators section contained within the AMR indicates that:

- Take-up rates for employment land have, until recently, been relatively low. The employment land requirements of the Joint Structure Plan (JSP) will be exceeded, and future stages of the Local Development Framework will need to address this issue of over-provision.
- In terms of housing development, there has been a high level of completions in recent years, particularly in the Newark area. A significant amount of housing development has taken place on windfall sites (land not specifically allocated for development), with a rising contribution from brownfield sites (previously developed land) as opposed to greenfield development.
- There has been a slight decrease in the number of affordable housing units completed. However, the overall completions are also lower and the number of affordable housing completions as a percentage of the total completions has increased from 14.2% last year to 15.2% this year. There is still some way to go before the target of 30% is reached.
- The housing trajectories confirm that the JSP Housing Requirement is likely to be delivered well before the 2021 end date of the JSP plan period, and this outcome suggests that the implementation of current policies should be reviewed. Such a review could take into account the need to deliver an increased level of affordable housing within the District to respond to an increasing local need.
- This years figures show that a very significant proportion of new development was built within 30 minutes public transport time of various services.
- New office development has been implemented at the Sherwood Energy Village and the Newark Business Innovation Centre has also been completed.

- the area of open space within Newark and Sherwood District which has achieved the Green Flag Award has increased again this year.

1.5 The Local Output Indicators contained within the AMR show that:

- The authority has relatively few appeals allowed contrary to its own determination, indicating the policies of the plan when tested at appeal are generally sound and being used appropriately.
- There is still pressure for inappropriate development within the countryside and Greenbelt. Policies NE1 and FS9 of the Adopted Newark and Sherwood Local Plan are therefore still a necessary part of the policy framework.
- Vacancy rates for the three town centre areas will continue to be monitored to ensure that the trend is decreasing or changes to the current policy on town centre premises will need to be reviewed as part of the LDF process.
- The District Council are regularly reviewing and seeking to create new Conservation Areas where appropriate. As part of this process up-to-date character appraisals are being produced and the very latest documents also include management proposals.

## SECTION TWO: INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework: Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) covers the period 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007 and is prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Act requires the District Council to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF) as a replacement for the existing Newark and Sherwood Local Plan, adopted in 1999.
- 2.2 As part of the preparation of the LDF, the District Council must publish an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for submission to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the extent to which the policies set out in the local development documents are being achieved. Section Three of this AMR document gives full details of the function and terms of the Newark and Sherwood LDS.
- 2.3 The Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework encompasses a wide range of objectives including environmental, economic and social issues, and its policies establish the relationship between these objectives and the use of land. The Framework will both inform and take account of national and regional policy and other strategies, including the Newark and Sherwood Partnership Community Plan (also referred to as a Community Strategy).
- 2.4 This Annual Monitoring Report is intended to include an assessment of the following:
  - (i) whether the timetable and milestones for the preparation of documents set out in the local development scheme have been met or progress is being made towards meeting them or, where they are not being met or not on track to being achieved, the reasons why;
  - (ii) whether policies and related targets in the local development documents have been met or progress is being made towards meeting them or, where they are not being met or not on track to being achieved, the reasons why;
  - (iii) what impact the policies are having in respect of national and regional targets and any other targets identified in local development documents and not covered by (ii) above. Local Planning Regulation 48(7) specifically requires information to be provided on net additional dwellings and local planning authorities should produce housing trajectories to demonstrate how policies will deliver housing provision in their area;
  - (iv) what significant effects implementation of the policies is having on the social, environmental and economic objectives by which sustainability is defined and whether these effects are as intended;



- (v) whether the policies in the local development document need adjusting or replacing because they are not working as intended;
- (vi) whether the policies need changing to reflect changes in national or regional policy;
- (vii) the extent to which any local development order, where adopted, or simplified planning zone is achieving its purposes and if not whether it needs adjusting or replacing; and
- (viii) if policies or proposals (including the local development order or simplified planning zone scheme) need changing, the actions needed to achieve this.

2.5 In terms of the principles and methodology underpinning this Annual Monitoring Report, data is included on a range of indicators, which has to be gathered from a variety of sources, including agencies, external to the District Council. Since this is only the third AMR to be submitted under the new Planning System, it is envisaged that the existing monitoring regime will be improved over time, involving an approach which focuses on key objectives directly relevant to policy performance. An essential need in this process will be the selection of performance output indicators appropriate to Newark and Sherwood District.

## SECTION THREE: THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME: A PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is an integral part of the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework and plays a key role in facilitating successful programme management of the project. During 2006 the District Council met its targets for production of the Core Strategy. However during 2006 advice from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) regarding the lessons being learned from recent Examinations of Core Strategies was published.
- 3.2 In the light of this advice the Government Office of the East Midlands (GOEM) advised the District Council that it may be appropriate to look again at the work that had been undertaken in respect of the Core Strategy. GOEM also sought the views of PINS with regard to Newark and Sherwood's Core Strategy Preferred Options Report. PINS felt that the document was not sufficiently spatial in nature. Following this result the District Council appointed David Smethurst of Planning Officers' Society Enterprises to carry out a critical friend assessment of the Core Strategy work already undertaken. The results of this assessment are discussed in more detail below.
- 3.3 The Assessment has necessitated the review of the Council's LDS and this document has been submitted with this AMR to GOEM. Appendix 2 contains a copy of our present LDS timetable and the draft submitted with this AMR.

### Newark as a New Growth Point

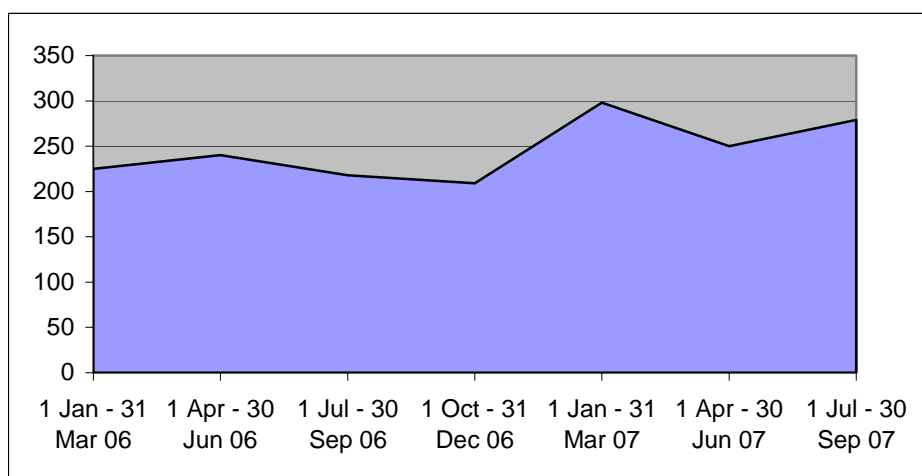
- 3.4 In October 2006 the Government announced that Newark had become a New Growth Point. Whilst it is not a planning designation it will have significant impacts on the LDF. The New Growth Point designation is an agreement between the Government and Newark and Sherwood District Council and other local partners that the town will receive a higher level of housing and economic growth in return for extra funding for infrastructure. Therefore in preparing the LDF the District Council must take into account the higher levels of growth. The recent Panel Report into the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan endorsed this approach.

### Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 3.5 The Newark and Sherwood Statement of Community Involvement was submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2005, as timetabled. Following an Examination in January of 2006 the Statement of Community Involvement was adopted by the District Council on the 9 March 2006. In it's first full year of operation of the SCI the Council carried out consultation on the Core Strategy Preferred Options report.

- 3.6 As a Submission SCI had been in place when we carried out our previous Core Strategy consultation the broad thrust of the consultation for the Preferred Options Report remained the same. However there were a number of specific issues which the Council addressed. Our consultation Road Show in Ollerton had not been as successful as we would have liked, so for the Preferred Options stage we reviewed the location and timing of the event and subsequently had a very successful day on Saturday at a local supermarket.
- 3.7 The Council continues to encourage potential applicants to engage in pre-application consultation in line with the SCI. Chart 1 below shows a generally increasing trend in the number of pre-application enquiries received by the Council. A number of large scale applications have involved the public in pre-application consultation. Recently the consortium behind the ASDA Potterdyke scheme carried out consultation before submitting their application for both the Potterdyke area and the Town Wharf proposal. Flowserve carried out consultation before submitting a recent application on their Newark site, as did Tesco on their proposed extension to their Ollerton store. On a larger scale the Catesby Property Group have carried out a large scale programme of consultation on their proposals for a southern expansion of Newark.

**Chart 1 Number of Pre-application Enquiries**



- 3.8 At present the SCI appears to be working effectively, however it is likely that Government reforms to the development plan system will include changes to the SCI, at which point the Council may have to alter the document.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

Core Strategy DPD

- 3.9 The Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper was published in November 2005 and was out for public consultation up to the period 16 January 2006. The Core Strategy Preferred Options Report was published on the 30 October 2006 with

consultation running until the 15 December 2006. These stages, whilst not in line with the December 2004 timetable were in line with the current LDS. The LDS proposed that the document be submitted to the Secretary of State in January 2008, with the examination proposed for September 2008. However, as explained above, GOEM asked the Council to review work carried out to date to see if it was appropriate.

3.10 The Council appointed David Smethurst of Planning Officers' Society Enterprises to carry out a Critical Friend Assessment of the work undertaken so far. Mr Smethurst carried out a review of the current work undertaken and held a full day workshop with officers of the Council. His conclusions were that the main areas where there are risks or weaknesses concerning soundness (should the submission document be based on the initial work) are as follows:

- i) it is not clear that the emerging Core Strategy has addressed all the key locally important spatial issues, in particular:
  - merits, location and deliverability of the New Growth Point;
  - full development of a sustainable settlement hierarchy (Test 7);
- ii) the emerging Core Strategy is not sufficiently a “spatial” plan:
  - it lacks a sense of place (Test 4(a));
  - the analysis does not identify and focus on the main locally distinctive spatial issues and problems (Test 7);
  - it is not clear how the LDF will help to co-ordinate and help deliver the programmes of partners (Test 4(a)), and the Community Strategies (Test 5);
  - the strategy fails to give full consideration to the regional and sub-regional context (Test 4(c));
- iii) the approach is not clearly supported by evidence:
  - key elements of the information base are not available – and choices are not informed by available evidence (Test 7).

3.11 Mr Smethurst goes on to state that “These conclusions are unlikely to be unexpected to the Council, since they have sought assistance in the form of this Soundness Assessment. These comments should also not be taken as diminishing in any way the very substantial amount of work that has been achieved in developing the work to this stage. This report is deliberately designed to provide an exacting assessment – otherwise it would not meet its fundamental purpose.” He goes on to state that if further work is undertaken “there is scope to address each of the comments made here, and thus to reduce the chances that the Core Strategy might ultimately be found unsound at Examination.”

3.12 In order to address the issues identified in the Assessment the Council has proposed to carry out further Preferred Options work in the form of a second Preferred Options Report before producing a Submission Core Strategy. Mr

Smethurst makes two recommendations if such a course of action is undertaken, namely:

- i) that sufficient time is taken to address the matters raised and achieve a second Preferred Options document that is likely to provide a sound basis to proceed to submission. If this means a delay of some time in the LDS programme it may well be a price worth paying to reduce the risks of failure.
- ii) that discussions are held with the Government Office in relation to the conclusions of this report, and to the future direction of work proposed.

3.13 A meeting was held between GOEM and the District Council on the 15 November 2007, and it was confirmed that in principal PINS had no objection to LPA's pursuing a second Preferred Options Report. The LDS proposes that a further Preferred Options Stage is prepared with a view to going out to consultation in September 2008 with Submission in April 2009.

#### Other Development Plan Documents

3.14 Due to the changes in the Core Strategy timetable work is now due to begin on the Site Specific Land Allocations and Policies DPD and the General Development Control Policies DPD in 2009, with Issues and Options consultation planned for May 2009. The Adopted Proposals Map DPD has not yet been prepared as its production and revision will only commence from 2009, alongside the submission of the Core Strategy.

## SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

#### Affordable Housing SPD

3.15 The Submitted LDS now anticipates that work on an Affordable Housing SPD will commence in August 2008 following Submission of a Core Strategy DPD to the Secretary of State. However, in advance of this, the District Council has made a concerted effort to comprehensively address outstanding affordable housing issues by way of an Interim Policy Note: Planning Provision for Affordable Housing. The Interim Policy Note, which was approved by the Council's Cabinet in October 2005, is now used as a basis for development control throughout Newark and Sherwood District. The main purpose of the document is to help secure more affordable housing – in a way that is, very largely, compatible with the provisions of the Adopted Newark and Sherwood Local Plan. However, the Interim Policy Note includes provision for lower affordable thresholds (in respect of qualifying sites) than those identified in the Local Plan. The Note is Interim in the sense that it is intended to be a 'bridging document', prior to the adoption of a Core Strategy DPD, at which time new affordable housing policies will have Development Plan status. Actual delivery levels of affordable housing are recorded in Table 15 on page 30 of this document.

### Developer Contributions SPD

- 3.16 The Government is introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which will allow Councils to collect contributions towards infrastructure in their areas. The Government intends to introduce this through the recently published Planning Bill. This will obviously have an impact on the Developer Contributions SPD as planned. Whilst the relationship between the CIL and traditional planning contributions is resolved, progressing such a comprehensive developer contributions strategy will not be possible. In the short term however the District Council is concerned that much needed infrastructure requirements will not be catered for, therefore we are proposing to produce an SPD which will set out requirements for developers for areas where planning contributions can be secured. We will also investigate other potential ways of securing appropriate funding.

### Sustainable Energy SPD

- 3.17 Work on the Sustainable Energy SPD has commenced and the County-wide group which is producing much of the evidence base has engaged consultants to model potential renewable energy targets for new development. As the Submitted LDS indicated it is likely that the document will be adopted in September 2008.

### Securing Quality Design SPD

- 3.18 Work has not yet commenced on this SPD. The Council is proposing, that in the light of the revised LDS to begin work on this project in 2009 following submission of the Core Strategy.

### Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents

- 3.19 The Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings SPD and the Extensions to Dwellings SPD were adopted 'on-time' in September 2005 and October 2005 respectively. They are now regularly being used in the Development Control arena to advise and guide applicants in the submission of their proposals.

### Conclusion

- 3.20 The Critical Friend Assessment into the work undertaken as part of the production of the Core Strategy has identified that before the Council can proceed to the submission stage more work must be undertaken in the production of a sound evidence base and in fully recognising the impact of the Growth Point on the spatial strategy of the District. This assessment has led to the review of the Council's LDS and a submission LDS has been submitted at the same time and a copy of the draft time-table is included in Appendix 2.

- 3.21 The LDS proposes that a further Preferred Options Stage is prepared with a view to going out to consultation in September 2008 with Submission in April 2009.
- 3.22 Beyond the issues which we have to address individually as a Local Planning Authority (LPA) the Panel Report into the Examination in Public in the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan has just been published. This has proposed a number of recommendations which will need further work not just by the Government but by all the LPA's in the East Midlands. Whilst the Proposed Changes for the Regional Plan are expected in the Spring of 2008 any delay could result in complications for the production of the Core Strategy. Furthermore the Government has brought forward legislation to reform the LDF system, once these reforms are enacted the LDS will have to be redrawn to take into account these changes.

#### 'SAVED' LOCAL PLAN POLICIES

- 3.23 The Newark and Sherwood Local Plan (Adopted March 1999) has 224 policies, which on the commencement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (28<sup>th</sup> September 2004), were automatically 'saved' for a period of 3 years. This period of automatic 'saving' came to an end on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The Government required that each Local Authority set out which policies it intended to continue to save after this period.
- 3.24 The District Council evaluated its current local plan policies and submitted to the Government which policies it wished to 'save' and which it did not wish to 'save' using the criteria, from PPS12, set out below:
- where appropriate, there is a clear central strategy;
  - policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area;
  - policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy or spatial development strategy;
  - policies are in conformity with the core strategy development plan document (where the core strategy has been adopted);
  - there are effective policies for any parts of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged; and
  - policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy.
- 3.25 Due to the timetabling of the production of the Core Strategy the District Council made a judgement as to whether or not local plan policies were in line with the emerging Core Strategy. The assessment was carried out in early 2007 and the results were submitted to the Government on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. Further consultation was undertaken by the Government in September 2007, and additional justification for saving policies was supplied.

3.26 The Secretary of State notified the District Council on the 21 September 2007 that all but 17 policies of the Local Plan would continue to be saved. Table 1 below sets out a full list of policies which are no longer saved and therefore no longer part of the Development Plan. The majority of these policies refer to schemes which have been developed since the Local Plan was adopted in 1999. Policy H1 Housing Land Provision and E1 Employment Land Provision have already been superseded by the Joint Structure Plan.

