

# BARNSLEY LOCAL PLAN MONITORING REPORT

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## Introduction

The statutory development plan for Barnsley is made up of the following documents:

- Local Plan, adopted January 2019
- Joint Waste Plan, adopted March 2012
- Oxspring Neighbourhood Development Plan, made June 2019
- Penistone Neighbourhood Development Plan, made August 2019
- Cawthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan, made July 2021
- Silkstone Neighbourhood Development Plan, made December 2023

### Barnsley's Local Plan

1. Barnsley's Local Plan and policies map sets out how the council will manage the physical development of the borough on behalf of residents and businesses. The Local Plan was adopted on 3 January 2019. This followed an extensive period of scrutiny through the Local Plan examination in public process by an independent Planning Inspector. The Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in December 2016. The examination was held in four stages and culminated in receipt of the Inspector's report at the end of December 2018.
2. The Local plan forms a key part of the statutory development plan for Barnsley. The main role of this monitoring report is to demonstrate the extent to which the policies in Barnsley's Local Plan are being achieved. This will help us to assess the effectiveness of the policies and help to identify any changes required in future reviews of the Local Plan.

### Local Plan Review

3. The Local Plan review was endorsed at a meeting of Full Council on 24 November 2022. The review concluded that the Local Plan remains fit for purpose and is adequately delivering its objectives.
4. This means no updates to the Local Plan, in whole or in part, are to be carried out ahead of a further review. A further review will take place in 2027 or earlier if circumstances, including fundamental changes to the Local Plan system, require it. More detail can be found on our website at <https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?Id=46918&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI57201>

## Supplementary Planning Documents

5. Following the adoption of the Local Plan we have produced new and updated Supplementary Planning Documents which contain advice for people applying for planning permission. These are used to help make decisions on planning applications, alongside the Local Plan.
6. The current supplementary planning documents are:
  - Financial contributions to schools
  - Barn conversions
  - Trees and hedgerows
  - Shopfront designs
  - Advertisements
  - House extensions and other domestic alterations
  - Residential amenity and the siting of buildings
  - Design of housing development
  - Open space provision on new housing developments
  - Removal of agricultural occupancy conditions
  - Mortar mixes for pointing historic buildings
  - Hot food takeaways
  - Hot food takeaways Planning Advice Note
  - Walls and fences
  - Lawful development certificates
  - Affordable housing
  - Heritage impact statements
  - Biodiversity and geodiversity
  - Planning obligations
  - Sustainable travel
  - Section 278 agreements
  - Section 38 agreements
  - Parking
  - Development of land affected by contamination
  - Elsecar conservation area design and maintenance guide
  - Cawthorne village design statement
  - Sustainable construction and climate change adaptation
7. Updated versions of the affordable housing and sustainable travel SPDs were adopted on 28 July 2022.
8. Public consultation took place on changes to the design of housing SPD and a new sustainable construction and climate change adaptation SPD during the monitoring period. The two documents have since been adopted on 27 July 2023.

9. Consultations on changes to a further three existing SPDs ran between July and August 2023. The updated biodiversity and geodiversity; and house extensions and other domestic alterations SPDs are due to be considered for adoption by a meeting of full council on 28 March 2024. We are currently considering comments in response to the consultation on the financial contributions to schools SPD.

### **Local Development Order**

10. Local Development Orders are made by local planning authorities and give a grant of planning permission to specific types of development within a defined area.
11. The Ashroyd and Shortwood Business Park, Hoyland, Local Development Order 2012 provides planning guidance for development on the Ashroyd and Shortwood Business Parks.

### **Article 4 Directions**

12. Article 4 directions can be used by local planning authorities to remove specified permitted development rights across a defined area. The restrictions imposed will vary on a case by case basis.
13. There are two article 4 directions currently confirmed in the Barnsley Borough. Both will be available to view at the following webpage as soon as practically possible <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/housing/private-landlords/houses-in-multiple-occupation-hmo/>
  - Direction relating to houses in multiple occupation (HMOs): A boroughwide (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough) direction confirmed on 24 June 2021.
  - Direction relating to temporary use of land Class B Part 4 Schedule 2 Permitted development rights: a direction relating to West Wood. Tankersley, Barnsley confirmed 18 December 2019.
14. 2022/23 is the first monitoring year since the direction requiring planning permission for HMOs was confirmed. During that time four certificates of lawfulness were granted for existing HMOs, established as HMOs before the article 4 direction was confirmed. One of the certificates granted a change to increase the occupancy of an existing HMO from 6 to 8 people. In the same period, six applications for change of use to HMOs have been refused.

### **Masterplan Frameworks**

15. The Local Plan includes some site allocations which require the production of a masterplan framework. The individual site policies explain why a masterplan framework is needed.

16. Seven masterplan frameworks have been adopted by the Council. These are:

- Barnsley West – adopted December 2019
- Hoyland North – adopted December 2019
- Hoyland West – adopted September 2020
- Hoyland South – adopted November 2020
- Goldthorpe – adopted September 2021
- Royston – adopted July 2021
- Carlton – adopted November 2021

17. More information about these documents can be found on our website at

[www.barnsley.gov.uk/masterplan-frameworks](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/masterplan-frameworks)

### **Town Centre Urban Design and Sustainability Strategy by Urbed**

18. The Town Centre Urban Design and Sustainability Strategy was adopted in July 2022 and will be used in future planning decisions in Barnsley Town Centre, strongly influencing future town centre projects and initiatives. The strategy is based on five themes including retail, culture, skills/employment, housing, greenspace and connections, and looks at potential projects.