**Table 1 Policies which are no longer part of the Development Plan**

H1- Housing Land Provision
H4- Site Nk- Moulton Crescent, Balderton
H5- Rear of Wagon & horses Public House, Bleasby
H6- Cockett Lane, Farnsfield
H7- Southwell Road, Lowdham
H8- South of Marlock Close, Fiskerton
H9- Southwell Road, Lowdham
H10- North of Halam Road, Southwell
H11- Nottingham Road, Southwell
E1- Employment Land Provision
T1- Dualling of the A46 (T) (Lincoln to Newark)
T2- Rainworth By-pass
T8- London Road Car Park Improvements
T12- Newark Town Centre- Private Car Parking Spaces
T13- Newark Town Centre- Car Parking for New Commercial Development
R22- Recreation Area between Blenheim Avenue and Southwell Road, Lowdham
EHC4- Bilsthorpe Proposed Health Centre

3.27 The majority of these policies refer to schemes which have been developed since the Local Plan was adopted in 1999. Policy H1 Housing Land Provision and E1 Employment Land Provision have already been superseded by the Joint Structure Plan and are therefore no longer applicable.

Policies Which Are No Longer Being Fully Implemented

3.28 It was clarified during the saving process that policies could not be saved in part. As discussed at 3.8 above the Interim Policy Note on 'Planning Provision for Affordable Housing' sets lower thresholds (10 or more dwellings or 0.4 hectares or more in Newark / 5 or more dwellings or 0.2 hectares or more for the rest of the District) than Policy H16, which are now being used in the consideration of planning applications. However the remaining provisions of H16 continue to be implemented, therefore, given the requirement to continue to operate an affordable housing policy, Policy H16 Affordable Housing was saved.



## SECTION FOUR: CONTEXTUAL INDICATORS: THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT

- 4.1 The purposes of contextual indicators is to describe the wider social, environmental and economic background or 'context' to the process of developing spatial plan policies for the District through the Local Development Framework, and enabling an assessment of the implementation of these policies. These contextual indicators can be analysed by reference to six main themes as set out below.

### Demographic Structure

#### Population Data

- 4.2 The population of Newark and Sherwood District in 2001 was estimated to be 106,273 (2001 census figures) and has risen by 2.9% from its previous 1991 figure. The mid 2006 population estimates have given a District population total of 111,700 (up from 110,800 the previous year) with an equivalent numerical mix of males and females. The age structure of the District is set out as follows:-

**Table 2 Mid 2006 Population Estimates**

Age Group	Under 15	15-64	65+
Population	19,700	72,300	19,700

*Source: ONS Mid 2006 Estimates*

- 4.3 The population age profile for the District when compared with the rest of Nottinghamshire and the country is as follows:

**Table 3 Population Age Profile**

	<b>Newark and Sherwood District (%)</b>	<b>Average in Notts. Districts (%)</b>	<b>Average in Great Britain Districts (%)</b>
<b>0-14</b>	17.6	17.1	17.6
<b>15-24</b>	11.4	12.1	13.2
<b>25-44</b>	26.0	27.4	28.3
<b>45-64</b>	27.4	26.6	24.8
<b>65+</b>	17.6	16.9	16.1
<b>75+</b>	8.4	8.0	7.7

*Source: ONS (Mid-Year Population Estimates 2006)(figures do not sum due to rounding)*

- 4.4 In terms of where the population live, the District comprises much of the central and eastern parts of rural Nottinghamshire, and features a dispersed settlement pattern with Newark (25,000), or over 35,000 when considered with neighbouring Balderton, Ollerton & Boughton (9,900) Southwell (6,500+) being the three main market towns set in an otherwise rural environment.

## Economy

### Local Economic Data

- 4.5 There has been marked changes in the profile of Newark and Sherwood's economic base over the last two decades. This change has been most notable in the western area of the District with the decline of the coal industry and, more generally across the District with declines in manufacturing. However, significant progress has been made to replace the jobs lost during the pit closures and from the decline in manufacturing. The level of unemployment within the District (currently 1.7%) is lower than both regional and national averages.
- 4.6 There has been reasonable diversification of the District's economy. In particular jobs in the construction, transport/distribution and the service sector in general have been important in off-setting the decline within the mining and manufacturing industries. A detailed profile of employment by sector for Newark and Sherwood, the East Midlands and Great Britain is set out in the table below.

**Table 4 Employment by Sector**

	<b>Newark and Sherwood (employee jobs)</b>	<b>Newark and Sherwood (%)</b>	<b>East Midlands (%)</b>	<b>Great Britain (%)</b>
Total employee jobs	40,100	-	-	-
Full-time	24,900	62.0	68.2	68.9
Part-time	15,200	38.0	31.87	31.1
<b>Employee jobs by industry</b>				
Manufacturing	5,700	14.1	15.7	10.9
Construction	2,300	5.9	5.4	4.8
Services	30,500	76.1	76.9	82.9
Distribution, hotels & restaurants	11,200	28.0	23.4	23.5
Transport & communications	2,600	6.5	5.9	5.9
Finance, IT, other business activities	4,700	11.8	17.0	21.2
Public admin, education & health	9,500	23.8	26.1	26.9
Other services	2,400	5.9	4.6	5.3
Tourism related	5,300	13.3	7.4	8.3

*Source: ONS Survey (Apr 2006-Mar 2007)*

- 4.7 In terms of an analysis of District employment by occupation, this is shown by the table below:

**Table 5 Employment by Occupation**

	Newark and Sherwood (Numbers)	Newark and Sherwood (%)	East Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)
Soc 2000 major group 1-3	<b>19,800</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>42.3</b>
1. Managers and senior officials	<b>8,500</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>
2. Professional occupations	<b>6,600</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>13.0</b>
3. Associate professional & technical	<b>4,600</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Soc 2000 major group 4-5	<b>11,700</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>
4. Administrative & secretarial	<b>5,300</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>
5. Skilled trades occupations	<b>6,400</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Soc 2000 major group 6-7	<b>7,200</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>
6. Personal service occupations	<b>3,400</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>
7. Sales and customer service occs	<b>3,800</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>
Soc 2000 major group 8-9	<b>11,400</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>18.7</b>
8. Process plant & machine operatives	<b>4,800</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>
9. Elementary occupations	<b>6,600</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>

*(percentages are based on all persons in employment)*

*Source: ONS Annual Population Survey (Apr 2006-Mar 2007)*

- 4.8 This occupational profile indicates that the District has a sizeable stock of Knowledge Workers, in 'higher end' occupations including managerial, professional and technical activities, on a par with the national averages. Similarly, there are a sizeable proportion of people employed in the 'lower end' occupations, also generally in line with the national average.
- 4.9 Qualifications and skill levels in Newark and Sherwood are generally in line with the national average, as shown in the table below. However at the higher and lower levels there is variance from the national average. Only 19.0% of the

population is qualified to at least NVQ4 Level and equivalent (first degree and above) compared to 27.4% in GB. There has also been a marked increase in the percentage of people in the District with no qualifications. Last year only 9.0% of people had no qualifications at all, which was well below regional and national averages. This has now increased to 15.8%, 2% above the average for Great Britain.

**Table 6 Qualifications and Skills Levels**

	<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood Numbers</b>	<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood (%)</b>	<b>East Midlands (%)</b>	<b>Great Britain (%)</b>
NVQ4 and above	11,900	19.0	24.8	27.4
NVQ3 and above	26,100	41.4	43.5	45.3
NVQ2 and above	38,700	61.4	62.3	63.8
NVQ1 and above	48,100	76.3	78.4	77.7
Other qualifications	4,700	7.5	7.6	8.5
No qualifications	9,900	15.8	13.9	13.8

*Source: ONS annual population survey (Jan 06 to Dec 06)*

- 4.10 The issue of housing costs is illustrated in the table shown below which provides information on the average price of properties in the District, and compares the 2006 situation with that of 2003.

**Table 7 House Price by Property Type: 2006 –2003 Comparison**

<b>Property Type</b>	<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood District Council</b>		
	<b>Land Registry Average Price (£)</b>		<b>Increase/decrease 2003-2006 %</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2003</b>	
Terraced	110,575	75,414	+46.6%
Semi-detached	132,887	85,395	+55.6%
Detached	245,078	182,803	+34.1%
Flats & maisonettes	117,032	111,812	+4.7%
All properties	170,750	25,641	+35.9%

*Source: Land Registry Residential Property Price Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006/2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003*

- 4.11 An important point is that terraced houses are assessed to be the main access property for first time buyers due to their average price and volume of sales. The

statistics reveal a significant increase in the price of terraced houses from 2003 to 2006 confirmed at 46.6%, an increase well in excess of wage inflation. Entry to market housing has therefore become more difficult for new households than it was in 2003, thereby increasing the demand for affordable housing.

- 4.12 The cost of owner-occupied dwellings within the District has risen substantially in recent years. The average price of property within the District increased by 141.2% between 1999 and 2006, compared to 127.7% as an average across all national Districts and 132.2% as the average for all Nottinghamshire districts. In fact, increases in average house price since 1999 have been the highest in Nottinghamshire apart from Rushcliffe Borough. The average house price for property in the District was for the first quarter of 2006, £163,708, compared to a Nottinghamshire District average of £139,548 and an average for District's nationally of £184,386. In terms of affordability, it is useful to look at the Affordability Index set out in the table below. This calculation was performed so that the most affordable areas would have the highest affordability score, based on the ability of someone on average income in a District to afford an averagely priced dwelling.

**Table 8 Affordability Index 2007 (Great Britain = 100)**

Rank	District	Score
1	Mansfield	145.80
2	Nottingham City	140.57
3	Ashfield	139.08
4	Broxtowe	134.60
5	Bassetlaw	134.37
6	Gedling	129.91
7	Newark and Sherwood	116.01
8	Rushcliffe	107.12
	England and Wales District Average	100
	Notts District Average	87.84

Source: *Property Prices, Land Registry; Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2007)*

- 4.13 As set out in the above, the ability to pay for housing is poorest in Newark and Sherwood of all but one of the Nottinghamshire Districts, and even below the average score for all districts across England and Wales.

## Housing and Built Environment

- 4.14 In Newark and Sherwood District there were 46,050 households confirmed in the 2001 Census. This figure was made up of 44,465 occupied households, 104 used as second residences or holiday lets and 1,481 that were vacant household spaces. District vacancy rates at 3.2% were comparable with national and regional figures. The average size of households in the District at 2001 was 2.36 people.

- 4.15 In terms of housing tenure, in 2004, 84.4% of dwellings were either owner occupied or private rented, compared with an average of 82.8% across both Nottinghamshire districts and those nationally. The table displayed below illustrates the high proportion of owner occupied dwellings within the District compared with the East Midlands (71%) and national (68%) averages derived from the 2001 census. The other main tenure forms are shown as those rented from the Council and rented from private landlords. From November 2004, Newark and Sherwood Homes (NASH) commenced managing Council owned homes on behalf of the District Council.

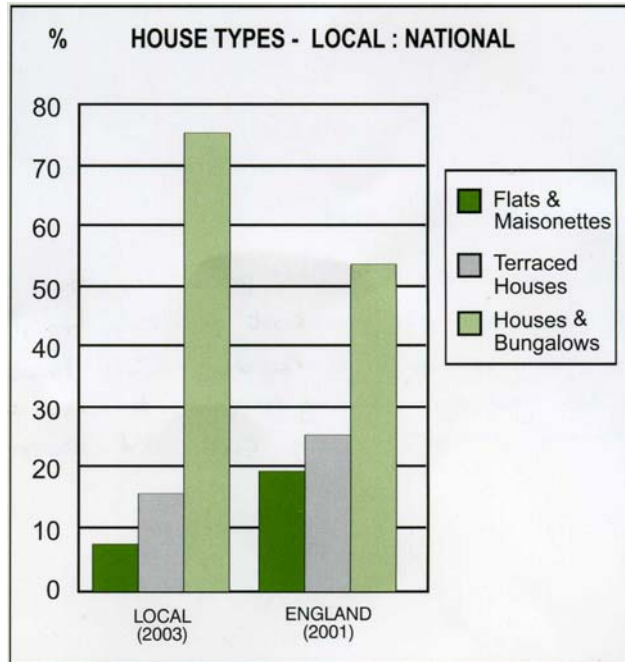
**Table 9 Tenure of Present Households**

<b>Tenure</b>	<b>2005 %</b>	<b>Nos Implied</b>	<b>Local Area Census 2001*</b>
Council rented	11.1	5,035	12.7
HA rented	3.7	1,820	3.6
Shared ownership	0.1	49	0.4
Private rented	9.8	4,859	9.3
Other/tied to employment	0.2	76	0.4
Owner/Occupier - mortgage	41.7	20,547	40.7
Owner/Occupier - outright	33.4	16,505	32.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,359</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*Source: 2001 Census and Housing Needs Survey 2005 for Newark and Sherwood District by DCA*

- 4.16 In relation to the housing stock of the District, the proportion of houses and bungalows (75%) is well above the national average (54%), while the supply of terraced properties (16%) is some way below the national average (25%) for this type of accommodation. The supply of flats/maisonettes at 7% is also below the national average of 19%. This housing type profile is graphically illustrated overleaf and this profile impacts on the available supply of smaller affordable homes for first time buyers.

## Chart 2 House Types



Source: *Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper*  
*Newark and Sherwood District Council October 2005*

- 4.17 The District is generally recognised as having a high quality built environment, and as a reflection of this feature, there are 45 Conservation Areas in all within the District and 1901 individually listed buildings and structures covering a vast range of building types and forms. These range from Newark's Norman castle to small vernacular buildings, and express the locally distinctive architecture and character of the District. The District also enjoys a wealth of archaeological remains, including evidence of Roman settlements and various English Civil War earthworks around Newark, reflecting the latter's important strategic location during this period.

### Social and Cultural Issues

- 4.18 The Government uses an Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) to measure how deprived local communities are. This index takes into account:
- Income Deprivation
  - Employment Deprivation
  - Health Deprivation and Disability
  - Education, Skills and Training Deprivation
  - Barriers to Housing and Services
  - Living Environment Deprivation
  - Crime



4.19 As a District, overall Levels of deprivation in Newark and Sherwood are relatively low, although, as shown in the table below, Newark and Sherwood is ranked in the top half of most deprived districts in England and in the middle range of districts across the county. By comparison, Rushcliffe is ranked very low, at 309<sup>th</sup> out of 354 districts, whilst, at the other end of the scale, Nottingham City is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> nationally in respect of measured deprivation.

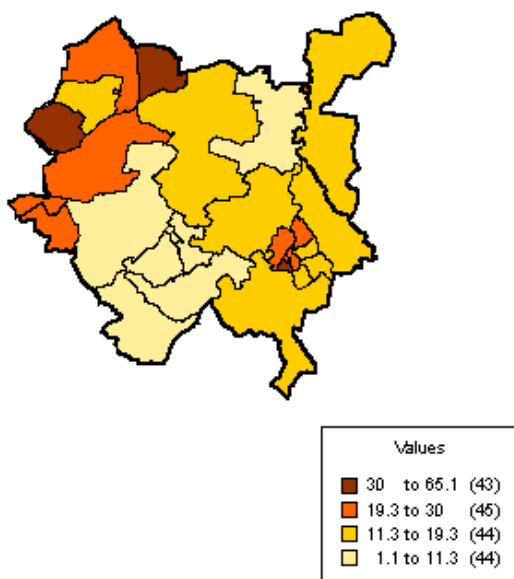
**Table 10 Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004: Average for Super Output Areas (2004)**

Rank in Nottinghamshire	District	Average Score	National (England) Rank (out of 354 Districts)
1	Nottingham City	41.75	7
2	Mansfield	32.53	33
3	Ashfield	27.77	66
4	Bassetlaw	25.71	82
5	Newark and Sherwood	19.75	143
6	Gedling	16.43	184
7	Broxtowe	16.03	194
8	Rushcliffe	8.95	309
	Nottinghamshire Districts Average	23.61	
	England District Averages	18.88	

Source: Indices of Deprivation for SOA's in England, ONS

4.20 Below the district level, it is evident that, in Newark and Sherwood like a lot of districts, there is considerable contrast between areas of high deprivation and those where there is relatively little recorded deprivation. The Figure below illustrates the situation in Newark and Sherwood's wards, areas of relatively higher deprivation are concentrated in central Newark and on the western side of the District.

**Figure 1 Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004: Average of Super Output Area Scores**



Source: Indices of Deprivation for SOA's in England, ONS

- 4.21 At one end of the scale, the Devon ward ranks within the top 10% most deprived wards nationally and a further nine of the District's 25 wards (at the time of the 2001 Census) are within the top 25%. However, at the other end of the scale, the wards of Southwell West and Southwell North are within the 10% of wards with least deprivation nationally.
- 4.22 In September 2005, unemployment in the District stood at just 1.5%, well below the national figure of 2.4%. Similarly, the total number of unemployed claimants in the District for November 2006 was 1,069 or 1.6% of the estimated working population resident in the District (compared to a 2.5% figure for the UK and for Nottinghamshire).
- 4.23 In terms of crime and community safety, a Crime Score Index based on the British Crime Survey gives Newark and Sherwood a crime score of 64.6 based on an average score of 100 for British districts. The higher the score the greater the levels of crime. Newark and Sherwood has the lowest crime levels in the County and well below national levels, making the area a relatively safe place to live, work and visit.
- 4.24 The Rate of Crime table below shows that the District experiences (based on 2007 figures) lower crime rates in all major crime groups when compared to the county as a whole, and generally England and Wales, with the exception of theft from a vehicle. This figure has risen 1.8% in the District this year although a drop of 3.8% has been recorded for England and Wales.

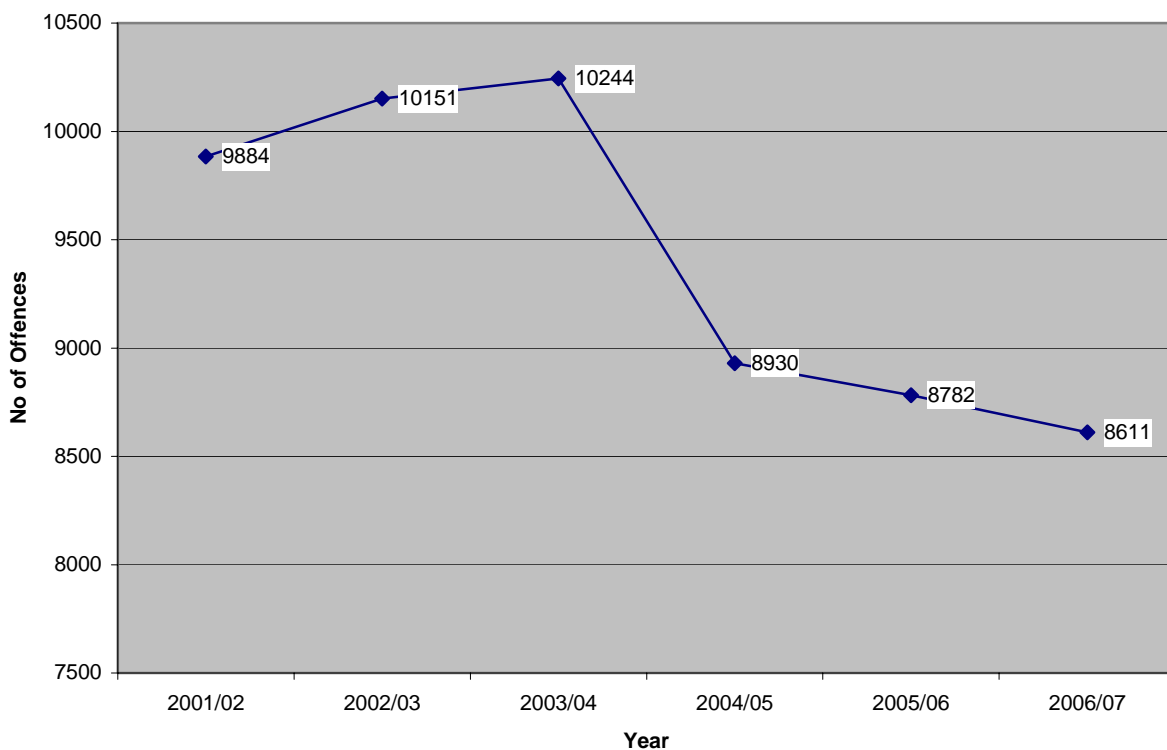
**Table 11 Rate of crime (per 1000 population) by Crime Type: April 2006 to March 2007**

	<b>Newark and Sherwood District</b>	<b>Nottingham-shire</b>	<b>England and Wales</b>
<b>Violence against the person</b>	13.4	21.0	13.8
<b>Sexual offences</b>	0.8	1.3	1.1
<b>Robbery</b>	0.3	2.3	1.9
<b>Burglary dwelling</b>	4.1	10.2	5.57
<b>Theft of a vehicle</b>	3.0	4.4	3.6
<b>Theft from a vehicle</b>	8.9	15.3	5.8

*Source: Home Office*

4.25 In terms of the changes in offences over time Chart 2 below show recorded crimes from April 2001 to March 2007. There was an increase in the number of recorded crimes experienced in Newark and Sherwood between 2001/2 and 2003/4. However, 2004/05 experienced a strong drop in recorded crime from the previous year; a drop of 12.8%. This drop has continued during 2005/06 and 2006/7. Whilst it remains to be seen whether a lowering of recorded crime levels can be sustained, it should be recognised that planning system has a role to play in ensuring that crime levels are kept low. For example, by ensuring the design and layout of new developments does not encourage crime, and by providing youth facilities that can help reduce the occurrence of antisocial behaviour.

**Chart 3 Total number of offences in Newark and Sherwood 2001-2007**



*Source: Home Office*

## The Natural Environment

4.26 Newark and Sherwood is a large District covering some 65,000 hectares and extending over nearly one-third of Nottinghamshire. The District comprises much of the central and eastern parts of rural Nottinghamshire and includes a dispersed settlement pattern with market towns and many villages set in a mainly rural environment. Most of the District is unspoilt, open countryside in agricultural use. The remnants of Sherwood Forest in the west and the Trent Valley in the east are dominant and attractive features in the landscape.

4.27 The District as a whole has a diverse range of natural habitats and species, and includes a number of sites important in nature conservation and bio-diversity terms. There are 19 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), 7 Local Nature Reserves (LNRs), 445 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, areas of ancient woodland, and many trees and woodlands are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. The western edge of the District is also included in the Greenwood Community Forest project which covers 40,000 hectares of Western Nottinghamshire, and is involved in establishing new community woodlands and the management of existing ones. There are numerous parks and public open spaces within the District, and the District Council has recently been successful in achieving the National Green Flag Award for three of its own parks at Vicar Water Country Park (in the west), and Newark Castle Grounds and Sherwood Avenue Park (in the east). The County Council have this year been successful in securing a National Green Flag Award for Rufford Country Park.

#### Transport and Spatial Connectivity

4.28 The District is relatively well served by the primary road network, although greater accessibility to main arterial routes is concentrated to the east. On the east side of the District the A1, one of the country's main trunk road, runs north to south. At Newark, it meets the A46 trunk road, with the A46 carrying onto Lincoln to the north-east and Leicester to the south-west. Whilst the A1 is dual-carriageway throughout the District, the A46 is not. Work to make that section between Newark and Lincoln dual-carriageway was completed in 2003, but the length to the south west of Newark through to Widmerpool in Rushcliffe Borough remains single-carriageway. A public inquiry into the proposed dual carriageway route was recently conducted, however given the current arrangements for funding of road schemes the earliest date for a start on the dualling of this section is 2011.

4.29 The District as a whole is well served by rail access, with Newark having railway stations on both the East Coast main railway line and the Nottingham to Lincoln line; there are also a number of stations at villages within the District on the Nottinghamshire to Lincoln line. However, as with major road provision, rail accessibility is much better in the east side of the District. A new rail franchise has taken over the Central Trains and Midland Mainline services in the East Midlands and they are proposing to run direct trains between Lincoln and London St Pancras via Nottingham. This could potentially mean that Newark Castle Station would be linked to stations further down the Midland mainline than at present, with more modern rolling stock. Details of the new services have not yet been revealed.

4.30 At the 2001 Census the majority of households within Newark and Sherwood District had access to at least 1 car or van (78.7%). This is higher than the average for both the East Midlands and England and reflects the trend towards higher car dependency in more rural areas. However, this figure disguises some very wide variations across the District, with urban areas tending, not unexpectedly, to have higher levels of non-car ownership. Looking at car

ownership by ward, in Devon ward, Newark, 43% of households have no car access, whilst Trent ward has only 6% of households with no car ownership.

- 4.31 The pattern of public transport provision in Newark and Sherwood is variable. Whilst Newark, Southwell and Ollerton are relatively well served by a range of bus services, outside of these centres service provision can be poor. At present, large villages within rural hinterland areas of the District generally have service links within urban areas close by. However, most small villages have limited services only, and many of the District's settlements have no evening or Sunday service. Indeed, there are large areas of the District that, at best, have a bus service only every other hour throughout the day (frequency is mapped in the North Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan).
- 4.32 The relatively poor provision of public transport choice within the District is, perhaps, reflected within the 'journey to work' data collected within the 2001 Census. This indicated that 67.9% of the District's resident population travel to work by car. This is significantly higher than the national district average across Britain (63.2%). Correspondingly, the level of residents travelling to work by public transport was measured at 5.3% in 2001, well below the average for districts across Britain (11.7%); although, at 14.5%, the proportion travelling to work by foot or cycle was slightly higher than the national district average (13.4%).

## SECTION FIVE: CORE OUTPUT INDICATORS

- 5.1 This part of the AMR undertakes a detailed analysis of the core 'output indicators' for the period 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007. The main purpose of output indicators is to measure quantifiable physical activities that are directly related to, and are a consequence of, the implementation of planning policies. The selection of output indicators is guided by the key spatial and sustainability objectives of the Local Development Framework.

### Business Development

- 5.2 Monitoring of Business Development indicators takes place as part of the District Council's annual Employment Land Availability review process. This study monitors planning permissions and 'development' completions to confirm the following statistical picture:

**Table 12 Business Development**

(1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2007)		Newark Area	Southern Area	Western Area	District Total
Amount of floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> ) developed by type	<b>B1</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>5575</b>	<b>7705</b>
	<b>B2</b>	<b>2753</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2180</b>	<b>4933</b>
	<b>B8</b>	<b>67817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67817</b>
Amount of floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> ) developed by type in employment/regeneration areas	<b>B1</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5412</b>	<b>6612</b>
	<b>B2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>B8</b>	<b>67817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>678170</b>
Amount of floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> / %) developed by type on previously developed land	<b>B1</b>	<b>1200/0</b>	<b>930/0</b>	<b>5575/100</b>	<b>7705/72</b>
	<b>B2</b>	<b>2753/90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2180/100</b>	<b>4933/94</b>
	<b>B8</b>	<b>67817/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67817/0</b>
Employment land (ha.) available by type	<b>B1</b>	<b>19.12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11.41</b>	<b>30.53</b>
	<b>B2</b>	<b>2.58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>4.45</b>
	<b>B8</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>1.37</b>
	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>41.52</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>111.57</b>	<b>153.59</b>
Losses of employment land (ha.) in local authority area		<b>0.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Losses of employment land (ha.) in employment/regeneration areas		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Amount of employment land (ha.) lost to residential development		<b>0.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- 5.3 The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Joint Structure Plan (JSP) requires a total of 132 ha employment land to be developed within the District in the period 2001 to 2021. These employment land requirements are divided between the three sub-areas that make up the District, and when considered against land already developed from 2001 to 2007, land with planning permission and land currently allocated in the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan, the following statistical picture can be confirmed:

**Table 13 Employment Land Requirements**

(in Hectares)	Newark Area	Western Area	Southern Area
Land developed April 2001 to March 2007	47.74	15.65	0.20
Land with planning permission at March 2007	43.70	81.34	0.50
Land allocated in the existing Local Plan (without planning permission)	17.69	39.64	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109.13</b>	<b>136.63</b>	<b>0.70</b>
Joint Structure Plan Requirement 2001 to 2021	80.00	50.00	2.00
Land to be allocated/de-allocated to meet JSP	-29.13 <sup>†</sup>	-86.63 <sup>†</sup>	1.30

<sup>†</sup> Minus figures represent an over-provision of employment land.

- 5.4 It is important to note that the information given out in the final row of the table, immediately below the reference to the Joint Structure Plan Requirement 2001 to 2021, confirms how much land is required to be allocated or de-allocated across the District's sub-areas, in order to meet the JSP's stance on what Newark and Sherwood District is obliged to contribute to this new strategic plan for the County and City of Nottingham. In order to meet the JSP requirements for employment land in both the Newark and Western Areas of the District, there will need to be some de-allocation of existing employment sites. However, where most sites already have the benefit of planning permission, there could be difficulty achieving sufficient levels of de-allocation unless specific planning permissions lapse. In the case of the Southern Area, there is only a need for a very small amount of employment land to be allocated for future development. The District as a whole is therefore currently over-provided for, in terms of the JSP requirements and this issue must be addressed in the future stages of the Local Development Framework.

- 5.5 In the period between April 2001 and March 2007, the total amount and rate of employment land take-up is shown below for the District.

#### Employment Take-up Figures

**Table 14 Employment Land Take-up Figures**

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	Total	Take Up Rate
<b>Newark Area</b>	1.61	0.23	22.70	-	2.00	21.20	<b>47.74</b>	<b>7.96</b>
<b>Western Area</b>	4.52	-	2.72	0.83	4.24	3.34	<b>15.65</b>	<b>2.60</b>
<b>Southern Area</b>	-	-	-	-	-	0.20	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Total ha</b>	<b>6.13</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>25.42</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>6.24</b>	<b>24.74</b>	<b>63.49</b>	<b>10.58</b>

#### Housing

- 5.6 The monitoring of housing development indicators has traditionally taken place annually, as part of a Residential Land Availability review process. The District Council has therefore monitored residential planning permissions granted, development completions, conversions, and developments taking place involving previously developed land (also known as 'brownfield' land). As a result the following statistical picture can be confirmed for the housing policy theme within our emerging Local Development Framework.

**Table 15 Housing Development**

(1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2007)	Newark Area	Southern Area	Western Area	District Total
Net additional dwellings completed over the previous 5-year period or since the start of the relevant DPD, whichever is the longer <sup>1</sup>	<b>2075</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>3146</b>
Net additional dwellings completed April 06-March 07	<b>252</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>481</b>
Projected net additional dwellings up to the end of the relevant DPD period or over a 10-year period, whichever is the longer <sup>2</sup>	<b>1973</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1975</b>
Annual net additional dwelling requirement <sup>3</sup>	<b>215</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>280</b>
Annual average number of net additional dwellings needed to meet overall housing requirements, having regard to previous year's performance	<b>141</b>	<b>0<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>141</b>
% of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>
% of new dwellings completed at less than 30 dwellings per hectare	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>
% of new dwellings completed at between 30 and 50 dwellings per hectare	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>



% of new dwellings completed at above 50 dwellings per hectare	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>
Affordable housing completions April 06-March 07	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>72</b>
Affordable Housing as a percentage of all Housing Completions April 06-March 07	<b>20.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>15.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2001 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006

<sup>3</sup> Nottinghamshire & Nottingham JSP 2001 to 2021

<sup>2</sup> Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

<sup>4</sup> Rounded down from 0.14. Total 14 year requirement of 2

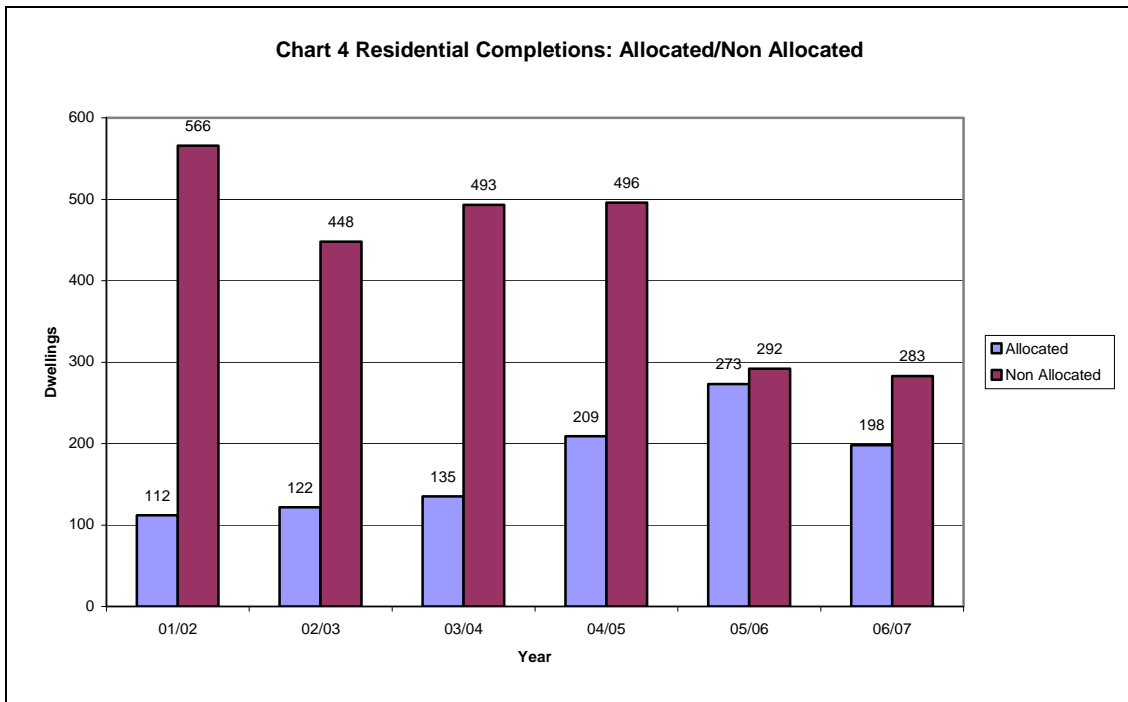
- 5.7 The figures reported in Table 14 Housing Development show that the District Council has met and 'out performed' the housing requirements of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan (JSP). The 'dwelling requirement' of the JSP is shown by the "Annual net additional dwelling requirement" row, and the figures given for 'past dwelling completion rates' in the first row, confirm that across all parts of the District, completions have exceeded the strategic housing requirement. This high level of completions has been due in part to the building out of previously granted planning permissions which were issued in line with a high level of growth strategy contained within previous strategic documents, that have now been superseded by the emergence of the JSP. The JSP strategy incorporates an approach that envisages a lower growth scenario for Newark and Sherwood District, than the previous Nottinghamshire Structure Plan and Structure Plan Review. However the legacy of those previous strategic documents is being demonstrated by the recent high completion rates for the District. It is worth noting that a higher level of growth is likely to be promoted through the emerging Regional Plan which is expected to be adopted as a finalised document in September 2008.
- 5.8 The percentage of new and converted dwellings built on previously developed land remains at a high level for the district. Although there has been a 7% drop in the Newark area, and 5% in the Southern Area, this has been off-set by the rise of 16% in the Western Area. As a result of older permissions still being built out there are fluctuations in the dwelling density figures being achieved, although there has been a marked increase in the Newark area of new dwellings built at a density of over 50 dwellings per hectare. Whilst there has been a slight dip in the number of affordable housing completions in the last monitoring period, the actual percentage of affordable units as a total provided is up from 16.6% last year to 20.2% this monitoring period. There is still some way to go before the target of 30% is reached. As there is such a low housing requirement for the current Joint Structure Plan period the number of approvals for dwellings on trigger sites is limited. However the number of sites which meet the affordable housing triggers site has increased as a result of an Interim Policy Note on Planning Provision for Affordable Housing which lowers the threshold for requiring affordable housing provision. This should continue to improve the situation in later years.
- 5.9 In terms of the anticipated supply of housing over the entire life span of the JSP, the statistics on housing indicate a much reduced annual figure compared to the annual 'dwelling requirement', reflecting the high levels of completions that have occurred in recent years. On the basis of the information contained in Table 14 Housing Development, there would appear to be little prospect of the District

Council failing to deliver on the supply of housing up to 2021. There is a high degree of probability however, given that planning permissions are likely to be granted on windfall sites, that the requirement figure for the District as a whole is likely to be exceeded. The current JSP strategic housing requirement for the District up to 2021 is shown in tabular form below, for the three sub-areas comprising Newark and Sherwood.

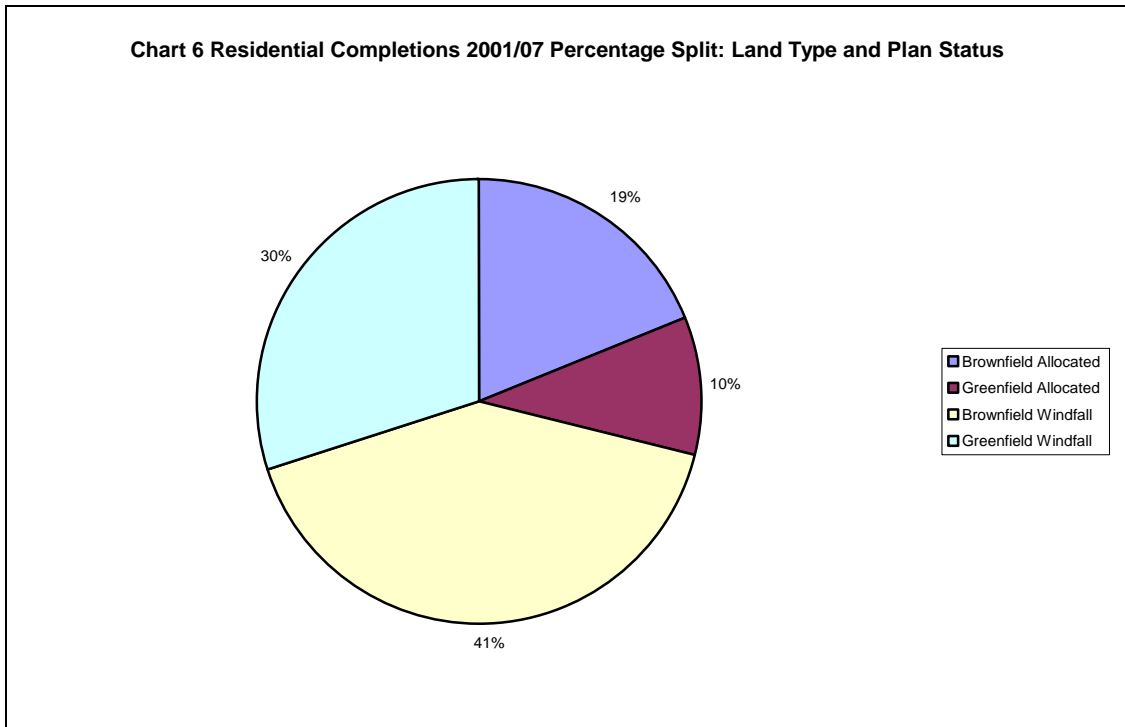
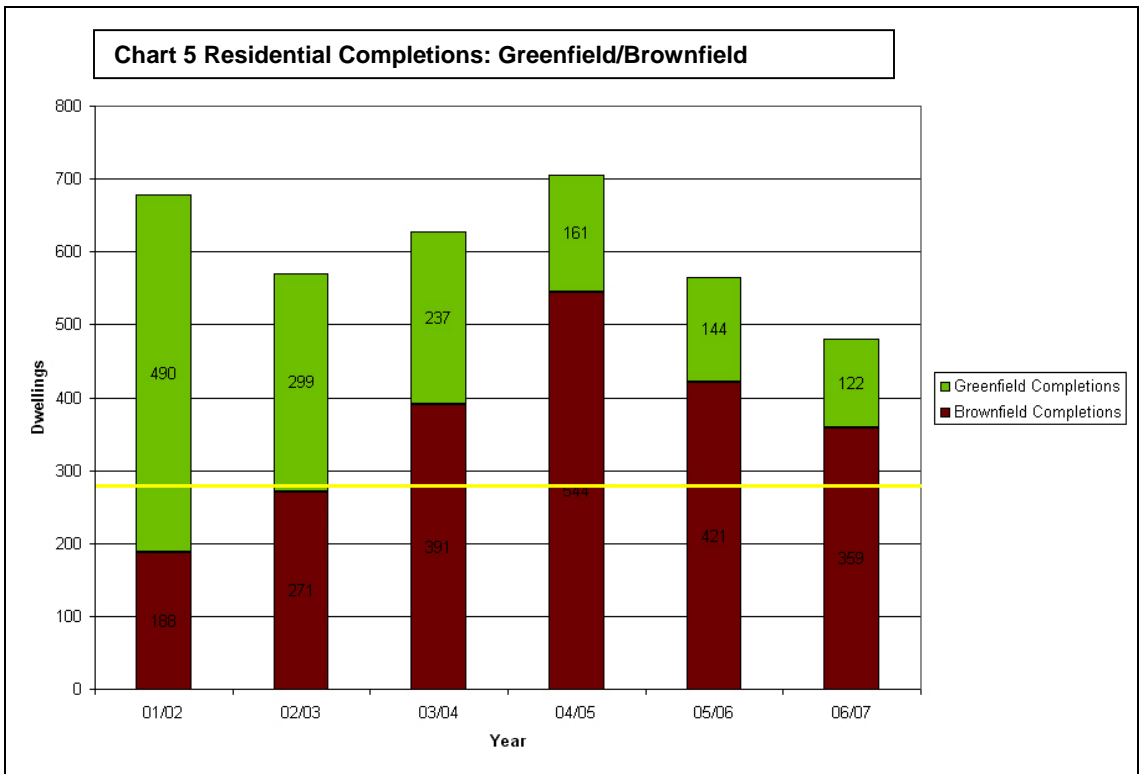
**Table 16 Housing Land Requirement**

	Newark Area	Southern Area	Western Area
Joint Structure Plan Requirement 2001 to 2021 (20 years)	4300	500	800
Housing completions April 2001 to March 2007 (6 years)	2327	498	802
Number of houses with Planning Permission at March 2007	1819	288	966
Number of additional houses Required	<b>154</b>	<b>-286</b>	<b>-968</b>

- 5.10 The JSP strategic housing requirement has now been met in the Western sub-area and only a further 2 units are required to meet the Southern sub-area requirement. Only the Newark sub-area requires further development. Within the District as a whole, the number of houses currently with planning permissions, when combined with the figure for houses completed (i.e. built), already adequately covers the overall housing requirements to 2021.
- 5.11 The JSP strategic requirement for the District as a whole is 5600 dwellings up to 2021, and on the basis of past completions and planning permissions granted, it is only within the Newark area that further development is required. The JSP requires on average 280 dwelling units per year, and the average rate for completions District-wide from April 2001 to March 2007 has actually been 605 dwellings. There has therefore been in recent years a high level of dwelling completions within the District compared to the strategic housing requirements of the JSP, and the subsequent paragraphs now explore the 'make-up' and status of those sites that have been developed for residential purposes.
- 5.12 The chart below shows the numbers of dwellings completed on allocated, and non-allocated sites (the latter also known as 'windfall sites') on an annual basis from April 2001. These figures show that the majority of completions year-on-year have taken place on non-allocated sites rather than via sites allocated for development in the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan. This situation has arisen in part due to the large size of the District and the considerable opportunities that have been present for infilling development within the confines of existing settlements and scope for redeveloping previously developed land.



5.13 A major thrust in national planning policy in recent years has been the desire to ensure that additional new housing is provided on previously-developed land (commonly referred to as 'brownfield' land) and through conversions of existing buildings. The national target for this type of development, as set out in Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing (November 2006) is that at least 60% of additional housing should be provided in this way. The table shown below illustrates how annual housing completions have consistently exceeded the strategic requirement in the District, and also the composition of those sites in terms of either 'brownfield' or 'greenfield' land where that new housing has taken place. It clearly indicates an increasing proportion of residential development being delivered from brownfield land, and a reducing contribution from greenfield sites.



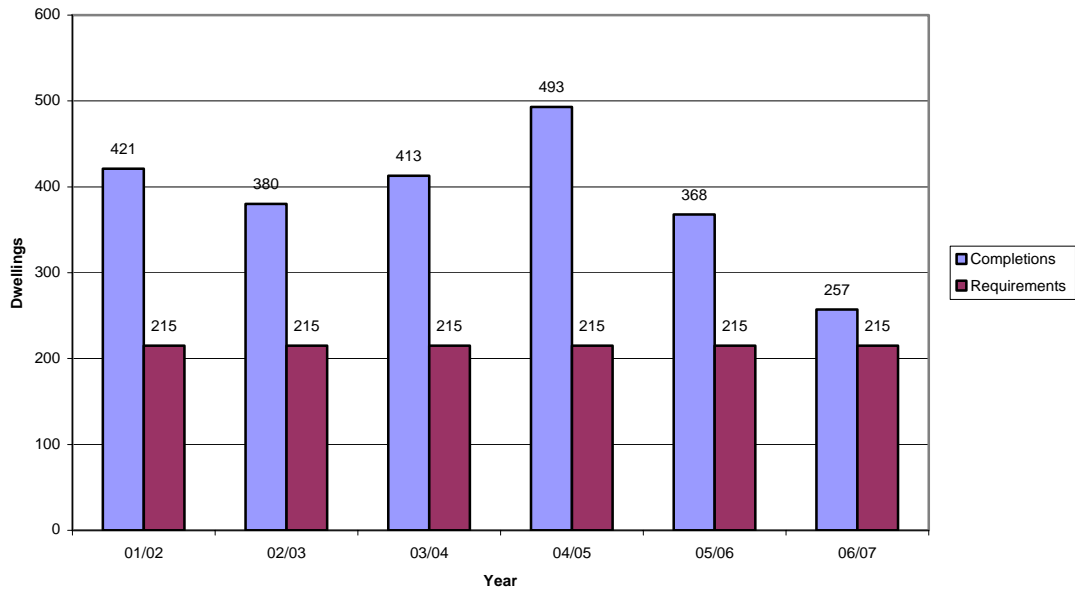
5.14 The nature of the residential completions since April 2001, is graphically illustrated in the pie chart shown above, which also includes percentages as to whether sites were brownfield/greenfield allocated or brownfield/greenfield windfall category sites. In line with the information given in the preceding paragraphs, the contribution of windfall sites far exceeded that of allocated sites, in the delivery of new housing across the District.

- 5.15 While the information given in this section of the AMR document so far has largely related to the District as a whole, it is important to examine how these past completion rates and development trends, have performed on a more localised basis. Newark and Sherwood is a very large District covering 60,000 ha and based on the JSP sub-division of the whole County into policy 'sub-areas', has itself been split into three areas for Local Plan purposes as shown below:
- (i) the Newark Area (located within the East Nottinghamshire JSP Sub-Area);
  - (ii) the Southern Area (located within the South Nottinghamshire JSP Sub-Area);
  - (iii) the Western Area (located within the West and North-West Nottinghamshire JSP Sub- Area).

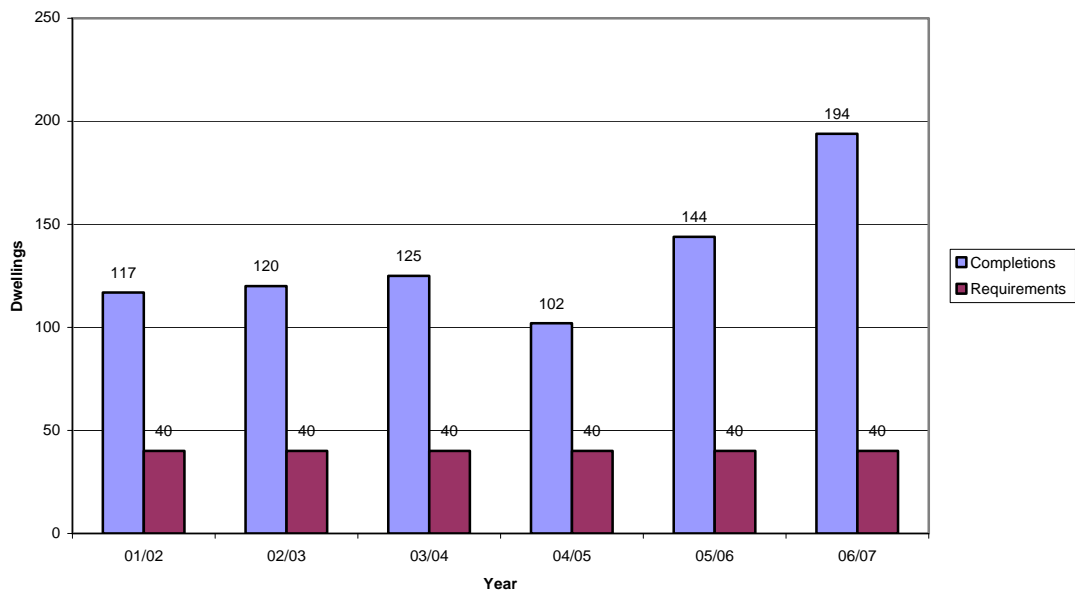
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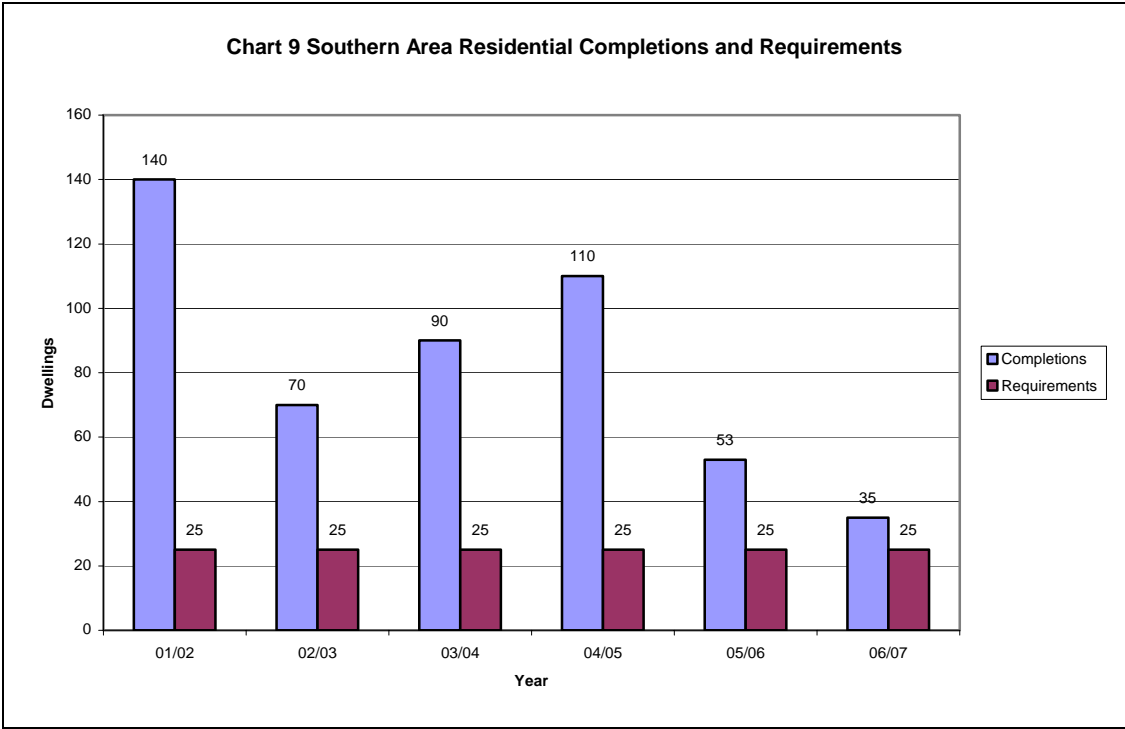
- 5.16 The distribution of housing requirements through the JSP process has apportioned set figures for new housing to the wider Sub Areas but also within them, to the areas administered by the individual District Councils within the County, including the Newark and Sherwood area. In practice, this has meant that the JSP strategic housing requirement 2001 to 2021 for the District has been most demanding for the Newark Area (4300 dwellings), and less so for the Western Area (800 dwellings) and the Southern Area (500 dwellings). This information has previously been recorded in Table 15 of this document, and compared against the housing completions that have occurred within the three constituent areas making up Newark and Sherwood District. The graphical illustration of how housing completions have performed against strategic requirements on an individual area basis is now shown below, for the Newark, Western and Southern Area.

**Chart 7 Newark Area Residential Completions and Requirements**

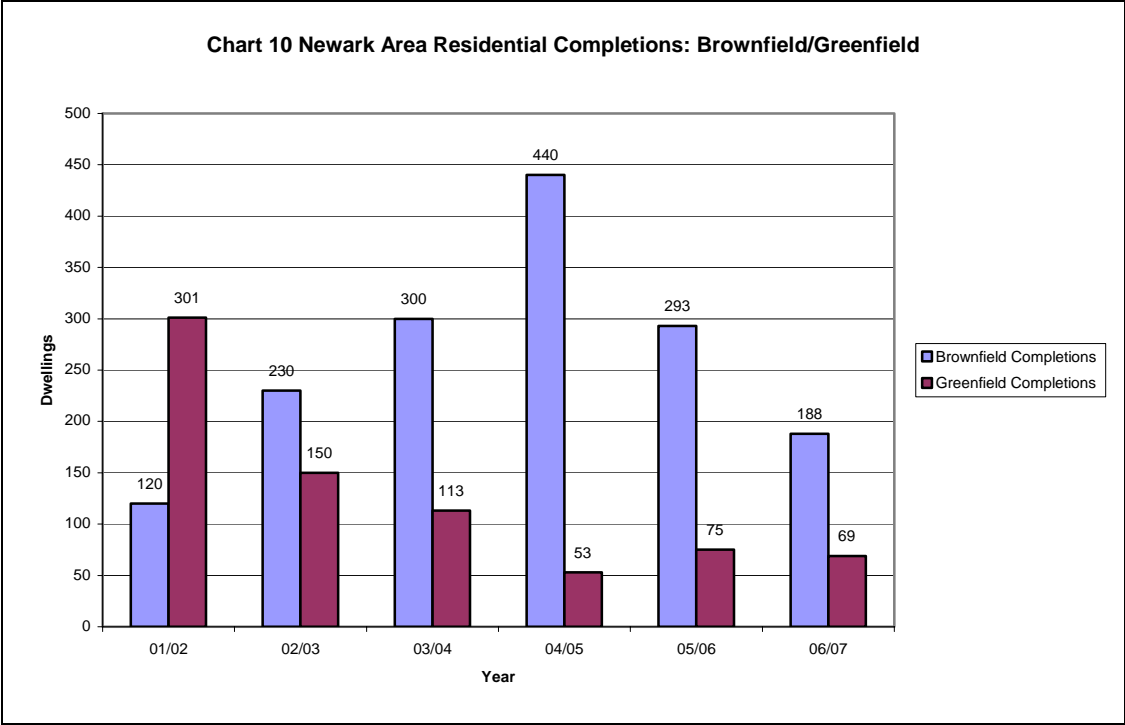


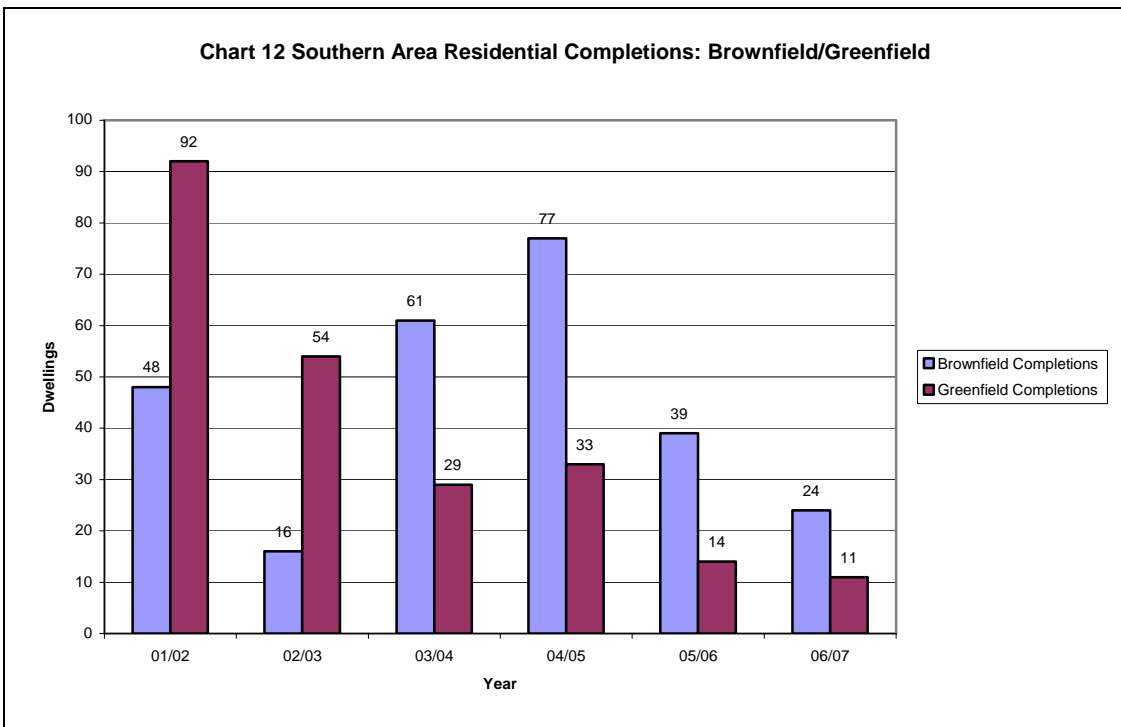
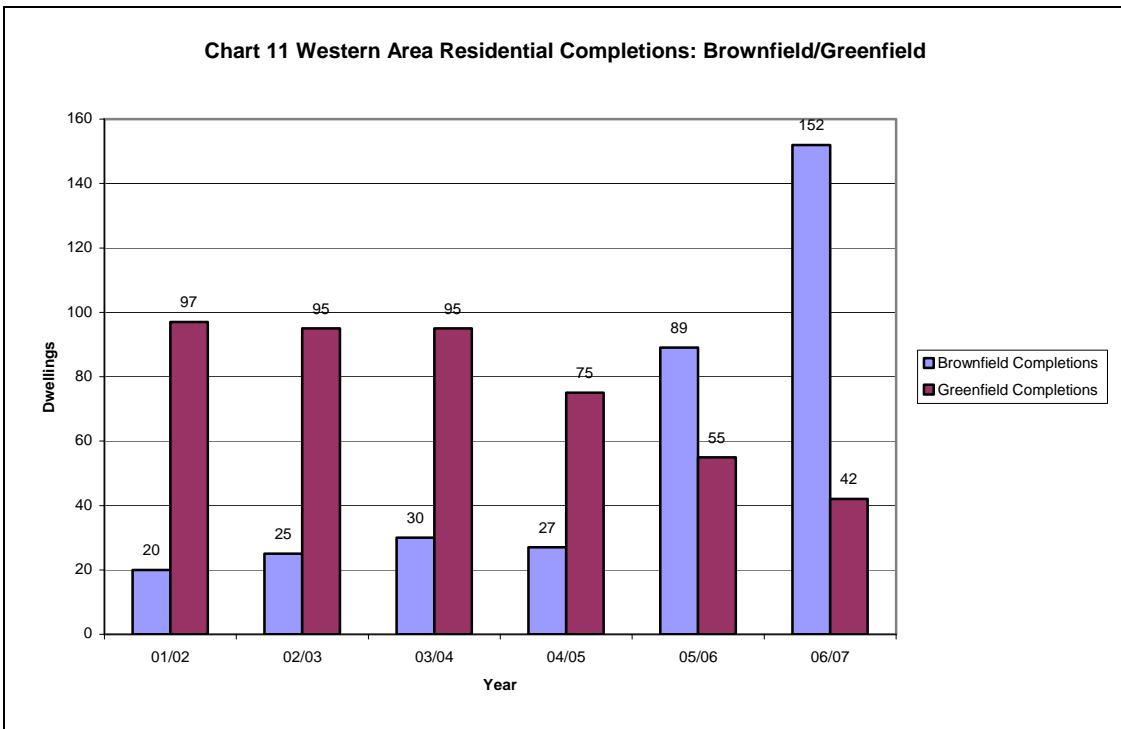
**Chart 8 Western Area Residential Completions and Requirements**





5.17 Similarly, how the individual areas have performed in terms of Brownfield Completions as against Greenfield Completions, across the District is illustrated as follows:





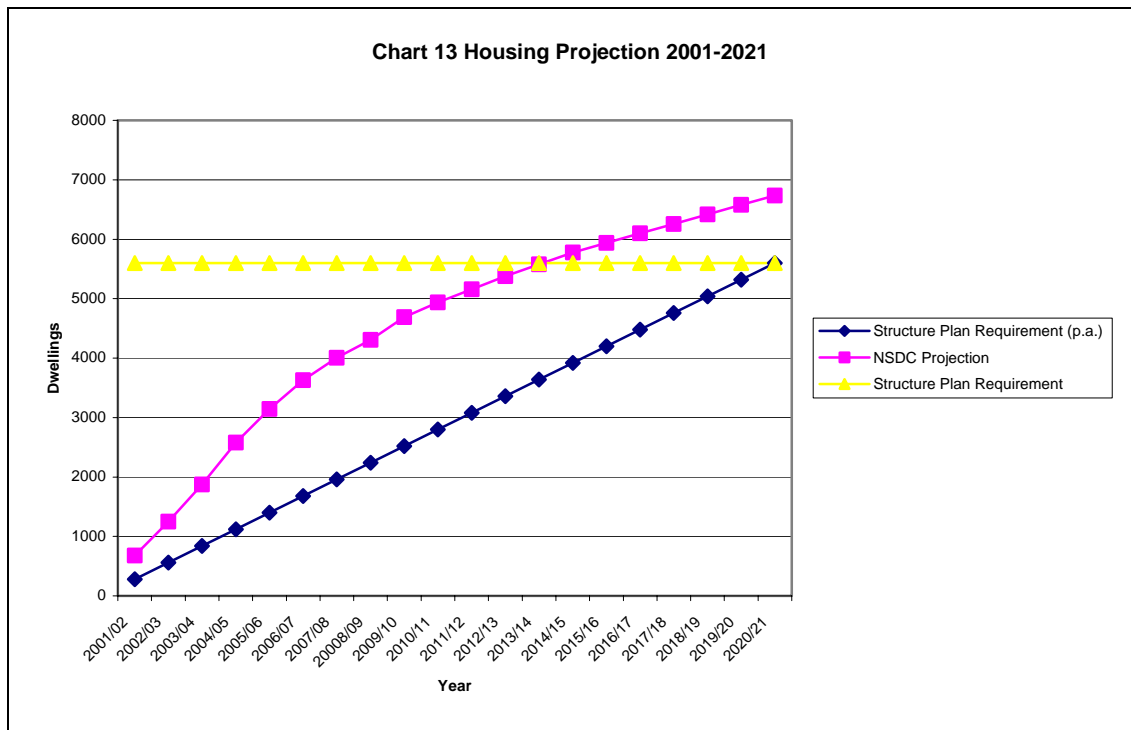
5.18 In relation to future development, it is important to appreciate the extent and nature of existing permissions that have already been granted and have yet to be constructed.

5.19 An important function of this AMR document is to provide information on housing policy and performance which includes the preparation of a housing trajectory. In

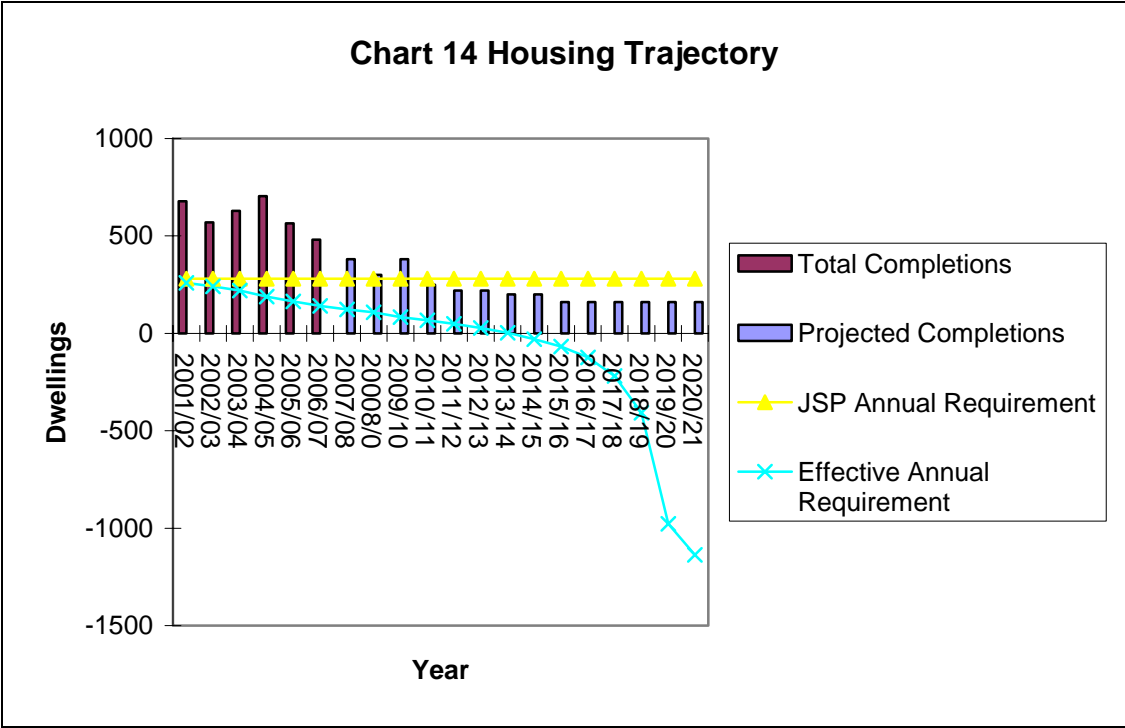


brief, a housing trajectory is a means of showing past and future housing performance by identifying the predicted provision of housing over the lifespan of the Local Development Framework. The main purpose of a housing trajectory is to support the forward planning process by providing a reliable progress report comparing past performance on housing supply to future rates of supply as anticipated by the District Council as the Local Planning Authority. Since a key role for the AMR is to demonstrate how the strategic housing provision is capable of being delivered, information on known completions and future commitments can be charted in a trajectory format as shown in the subsequent paragraphs.

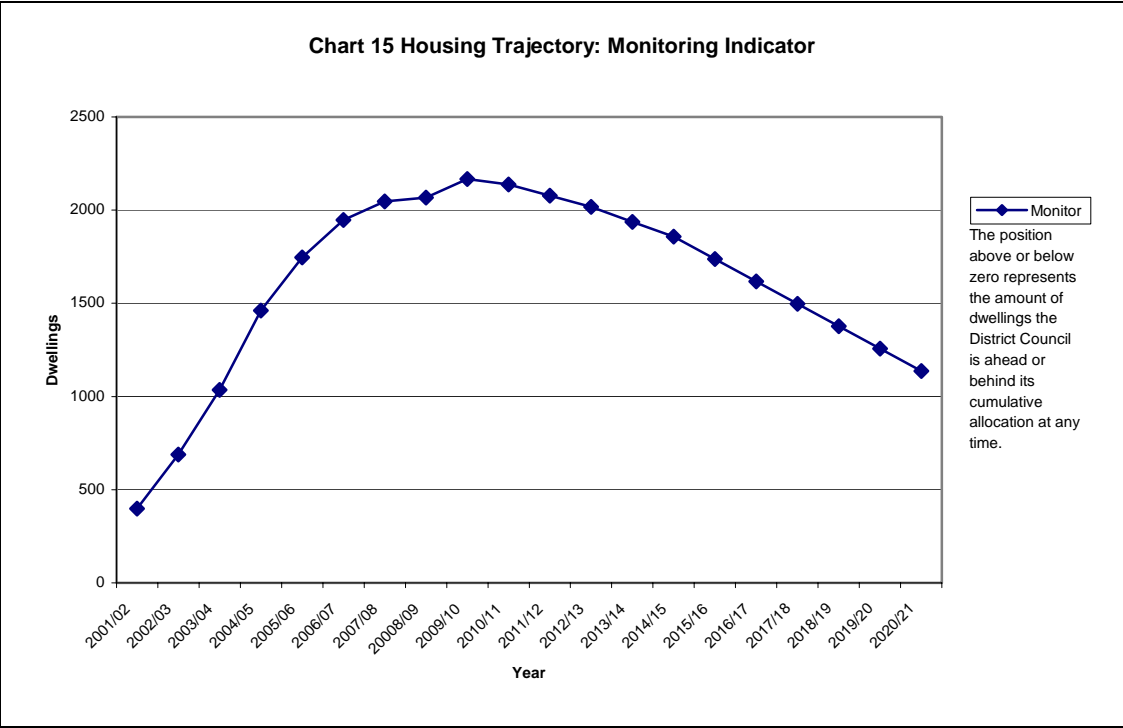
5.20 The 'Housing Projection 2001-2021' chart shown below illustrates that the average completion rate for the District is in excess of the annual Structure Plan Requirement. On the basis of assumptions about future completion rates, with the building out of allocated and committed sites, including an assumed lower windfall completion rate in the future, it is possible to plot the long-term housing trend. The chart indicates that the JSP requirement for the District as a whole will be met some 7 years ahead of the 2021 end date for the plan period.



5.21 A graphical illustration of the District's Housing Trajectory is shown below, which includes a 'Manage' line equating to the effective annual requirement, taking into account actual and projected completions. In view of the high level of house building that has, and is likely to occur in the early years of the 2001 to 2021 plan period, this manage or effective annual requirement line dips towards the end of the period.



5.22 Similarly, the Housing Trajectory chart shown below includes a 'monitor' line, which graphically illustrates that the District Council is consistently well ahead of the cumulative allocation for dwellings laid down by the JSP.



## Transport

**Table 17 Transport**

1.	Percentage of completed non-residential development complying with car parking standards referred to in the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan.	100%*
2.	Percentage of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a:	
	(i) GP	100%
	(ii) Hospital	58%
	(iii) Primary School	100%
	(iv) Secondary School	97%
	(v) Employment	100%
	(vi) Major Retail Centre.	100%

\* This figure is recorded due to maximum car parking standards being applied in line with PPG13.

5.23 These figures are produced by Nottinghamshire County Council using housing data which refers to numbers of dwellings completed 2006-07 on sites which were originally granted planning permission for 10 or more dwellings. This years figures show that a very significant proportion of new development was built within 30 minutes public transport time of various services. Assumptions used in the model for fastest travel time achieved by public transport (includes rail and bus) on Mondays between 0700-0900 (in line with DfT assumptions). Fastest travel time includes walk time from origin point to bus stop/rail station, waiting time, actual on board vehicle time, and walk time from alighting bus stop to final destination. Although the percentage of new dwellings built within 30 minutes public transport time of a hospital has dropped from 73% to 58% this year it is worth noting that 75% is within 35 minutes and this rises to 86% within 40 minutes.

## Local Services (1.4.2006-31.3.2007)

**Table 18 Local Services**

1.	Amount of completed retail development (A1 & A2) <i>(Threshold - 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> as set out in ODPM Core Output Indicators for Regional Planning. March 2005)</i>	0m <sup>2</sup>
2.	Amount of completed office development (B1a)	7572 m <sup>2</sup>
3.	Amount of completed leisure development (D2)	2733m <sup>2</sup>

	<i>(Threshold - 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> as set out in ODPM Core Output Indicators for Regional Planning. March 2005)</i>	
4.	Percentage of completed retail development in town centres.	0m <sup>2</sup>
5.	Percentage of completed office development in town centres.	0m <sup>2</sup>
6.	Percentage of completed leisure development in town centres.	0m <sup>2</sup>
7.	Percentage of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag award standard.	45%

5.24 Given the nature of the District with its historic market towns and small rural settlements, development of a size that falls within the ODPM Core Output thresholds does not take place on a regular basis. However, new office floorspace has been developed as part of the on-going implementation of the Sherwood Energy Village that is located on the site of the former Ollerton Colliery. The Newark Business Innovation Centre (Newark Beacon) was also completed in June 2006. Developed by Newark and Sherwood District Council, it offers a range of different sized units with 27 available in total and a further 4 workshops for B1 business use. Once fully occupied, it is anticipated that Newark Beacon could support around 120 jobs and up to 31 businesses.

5.25 A new Equestrian Centre has also been developed in Fiskerton this year. Vicar Water Country Park, Newark Castle Gardens and Sherwood Avenue Park, Newark are all designated as Green Flag sites. This is 45% of the total hectares of open space maintained by the District Council's Parks and Amenities Service. It should however be noted that these figures do not include the Sherwood Heath Nature Reserve.

#### Flood Protection and Water Quality

**Table 19 Flood Protection and Water Quality**

1.	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality.	1
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5.25 The number of permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency was 1, one less than the figure for last year. This permission relates to the development of a care home in Southwell. The site already has an extant permission for a care home which is valid until February 2008. The Environment Agency acknowledged the previous permission, but required a number of conditions be imposed. Given that on an adjacent site the developer was providing flood alleviation and the existing permission could be developed on site

without further recourse to the District Council or the Environment Agency the District Council granted planning permission.

Biodiversity (19.9.2006-18.9.2007)

**Table 20 Biodiversity**

1.	Change in areas and populations of biodiversity importance, including:	
	(i) change in priority habitats and species (by type);	
	- 3 new butterfly habitat sites	+30.48ha
	- 2 new bird habitat sites	+103.94ha
	- 2 new botanical sites	+5.54ha
	(ii) change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional, sub-regional or local significance.	+139.96ha

5.26 The gains recorded above for the sites designated for their environmental value area are all Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). These sites relate to surveys carried out by the Nottinghamshire Biological and Geological Records Centre (NBGRC). This figure is the gain between the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

5.27 Additional to the work of the NBGRC recording changes to the natural environment the District Council and partners are working hard to improve the biodiversity of the District. Appendix 5 sets out the biodiversity projects which are currently underway and those planned for the future.

Renewable Energy (1.4.2006-31.3.2007)

**Table 21 Renewable Energy**

1.	Renewable energy capacity installed by type.	0
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5.28 12,000 Kilowatt hours of on-shore wind energy came on-line through the provision of a wind turbine during the financial year 04/05. No measurable renewable energy capacity has been installed either this year or last year.

# SECTION SIX: LOCAL OUTPUT INDICATORS

6.1 The role of Local Output Indicators is to address the outputs of policies not covered by the Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators. The following table in this section of the AMR document is devoted to a range of Local Output Indicators in order to facilitate an assessment of on-going policy implementation. The indicators selected cover a range of issues, and these indicators will be added to and refined over time, in subsequent AMR's, as monitoring experience is developed and changes in local policy emerge.

**Table 22 Local Output Indicators**

L.O. INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE	TARGET (if appropriate)	ACTION
1) Percentage of appeals allowed against the Authority's decision to refuse on planning applications	32%	35% or lower	M = Monitor
2) Percentage of appeals submitted relative to applications determined	4%		M
3) Affordable housing completions, by number	72		M
4) Percentage of new dwellings which are affordable	20.24	30%	M
5) Percentage of decisions refused citing Policy NE1 of the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan thereby protecting the countryside from inappropriate development, where no appeal submitted, or in the event of an appeal being submitted, no Secretary of State decision allowing the proposal	6%		M
6) Percentage of decisions refused citing Policy FS9 of the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan, thereby preventing inappropriate development in	5%		M

L.O. INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE	TARGET (if appropriate)	ACTION
the Green Belt, where no appeal submitted, or in the event of an appeal being submitted, no Secretary of State decision allowing the proposal			
7) Percentage of development in urban areas within 400 metres or 5 minutes walk of half hourly bus service	77%		M
8) Percentage of development in rural areas within 800 metres or 13 minutes walk of an hourly bus service	70%		M
9) Newark and Sherwood District Council Business Support scheme (financial assistance)	55 businesses assisted	70	M
10) Newark and Sherwood District Council Business Support scheme (jobs created arising from above indicator)	94 jobs	120	M
11) Percentage of vacant street level property in District's three main town centres	Newark 5.9% Southwell 8.7% Ollerton 7.0% District 6.2%		M
12) Diversity of main town centre uses (by number, type and amount of floor space) in District's three main town centres	Not recorded 2006/7		M
13) Total number of Conservation Areas in the District	45	To increase	M
14) Percentage of Conservation Areas in the District with an up-to-date character appraisal	24%	20%	M

L.O. INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE	TARGET (if appropriate)	ACTION
15) Percentage of Conservation Areas with published management proposals	4.4%	20%	M
16) Best Value Indicator 205 Quality of Services checklist including reference to specialist advice on design and historic environment	100%		M
17) Number of major District parks to have achieved Green Flag status	4	3	M
18) Percentage of residents satisfied with District Council's management of parks and open spaces	70%		M

- 6.2 Local Output Indicators (LOIs) 1 & 2 show that the authority has relatively few appeals allowed contrary to its own determination, indicating the policies of the plan when tested at appeal are generally sound and being used appropriately. LOI 3 suggests a slight drop in affordable housing completions in the last monitoring period although LOI 4 shows that there has been an increase in the aim of meeting the target of 30% is reached. This is because there is such a low housing requirement for the current Joint Structure Plan period the number of approvals for dwellings has fallen and the total number of completions has also dipped slightly. However the number of sites which meet the affordable housing triggers site has increased as a result of the Interim Policy Note on Planning Provision for Affordable Housing which lowers the threshold for requiring affordable housing provision. This should continue to improve the situation in later years.
- 6.3 LOIs 5 & 6 suggest that there is still pressure for inappropriate development within the countryside and Greenbelt. The policies referred to are therefore still a necessary part of the policy framework. One of the key principles of the planning system is to allow for development in a sustainable way. These LOIs demonstrate that the District Council are attempting to address this principle through the determination of planning applications.
- 6.4 The District Council continues to support local businesses with financial assistance provided through the Business Support Scheme. Figures for LOI 11 were produced last year for the first time. It is intended to update them for next



years report. It will need to continue to be monitored to ensure that the trend is towards lower vacancy rates or changes to the current policy on town centre premises will need to be reviewed as part of the LDF process. LOI 12 will be amended for next year as no floorspace figures for existing premises are available. However information on the number and type of premises will be recorded and a new LOI developed.

- 6.5 The District Council has a wealth of historic environments and is constantly striving to improve and maintain the fabric of such areas. As LOI 13 shows we are regularly reviewing and seeking to create new Conservation Areas where appropriate. As part of this process up-to-date character appraisals are being produced and the very latest documents also include management proposals. A further Conservation Area Appraisal was adopted this summer and three more appraisals are due to be adopted early in 2008. These include appraisals for two newly designated Conservation Areas.
- 6.6 Vicar Water Country Park, Newark Castle Gardens and Sherwood Avenue Park, Newark are all designated as Green Flag sites. This is 45% of the total hectares of open space maintained by the District Council's Parks and Amenities Service. It should however be noted that these figures do not include the Sherwood Heath Nature Reserve. All sites are reviewed on an annual basis.

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Housing Land Availability Study contains detailed information on large housing sites (i.e. sites with 10 or more dwellings) that have planning permission and all sites, irrespective of size, allocated for housing in the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan. It has been produced as part of the District Council's monitoring of the plan. The information on sites is as at April 2007.
- 1.2 The document deals with the Newark Sub-Area, the Western Sub-Area and the Southern Sub-Area in turn. These areas are identified and described in Section 2. Section 4 contains a summary of commitments (i.e. allocations and all planning permissions) by Sub-Area and Parish. Section 5 assesses the availability of housing land, by Sub-Area, to 2021.
- 1.3 The Study is set out in tables and maps (Section 6). The tables are arranged alphabetically in Parish order. The maps are for identification purposes only. The information in the tables is as accurate as sources permit. However no guarantees can be given in respect of any errors or omissions. In particular the information is taken at points in time and, as such, may now be out of date.

## **2. Description of the Sub-Areas of the District**

- 2.1 For strategic and local plan purposes Newark and Sherwood is divided into 3 Sub-Areas. These are described below.

### Newark Sub-Area

- 2.2 The Newark Area covers the eastern part of Newark and Sherwood District, including both the urban and rural areas and contains 49% of the District's population. The Newark Urban Area covers the main built-up area of Newark and Balderton and is home to 35,674 people. The Newark Rural Area forms Newark's hinterland and consists predominantly of open countryside interspersed with 50 parishes ranging in size from Collingham, with a population of 2,774, to Kilvington with a population of 29. It has a total population of 16,636. The Newark Area lies within the East Nottinghamshire Area of the Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Joint Structure Plan Review.

### Western Sub-Area

- 2.3 The Western Area has a population of 35,333 and covers the north-western part of Newark and Sherwood District. The area includes the larger parishes of Bilsthorpe, Blidworth, Clipstone, Edwinstowe, Ollerton, Boughton and Rainworth, with populations ranging from 3,076 to 6,532 and once centres of the mining industry, together with the smaller, rural parishes of Eakring, Kirton, Lindhurst, Perlethorpe, Walesby and Wellow. These are set within gently rolling, open countryside which varies from high quality landscape in the Sherwood Forest area to areas of relatively low landscape value where coal extraction has left scars. There are also areas of heathland and ancient woodland that form part of the Sherwood Forest. This area is part of the West and North-West Nottinghamshire Area in the Joint Structure Plan Review.

### Southern Sub-Area

- 2.4 Located in the south-west of Newark and Sherwood District the Southern Area accommodates 18,630 people and covers part of the valley of the River Trent between Gunthorpe and Rolleston, together with the more elevated, mainly rural area to the north-west. The area consists predominantly of open countryside interspersed with some 20 parishes ranging in size from Southwell, with a population of 6,487, to Halloughton with a population of 78. The area has strong economic links with the Greater Nottingham conurbation and forms part of the South Nottinghamshire Area in the Joint Structure Plan Review.

### 3. **Definitions**

A number of abbreviations are used in the tables. These are explained below.

LPA Newark and Sherwood Local Plan Allocation

OPP Outline Planning Permission

DPP Detailed Planning Permission

UC Under Construction

PDL Previously Developed Land (i.e. 'Brownfield')

ha Hectares

#### 4. Newark Sub-Area - Dwelling Commitments Summary (April 2007)

SETTLEMENT	With Outline Permission	With Full Permission	Under Construction	Total Committed	Local Plan Allocation
Alverton				0	
Averham		15	2	17	3
Balderton	325	161	191	677	10
Barnby		2	1	3	
Bathley			11	11	
Besthorpe		1	3	4	
Carlton/Trent		4	1	5	
Caunton		1	2	3	
Coddington		1	3	4	
Collingham	24	12	12	48	
Cotham			1	1	
Cromwell		2	2	4	
E. Stoke			3	3	
Egmanton		4		4	
Elston		1	2	3	
Farndon		1	1	2	
Girton			2	2	
Grassthorpe		1	1	2	
Harby	1	10	2	13	
Hawton				0	
Hockerton	1		1	2	
Holme			1	1	
Kelham		1	3	4	
Kersall				0	
Kilvington			1	1	
Kneesall				0	
Langford		1		1	
Laxton				0	
Maplebeck		2	2	4	
Meering				0	
Newark	170	579	129	878	101
N. Clifton		2	4	6	
N. Muskham	1	3	15	19	
Norwell		2	9	11	4
Ompton				0	



Ossington		1	2	3	
S. Clifton		2	4	6	
S. Muskham		16	6	22	
S. Scarle		3		3	
Spalford	1		1	2	
Staunton				0	
Staythorpe			2	2	
Sutton/Trent	1	13	2	16	
Syerston				0	
Thorney			4	4	
Thorpe			3	3	
Weston			2	2	
Wigsley		1	1	2	
Winkburn		5	1	6	
Winthorpe		1	1	2	
<b>TOTALS</b>	524	848	434	1806	118

**Western Sub-Area - Dwelling Commitments Summary (April 2007)**

<b>SETTLEMENT</b>	<b>Outline Planning Permission</b>	<b>Full Planning Permission</b>	<b>Under Construction</b>	<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>Local Plan Allocations</b>
Bilsthorpe	26	38	26	90	47
Blidworth	9	38	5	52	
Boughton	8	11	16	35	
Clipstone	58	54	28	140	
Eakring		1	4	5	
Edwinstowe	2	74	26	102	
Kirton	1	1	3	5	
Lindhurst		1	2	3	
Ollerton	68	415	29	512	
Perlethorpe				0	
Rainworth	1	1	2	4	
Rufford	1	1	4	6	
Walesby	7	2	3	12	
Wellow				0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	181	637	148	966	47

**Southern Sub-Area - Dwelling Commitments Summary (April 2007)**

<b>SETTLEMENT</b>	<b>Outline Planning Permission</b>	<b>Full Planning Permission</b>	<b>Under Construction</b>	<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>Local Plan Allocations</b>
Bleasby	2	2	1	5	
Bulcote				0	
Caythorpe		2	1	3	
Edingley			6	6	
Epperstone		42	2	44	
Farnsfield	2	12	13	27	
Fiskerton		3	4	7	
Gonalston		2	1	3	
Gunthorpe		1	1	2	
Halam		8	1	9	
Halloughton				0	
Hoveringham		1		1	
Kirklington		2	2	4	1
Lowdham		8	1	9	
Oxton		2	1	3	
Rolleston	12			12	2
Southwell	42	62	36	140	20
Thurgarton			2	2	
Upton		2	9	11	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>24</b>

5. **Housing Land Availability Assessment (at April 2007)**

	<b>Newark Area</b>	<b>Southern Area</b>	<b>Western Area</b>	<b>District Total</b>
<b><u>Land Required</u></b>				
JSP requirement 2001- 2021 (20 yrs)	4300	500	800	5600
Completions 4/01 to 03/07	2327	498	802	3627
Residual Requirement (14 yrs)	1973	2	-2	1973
Annual Average Requirement (Residual requirements/Remaining 14yrs)	140.93	0.14	0	140.93
Annual Average Completions Rate Since 2001	387.83	83.0	133.7	604.50
<b><u>Commitments</u></b>				
No. of dwellings with Outline Permission	524	58	181	763
No. of dwellings with Full Permission or Under Construction	1295	230	785	2310
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>1819</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>3073</b>
Averaged until 2021 (Total commitments/Remaining 14yrs)	129.92	20.57	69.00	219.50
<b><u>Additional Dwellings Required</u></b>	<b>154</b>	<b>-286</b>	<b>-968</b>	<b>-1105</b>
Averaged until 2021 (Additional dwellings required/Remaining 14yrs)	11.00			

## HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY (April 2007)

NEWARK SUB-AREA										
SITE REF	LOCATION	GRID REFERENCE (East/ North)	STATUS	PDL	AREA (ha.)	NO.OF DWELLINGS				OWNERS/DEVELOPERS/ COMMENTS
						Total	Comp'd	UC	Not St'd	
Av-001	AVERHAM.Pinfold Lane	476299/354552	LPA	No	0.03	*1				Part of site now incorporated into adjacent development
Av-002	AVERHAM.Manor Farm	476428/354448	DPP	No	0.43	11	0	0	11	
Av-003	AVERHAM.Manor Farm	476428/354448	LPA	No	0.08	*2				Some by Change-of-Use?
BI-002	BALDERTON.Church Lane	482066/351549	LPA	No	0.35	10				
BI-003	BALDERTON.Warwick Road	481820/351655	DPP	Yes	0.30	34	14	0	20	Acreholm Developments
BI-004	BALDERTON.Balderton Hospital (PB)	482600/350400	DPP OPP	Yes	33.07 13.77	830 320	525	174	131	David Wilson Homes Ltd/Barratt Homes Ltd
Cd-001	CODDINGTON.Harvey Avenue (PB)	482440/354530	DPP	Yes	11.80	226	225	1	0	Persimmon Homes Ltd. (154 dwellings demolished)
Co-001	COLLINGHAM. Station Road	483213/361477	OPP	Yes	0.76	24				MESSRS Thirwell & Gray
Ke-001	KELHAM.Home Farm	477300/355680	DPP	No	1.58	24	23	1	0	Jelson Ltd. (8 by Change-of-Use)
Ne-003	NEWARK.Lombard Street	479800/353690	DPP	Yes	0.28	49	0	0	49	Priory Rose Properties Ltd. (3 by Change-of-Use)
Ne-005	NEWARK.Cow Lane	479859/354377	LPA	Yes	0.78	40				Bradford Moor(Iron & Steel)Co Ltd
Ne-006	NEWARK.Millgate	479223/353590	LPA	Yes	0.27	5				British Waterways/Newark & Sherwood D.C.
Ne-007	NEWARK.Edward Avenue	479384/353611	LPA	Yes	0.70	25				
Ne-009	NEWARK.Kelham Road	479190/354418	LPA	No	0.45	*16				
Ne-010	NEWARK.Castlegate	479555/353865	DPP	Yes	0.07	10	0	10	0	Kean Homes
Ne-011	NEWARK.Appletongate	480395/354530	DPP	Yes	0.18	10	0	0	10	Messrs Miah
Ne-012	NEWARK.Appletongate	480375/354495	DPP	Yes	0.22	11	0	0	11	Clairmont Construction
Ne-013	NEWARK.Sydney Street	480425/354328	OPP	Yes	1.13	50				Tanvic Group
Ne-014	NEWARK.Barnbygate	480558/353657	LPA	Yes	0.30	15				

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## HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY (April 2007)

NEWARK SUB-AREA										
SITE REF	LOCATION	GRID REFERENCE (East/ North)	STATUS	PDL	AREA (ha.)	NO.OF DWELLINGS				OWNERS/DEVELOPERS/ COMMENTS
						Total	Comp'd	UC	Not St'd	
Ne-021	NEWARK.Winthorpe Road	480721/355396	DPP	Yes	0.31	17	0	12	5	Mountside Estates Ltd
Ne-022	NEWARK.Northgate	480127/354556	DPP	Yes	0.99	49	0	0	49	Fletchergate Ltd. (49 Change-of-Use)
Ne-023	NEWARK.Massey Street	480579/353741	OPP	Yes	0.52	27				Persimmon Homes Ltd
			DPP		0.72	38	18	16	4	
Ne-024	NEWARK.Fardon Road	478335/352588	DPP	Yes	0.31	13	0	13	0	Wiverton Properties Ltd
Ne-025	NEWARK. Albion Street	479805/353588	DPP	Yes	0.10	10	0	2	8	
Ne-026	NEWARK. Northgate	480032/354513	DPP	No	0.64	99	0	0	99	Newark Property Development Ltd
Ne-027	NEWARK. Northgate	479894/354255	DPP	Yes	0.17	11	0	0	11	Max Hopewell
Ne-028	NEWARK. Northgate	480076/354483	OPP	Yes	1.01	60				Newark Property Development Ltd
Ne-029	NEWARK. Northgate	485946/370370	DPP	Yes	2.43	225	0	0	225	Mr D Houlston
Ne-030	NEWARK. Winthorpe Road	480623/355153	DPP	Yes	0.44	19	0	0	19	Graham Bland Ltd
Ne-031	NEWARK. Cromwell Road	480831/353452	OPP	Yes	0.33	*20				
Ne-032	NEWARK. Fardon Road	478349/352742	DPP	Yes	0.13	17	0	0	17	
No-001	NORWELL.School Lane	477243/361610	LPA	No	0.17	4				
SM-001	SOUTH MUSKHAM. Main Street	478906/356914	DPP	No	0.60	15	0	0	15	Staniforth (inc.s 4 by Change of Use)

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## HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY (April 2007)

WESTERN SUB-AREA										
SITE REF	LOCATION	GRID REFERENCE (East/ North)	STATUS	PDL	AREA (ha.)	NO.OF DWELLINGS				OWNERS/DEVELOPERS/ COMMENTS
						Total	Comp'd	UC	Not St'd	
Bi-002	BILSTHORPE.Eaking Road	465188/360244	LPA	No	0.38	*7				J Anderson
Bi-003	BILSTHORPE.Eaking Road	465000/360485	DPP	No	0.89	24	0	0	24	Carmalor Homes
Bi-004	BILSTHORPE.Kirklington Road	465175/360160	DPP	No	0.64	18	7	11	0	Ben Bailey Homes Ltd
Bi-005	BILSTHORPE.Mickledale Close	464285/361120	DPP	Yes	0.80	20	12	8	0	Langridge Homes Ltd
Bi-006	BILSTHORPE.Kirklington Road	465296/359801	LPA	No	1.67	40				Requires drainage improvements
Bi-007	BILSTHORPE.Eaking Road	465069/360795	OPP	Yes	0.76	*24				T C & I Investments
Bi-009	BILSTHORPE. The Crescent	464428/360831	DPP	Yes	0.20	14	0	0	14	Rivendell Contractors Ltd
BI-001	BLIDWORTH.Mansfield Road	459017/356637	DPP	Yes	0.25	16	0	0	16	Clients of Mitchell Associates. (16 Change-of-Use)
BI-002	BLIDWORTH.Mansfield Road	459272/356031	DPP	Yes	0.41	16	0	0	16	Commercial Properties PLC
CI-002	CLIPSTONE.Clipstone Drive	458960/363620	DPP	No	13.70	340	273	26	41	Bovis Homes (Central) Ltd/Barratt Homes (EM)/ Gleeson Homes (NE)
CI-003	CLIPSTONE. Mansfield Road	459474/363397	OPP	Yes	1.21	*36			36	The Coal Authority
CI-004	CLIPSTONE. Mansfield Road	459641/363716	OPP	Yes	0.60	*20			20	NSDC
Ed-002	EDWINSTOWE.Occupation Lane	472124/357451	DPP	Yes	0.73	20	11	9	0	Dunmar Developments Ltd
Ed-003	EDWINSTOWE.Mansfield Road	461721/366499	DPP	Yes	5.41	151	70	13	68	Barratt Homes (EM)
OI-001	OLLERTON.Whinney Lane	466707/368199	OPP	Yes	1.53	65				
OI-002	OLLERTON.Forest Road	466511/367238	DPP	Yes	5.10	229	225	4		Miller Homes Ltd
OI-003	OLLERTON.Forest Road	466568/367530	DPP	Yes	5.43	184	0	14	170	Sherwood Environmental Village Ltd

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**HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY (April 2007)**

SOUTHERN SUB-AREA										
SITE REF	LOCATION	GRID REF (East/ North)	STATUS	PDL	AREA (ha.)	NO.OF DWELLINGS				OWNERS/DEVELOPERS/ COMMENTS
						Total	Comp'd	UC	Not St'd	
Ep-001	EPPERSTONE. Main Street	464980/348510	DPP	Yes	7.54	40	0	0	40	Nottinghamshire Police Authority
Fa-001	FARNSFIELD. Chapel Lane	464824/356576	DPP	Yes	0.27	10	0	3	7	Mrs P Rouse
Fi-001	FISKERTON.Marlock Close	473600/351145	DPP	No	2.54	29	28	1	0	J S Bloor (Measham) Ltd. (1 by Change-of-Use)
Ki-001	KIRKLINGTON.Main Street	467852/357605	LPA	No	0.18	1				
Ro-001	ROLLESTON.Staythorpe Road	474555/352821	LPA	No	0.18	2				
Ro-002	ROLLESTON.Staythorpe Road	474427/352563	OPP	No	1.70	12			12	West-Meath Homes Ltd (1 by Change-of-Use)
So-002	SOUTHWELL.Nottingham Road	469782/353379	LPA	No	1.69	20				Beckett Builders
So-005	SOUTHWELL.The Burgage	470415/354266	OPP	Yes	0.86	*40				W A Rainbow & Sons. (Some by Change-Of-Use (?))
So-007	SOUTHWELL.Halam Road (PB)	469644/354123	DPP	Yes	3.03	54	2	20	32	Westbury Homes
So-011	SOUTHWELL. Church Street	470339/353695	DPP	Yes	0.90	13			13	The Governors Of The Minster School
Up-001	UPTON.Main Road	473864/354438	LPA	No	0.05	1				

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## Adopted LDS Table



**Appendix 2i - Adopted LDS Timetable**

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**Draft LDS Timetable updated December 2007**

**Appendix 2ii - Draft LDS Timetable updated December 2007**

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**Sub-division of the District**



- 1 Newark Area
- 2 Western Area
- 3 Southern Area

## **Status of Housing Allocations**

Appendix 4i - PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING DEVELOPMENT ON ALLOCATED SITES (at April 2007)

**Housing Land Allocations**

Site	Parish	Address	Dwellings Allocated *	Current		Dwellings			Greenfield/ Brownfield
				Status	Dwellings	COM	UC	NS	
Na	Balderton	Balderton Hospital	1150	DPP	830	525	174	131	Brownfield
				OPP	320				
Nb	Newark	Kelham Road	40	COM	43	43			Greenfield
				LPA	16				
Nc	Newark	Lincoln Road	20	COM	51	51			Greenfield
Nd	Newark	Cow Lane Scrap Yard	40	LPA	40				Brownfield
Ne	Newark	Edward Avenue	25	LPA	25				Brownfield
Nf	Newark	Winthorpe Road	80	COM	95	95			Greenfield
Ng	Newark	Rear of White House & 82 Millgate	5	LPA	5				Brownfield
Nh	Newark	Sydney Street Maltings	15	OPP	44*^				Brownfield
Ni	Newark	Barnbygate Coalyard	15	LPA	15				Brownfield
Nj	Newark	Cleanaway Site	80	DPP	77	77			Brownfield
Nk	Balderton	Moulton Crescent	100	COM	90	90			Greenfield
Nl	Balderton	Church Lane	10	LPA	10				Greenfield
Nm	Averham	Manor Farm	11	DPP	11			11	Greenfield
				LPA	2*				
Nn	Averham	Pinfold Lane	2	DPP	3			3	Greenfield
				LPA	1				
No	Coddington	Newark Road	19	COM	38	38			Brownfield
Np	Coddington	North of Valiant Road	30	DPP	226	225	1		Brownfield
Nq	Collingham	Woodhill Road	27	COM	25	25			Greenfield
Nr	North Muskham	Meadow Close	5	DPP	5	4		1	Brownfield
Ns	Norwell	Hill Farm	6	COM	10	10			Greenfield
Nt	Norwell	School Lane	4	LPA	4				Greenfield
Nu	Sutton-on-Trent	Palmer Road	6	COM	6	6			Greenfield
Wa	Bilsthorpe	Eakring Road	78	COM	47	47			Greenfield
				DPP	24				
				LPA	7*				
Wb	Bilsthorpe	Kirklington Road	40	LPA	40				Greenfield
Sa	Bleasby	Rear of Wagon & Horses PH	25	COM	23	23			Greenfield
Sb	Farnsfield	Southwell Road	50	COM	45	45			Greenfield
Sc	Farnsfield	Cockett Lane	30	COM	26	26			Greenfield
Sd	Fiskerton	South of Marlock Close	15	DPP	29	28	1		Greenfield
Se	Fiskerton	Marlock Close	4	COM	5	5			Greenfield
Sf	Kirklington	The Green	2	COM	2	2			Greenfield
Sg	Kirklington	School Lane	2	COM	2	2			Greenfield
Sh	Kirklington	Main Street	1	LPA	1				Greenfield
Si	Lowdham	Southwell Road	70	COM	74	74			Greenfield
Sj	Rolleston	Staythorpe Road	2	LPA	2				Greenfield
Sk	Southwell	The Ropewalk	18	COM	Developed for non-residential				Greenfield
Sl	Southwell	Land to North of Halam Road	70	COM	31	31			Brownfield
				DPP	54	2	20	32	
Sm	Southwell	Lower Kirklington Rd	30	COM	28	28			Greenfield
Sn	Southwell	Nottingham Road	20	LPA	20				Greenfield
So	Thurgarton	Bleasby Road	1	COM	1	1			Brownfield
Sp	Upton	Upton Hall	1	COM	1	1			Brownfield

Site	Parish	Address	Dwellings Allocated *	Current		Dwellings			Greenfield/ Brownfield
				Status	Dwellings	COM	UC	NS	
Sq	Upton	Redland Farm	1	LPA	1				Greenfield

LPA = Allocation

DPP = Detailed Permission

OPP = Outline Permission

COM = Complete

UC = Under Construction

NS = Not Started

\* estimated

^ Larger than Allocation



## **Status of Employment Land Allocations**

**APPENDIX 4ii – Status of Employment Allocations (at April 2007)**

Site	Location	Address	Hectares Allocated	Current Status	Hectares	Com	Hectares NS	UC	Greenfield/Brownfield
Na	Winthorpe	South Airfield Farm	43.0	OPP COM	2.65 40.35		2.65		Greenfield
Nb	Newark	Farndon Road	1.81	LPA DPP	0.56*			0.82	Greenfield
Nc	Balderton	Land adj to Balderton Hospital	16.00	OPP DPP	14.38 2.62		14.38 2.62		Greenfield
Nd	Newark	Northern Road Industrial Estate	16.20 0.42	LPA LPA	13.64 0.42	2.56			Greenfield Brownfield
Ne	Newark	Hawton Lane Industrial Area	1.60	COM	#	1.05			Brownfield
Nf	Balderton	Belvoir Iron Works	3.00	LPA	3.00				Brownfield
Wa	Ollerton	Land North of Ollerton Roundabout	21.00	LPA	21.00				Greenfield
Wb	Bilsthorpe	Brailwood Road	1.33	LPA	1.33				Greenfield
Wc	Bilsthorpe	Bilsthorpe Colliery	4.67	LPA	4.67				Greenfield
Wd	Blidworth	Blidworth Industrial Park	0.40	LPA	0.40				Brownfield
We	Boughton	Boughton Industrial Estate	13.08	LPA	12.24	0.84			Brownfield
Wf	Rainworth	Land to West of Colliery Lane	6.12	DPP	5.75^		5.75		Greenfield
Sa	Southwell	Crew Lane	0.69	DPP	0.69	0.20		0.49	Greenfield

LPA Allocation  
DPP Detailed Permission  
OPP Outline Permission

COM Complete  
UC Under Construction  
NS Not Started

\*Area reduced. Part developed for Public House  
# Remainder of site retained by owner for future use.  
^Area reduced. Part incorporated into Rainworth By-pass.

## **Biodiversity Projects**

**ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT - BIODIVERSITY APPENDIX 5**

**PROJECTS COMPLETE OR STARTED ON SITE 06 - 07**

**Partners**

**NSDC - Newark and Sherwood District Council**

**NCC - Nottinghamshire County Council**

**BBC - Building Better Communities**

**HLF - Heritage Lottery Fund**

**WGS - Woodland Grant scheme**

**SFT - Sherwood Forest Trust**

**NWT - Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust**

**SSP - Sub Regional Strategic partnership**

**FC - Forestry Commission**

**NE - Natural England**

**EMDA - East Midlands Development Agency**

**OT - On Trent**

**TE - Thoresby Estates**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Biodiversity Target in BIP</b>	<b>Outcomes Apr 06/07</b>	<b>Service Area</b>
<p><b>Maun Valley Trail</b> Proposed bridleway approx 2km with associated native tree and hedgerow planting. Two new areas of woodland created,</p>	\$228,000	<p>NCC/BBC \$182,000</p> <p>NSDC \$46,000 land TE</p>	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Sherwood Region</p> <p><b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Oak Birch woodland LBAP Lowland heathland UKBAP &amp; LBAP Lowland acid grassland UKBAP &amp; LBAP Neutral grassland UKBAP&amp;LBAP Rivers and Streams LBAP</p> <p><b>Species</b> Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Water Vole UKBAP and LBAP Brown Hare UKBAP Bullfinch UKBAP Woodlark UKBAP Nightjar UKBAP&amp;LBAP</p> <p><b>Targets</b> Rivers and Streams LBAP Enhance ecological diversity of at least 100km of main river by 2010</p> <p>Identify a site or series of sites on the river Maun and work with partners on the</p>	<p>Woodland planting 2.2 hectares April 06 Native tree planting 89 Trees - March 07 Native hedge planting 1158m - March 07 Approx 2km of new bridleway to be opened adjacent to River Maun Aug-08</p>	<p>NSDC Planning</p> <p>NCC</p>

| | | restoration of these features | |

<p><b>Clipstone Vicar Water LNR</b> Landscape Heritage Project Partnership scheme Creation of heathland and woodland restoration with improved access and interpretation.</p>	<p>\$26,275</p>	<p>HLF WGS NSDC SFT</p>	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Sherwood Region <b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Oak Birch woodland LBAP Lowland heathland UKBAP &amp; LBAP Lowland acid grassland UKBAP &amp; LBAP Neutral grassland UKBAP&amp;LBAP Rivers and Streams LBAP  <b>Species</b> Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Water Vole UKBAP and LBAP Brown Hare UKBAP Bullfinch UKBAP Woodlark UKBAP Nightjar UKBAP&amp;LBAP <b>Targets</b> Lowland heathland Bring 80% into appropriate management by 2005 Increase the area by 200ha by 2005 Rivers and streams Maintain/enhance ecological diversity</p>	<p>June 02-March 07 Total area heathland created 30ha Total area woodland restored 30ha Wetlands Riparian zone management, aquatic vegetation control  Area brought into grazing 40ha Total area of site with improved, safe public access, and improved interpretation infrastructure, 80ha</p>	<p>NSDC Housing and Environmental Services  Sherwood Forest Trust</p>
<p><b>Intake Wood</b> Landscape Heritage Project Partnership scheme Creation of heathland and restoration of woodland with improved access and interpretation and surveys and preparation of management plan.</p>	<p>\$40,312</p>	<p>HLF WGS NSDC SFT</p>	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Sherwood Region <b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Oak Birch woodland LBAP Lowland heathland UKBAP &amp; LBAP <b>Species</b> Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Woodlark UKBAP Nightjar UKBAP&amp;LBAP <b>Targets</b> Lowland heathland Bring 80% into appropriate management by 2005 Increase the area by 200ha by 2005</p>	<p>June 02-March 07 3 ha heathland created 10 ha woodland restored 13 ha with improved, safe, public access 13 ha with improved interpretation infrastructure 13 ha of site survey/management plan</p>	<p>NSDC Housing and Environmental Services  Sherwood Forest Trust</p>

<p><b>Sherwood Heath LNR</b> Work carried out under Countryside Stewardship</p>		EN	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Sherwood Region <b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Oak Birch woodland LBAP Lowland heathland UKBAP &amp; LBAP <b>Species</b> Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Woodlark UKBAP Nightjar UKBAP&amp;LBAP <b>Targets</b> Lowland heathland Bring 80% into appropriate management by 2005 Increase the area by 200ha by 2005</p>	<p>3.15 ha of birch woodland (scrub) thinning 5.15 ha of bracken control on the heath and within accessible woodland areas Removal of invasive tree seedlings within the heath. Selective fell of semi mature sycamore (8 trees) and stump removal. Thinning of 3.3ha of birch in 3 plantations/woodland blocks encouraging the development of the remaining birch plus any Oak, rowan etc. Scalping of the wayleave edge to create a more natural effect. Creation of 2.2 of new heather scrapes linking existing patches of heather together. Creation of South facing bank for invertebrates Installation of notice board/ interpretation panel. 0.1 ha Himalyan balsam control.</p>	<p>NSDC Planning  Sherwood Forest Trust</p>
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**POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS TO BE MONITORED**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Biodiversity Target in BIP</b>	<b>Outcomes Apr 06/07</b>	<b>Service Area</b>
<p><b>Southwell Riverside</b> Proposed improvements to a footpath and water meadows alongside the river Greet. The scheme includes improves access for disabled, new community orchard and wild flower meadow, an existing area of woodland restored and replanted, and a management plan produced for the site.</p>	\$22,290.90	<p>BBC \$19,041</p> <p>NSDC \$2,250</p> <p>Public Subscription \$1,000</p>	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Mid Nottinghamshire Farmlands</p> <p><b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Rivers and streams LBAP Mixed Ash Woodland LBAP</p> <p><b>Species</b> Water Vole UKBAP and LBAP Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Barn Owl LBAP Bullfinch UKBAP</p> <p><b>Targets</b> Rivers and Streams LBAP Enhance ecological diversity of at least 100km of main river by 2010</p>	Bid submitted October 07	<p>NSDC Planning</p> <p>Southwell Town Council</p>
<p><b>Sconce and Devon Park</b> NSDC owns and manages Sconce and Devon Park, a 12ha park to the west of Newark. The area is of both historic and ecological interest, containing a civil war earthwork and a Local nature Reserve alongside the river Devon.</p>	£2 million	<p>HLF NSDC</p>	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Trent Washlands</p> <p><b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Rivers and streams LBAP Unimproved neutral grassland Lowland wet grassland</p> <p><b>Species</b> Water Vole UKBAP and LBAP Otter UKBAP and LBAP Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Barn Owl LBAP Reed bunting UKBAP</p> <p><b>Targets</b> Maintain/enhance ecological diversity As NLBAP Rivers and Streams LBAP Enhance ecological diversity of at least 100km of main river by 2010</p>	<p>£89,000 development grant received Sept 07. Work on development to continue with start on site 08/09</p> <p>Ecological surveys of waterbodies as well as bats birds and other protected species in advance of any tree works</p> <p>Development of ten year management and maintenance plan</p>	<p>NSDC Housing and Environmental Services</p>



<p><b>Trent Vale</b> The HLF has recently announced a major award of 1.76m for the Trent Vale Partnership conservation scheme. The scheme will benefit the area nicknames the lost Vale, defined by its historic connection to the river Trent. The first scheme the partnership are hoping to undertake is the proposed enhancement of wetland at North Muskham Nature Reserve. This will involve realignment works to the northern and eastern banks of the wetland. Creation of wet grassland,</p>	1.76m	HLF NWT NSDC OT	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Trent Washlands <b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Lowland wet grassland <b>Species</b> Water Vole UKBAP and LBAP?? Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Reed bunting UKBAP <b>Targets</b> Maintain/enhance ecological diversity As NLBAP</p>	<p>Feb 08 to May 08 remove 4000m2 of scrub/ trees Strip 11,600m2 from northern and eastern banks, create a new shallow bank profile and use spoil to form new low shelves around margins of lake. Bund and in-fill north eastern corner of the lake, to create 1000m2 of shallow water suitable for reedbed creation. Create a new 260mx1m path</p>	NWT
<p><b>Living Legends</b></p>	50M	HLF NCC SSP EMDA FC NE	<p><b>Landscape Character Area</b> Sherwood Region <b>Key Biodiversity features</b> Oak Birch woodland LBAP Lowland heathland UKBAP &amp; LBAP <b>Species</b> Bats (some species) UKBAP &amp; LBAP Woodlark UKBAP Nightjar UKBAP&amp;LBAP <b>Targets</b> Lowland heathland Bring 80% into appropriate management by 2005 Increase the area by 200ha by 2005 Oak Birch woodland Develop an inventory then formulate a target for expansion by 2005.</p>	<p>Bid submitted to HLF for public vote Dec 07 300 hectares of new woodland 250 km network of footpaths and bridleways to connect to national cycle network and 20 railway stations. New visitor complex  Bid failed - smaller scheme to be considered</p>	NCC

## **Glossary of Terms**

## **APPENDIX 6 GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Area Action Plan (AAP)	A document providing a planning framework for areas of change including intensive growth, or regeneration, and areas of conservation.
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	A report, the District Council is required to produce annually, to assess the implementation of the LDS and the extent to which the policies in Local Development Documents (LDDs) are being achieved.
Community Plan	The Newark and Sherwood Partnership Community Plan 2006-2016, published in mid 2006 is the Community Strategy document for the District (see Community Strategy below).
Community Strategy	A strategy required to be prepared by local authorities such as the District Council, under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000. A Community Strategy should promote economic, social and environmental well-being, enhance quality of life and help deliver local aspirations.
Core Strategy (CS)	Sets out the long-term spatial vision for the Local Planning Authority area and the strategic policies and proposals to deliver that vision.
Developer Contributions	Developer Contributions, also known as Planning Contributions, arise from a form of legal agreement entered into between the Local Planning Authority and a developer, and attached to particular planning permission. Under the agreed terms, the developer will either directly provide or contribute towards the provision of services, facilities, infrastructure or other development of benefit to the community. Such Contributions will be used to ensure that any social, economic, environmental or infrastructure needs arising from the

	development are met.
Development Control Policies	A suite of criteria-based policies which are required to ensure that all development within the area meets the vision and strategy set out in the core strategy.
Development Plan (DP)	For this area the Development Plan will consist of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) prepared by the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA), and the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) prepared by the District Council, and in the case of the Joint Structure Plan and the Minerals and Waste Development Plan documents, prepared by the Nottinghamshire County Council (in conjunction with Nottingham City Council). While the RSS contains broad strategic policies, the LDDs will have locally focused and detailed policies. The statutory Development Plan is an important document since it is the starting point in the consideration and assessment of planning applications for the development or use of land, providing a framework for planning decisions across the District.
Development Plan Document (DPD)	Spatial planning document that is subject to independent examination conducted by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. There will be a right for those making representations seeking change to be heard at this independent examination. DPDs are the documents prepared by the District Council as the Local Planning Authority, that will have development plan status.
Key Diagram	Diagrammatic interpretation of the spatial strategy as set out in the core strategy. To illustrate the broad strategy for the area in a similar fashion to existing Structure Plan's key diagrams. It is most likely to be appropriate to an area of significant change where the general location of broad areas of

	<p>future development can be identified together with linkages between such areas and the relationship to other strategies and neighbouring areas. Broad areas of protection/little anticipated change can also be shown.</p>
Key Milestones	<p>Important dates in the production cycle of Local Development Documents. The Key milestones are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. commencement of the preparation process of a development plan document;</li> <li>ii. public participation on preferred options;</li> <li>iii. submission of development plan document;</li> <li>iv. pre-examination meeting;</li> <li>v. commencement of the examination; and</li> <li>vi. adoption of the development plan document.</li> </ol>
Local Development Document (LDD)	<p>A document that forms part of the Local Development Framework. Can be a Development Plan Document (DPD) or a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), but will also include the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).</p>
Local Development Framework (LDF)	<p>A portfolio of Local Development Documents prepared by the District Council, which will provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for the area, as required by the new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill. In the new system, the Local Development Framework will eventually take the place of the Local Plan.</p>
Local Development Scheme (LDS)	<p>Sets out the programme for the preparation of the Local Development Documents (LDDs). Must be submitted to Secretary of State for approval within six months of the commencement date of the Act regardless of where a Local Planning Authority is in terms of their current Development Plan.</p>

	Will be subject to periodic review to ensure an up-to-date version of the LDS is available.
Planning Policy Statement (PPSs)	Central Government statements of national planning policy guidance. The RSS and the LDF must be consistent with PPSs. Previously known as Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs).
Proposals Map	Illustrates the policies and proposals in the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and saved policies that are included in the Local Development Framework.
Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)	Prepared by the regional planning body, the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA). It will set out the strategic policies in relation to the development and use of land in the region and will be approved by the Secretary of State. (Previously known as Regional Planning Guidance RPG). The RSS provides a spatial framework to inform the preparation of LDDs.
Saved Plan	Existing adopted plans or parts of them (e.g. the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan) can be saved for three years from the date of commencement of the new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
Site Specific Allocations and Policies	Allocations of sites for specific or mixed uses or development. Policies will identify any specific requirements for individual proposals.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Sets out the standards which the District Council intends to achieve in relation to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all Local Development Documents and in significant Development Control Decisions, and also how these standards will be achieved. The SCI will not be a Development Plan Document but will be subject to independent examination. A consultation statement showing how the Local Planning Authority

	has complied with its statement of community involvement will be required for all LDDs.
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	An assessment of the environmental impacts of the policies and proposals of the LDF. The European 'SEA Directive' (2001/42/EC) requires a formal 'environmental assessment' of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use.
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Policy guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents. They will not form part of the Development Plan (and therefore not have Development Plan status), or be subject to independent examination. (Such additional Policy guidance under the old planning system was previously known as Supplementary Planning Guidance SPG.)
Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)	An SPG, produced under the pre-reformed planning system may cover a range of issues, both thematic and site specific and provide further detail of policies and proposals in a Development Plan. SPGs can be saved in the reformed planning system when linked to saved policy under agreed transitional arrangements.
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)	An Appraisal to ensure that all policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents (DPDs) reflect sustainable proposals. This will be carried out at the same time as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The SA will assess the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the policies and proposals of the LDF.
Sustainable Development (SD)	Section 39 of the new Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 requires LDDs to be prepared with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. PPS 12: Local Development Frameworks states that at the heart of sustainable

development is the simple idea of ensuring a better quality of life for everyone, now and for future generations.

A widely used definition was drawn up by the World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

Central Government has set out four aims for sustainable development in its strategy: A Better Quality of Life, a Strategy for Sustainable Development in the UK. A Better Quality of Life - A Strategy for Sustainable Development for the UK-CM 4345, May 1999.

The four aims are:

- i. social progress which recognises the needs of everyone;
  - ii effective protection of the environment;
  - iii. the prudent use of natural resources;
- and
- iv. Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.