19. The purpose of the strategy is to

- Find out how we can move the town centre towards being zero carbon by 2045
- Look at urban design issues and opportunities throughout the town centre
- Make sure we have a fully inclusive town centre
- Update the 2016 regeneration plan by ARUP
- Think about post Covid recovery actions

20. More information about the Town Centre Urban Design and Sustainability Strategy and other accompanying documents can be found on our website at

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/town-centre-urban-design-and-sustainability-strategy-by-urbed/>

### **Joint Waste Plan**

21. The Joint Waste Plan was adopted in March 2012 and was prepared with neighbouring local authorities Doncaster and Rotherham. The Joint Waste Plan contains policies that should be applied to waste related development and a general policy that should be applied to all developments to ensure waste implications are adequately considered.

22. We have worked with Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield to prepare an updated waste needs assessment for the four South Yorkshire authorities. This can be found at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/23274/south-yorkshire-waste-needs-assessment-2021-to-2041.pdf> The four authorities will potentially work together on a review of the Joint Waste Plan document if it is agreed to do so.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plans**

23. As at 31 March 2023, three Neighbourhood Development Plans had been ‘made’ (adopted) in the borough.
24. These are:
- Oxspring Neighbourhood Development Plan – made 12 June 2019
  - Penistone Neighbourhood Development Plan – made 27 August 2019
  - Cawthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan – made 14 July 2021
25. More recently, following a successful examination and referendum, the Silkstone Neighbourhood Development Plan was made on 7 December 2023. All four now form part of the statutory development plan for Barnsley.

### **Duty to Cooperate**

26. We continue to work with our local authority neighbours and both the Sheffield and West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authorities on cross-border and strategic issues.

Further information can be found on our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/localplan>



## Monitoring the Local Plan

27. The monitoring and indicators section of the Local plan sets out which local plan policies achieve each of the Local Plan objectives and specifies the associated monitoring indicators.
28. The following commentary provides an update on these indicators for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
29. In summary, the indicators reported are:

Local Plan Objective 1: Provide opportunities for the creation of new jobs and the protection of existing jobs

- Policy E1 Providing strategic employment locations: Amount of employment land delivered; total jobs; and jobs density
- Policy E4 Protecting existing employment land: Amount of employment land lost to other uses

Local Plan Objective 2: improve the conditions in which people live, work, travel and take leisure

- Policy I1 Infrastructure and planning obligations: number and total financial contributions secured by planning obligations, by type of infrastructure
- Policy GS1 Green space: Number of planning applications where financial contributions are secured to contribute towards green space provision and amount of new green space provided
- Policy HE1 The historic environment: number of designated assets on the Historic England Heritage at Risk Register
- Policy HE3 Development affecting historic buildings: Number of planning applications granted for demolition of a listed building
- Policy TC1 Town centres: Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development in town centres
- Policy CC3 Flood risk: Number of planning applications granted contrary to advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds
- Policy AQ1 Development in air quality management areas: Number of planning applications for development approved within air quality management areas

Local Plan Objective 3: Widen the choice of high quality homes

- Policies H1 The number of new homes to be built; H4 Residential development on small non-allocated sites; and H5 Residential development on large non-allocated sites: Number of net additional new dwellings and number of dwellings delivered on non-allocated sites
- Policy H6 Housing mix and efficient use of land: Average density of new homes built
- Policy H7 Affordable housing: number of affordable homes delivered
- Policy GT1 Sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople: number of pitches delivered

Local Plan Objective 4: Improve the design of development

- Policy D1 High quality design and place making: Number of developments of 10 dwellings or more achieving Building for a Healthy Life 'greens'

Local Plan Objective 5: Achieve net gains in biodiversity

- Policy Bio 1 Biodiversity and geodiversity: Number of Local Wildlife Sites and RIGs sites in positive conservation management

The final section provides a progress report on the Infrastructure Delivery Programme (2016).

## Local Plan objective 1: Provide opportunities for the creation of new jobs and the protection of existing jobs

### Local Plan Policy E1 Providing strategic employment locations

30. Our aim is to ensure the provision of sufficient land for development throughout the plan period and to increase the number of jobs and businesses in the borough.

**Table 1: Employment**

Indicator	Reporting period*	Performance
Amount of employment land delivered (ha)	2019/20	5.2
	2020/21	2.3
	2021/22	12.5
	2022/23	3.6
Total jobs (annual increase, source: ONS jobs density data via Nomis)	2018/19	1000
	2019/20	(-) 6000
	2020/21	4000
	2021/22	(-) 2000
Job density (source: ONS data via Nomis)	2019	0.64
	2020	0.60
	2021	0.63
	2022	0.62

\*The latest Nomis data available is for 2022, this is reflected in table 1. The next update for 2023 is likely to be available January 2025

## Local Plan Policy E4 Protecting existing employment land

31. Our aim is to minimise the amount of employment land lost to other non-employment uses.

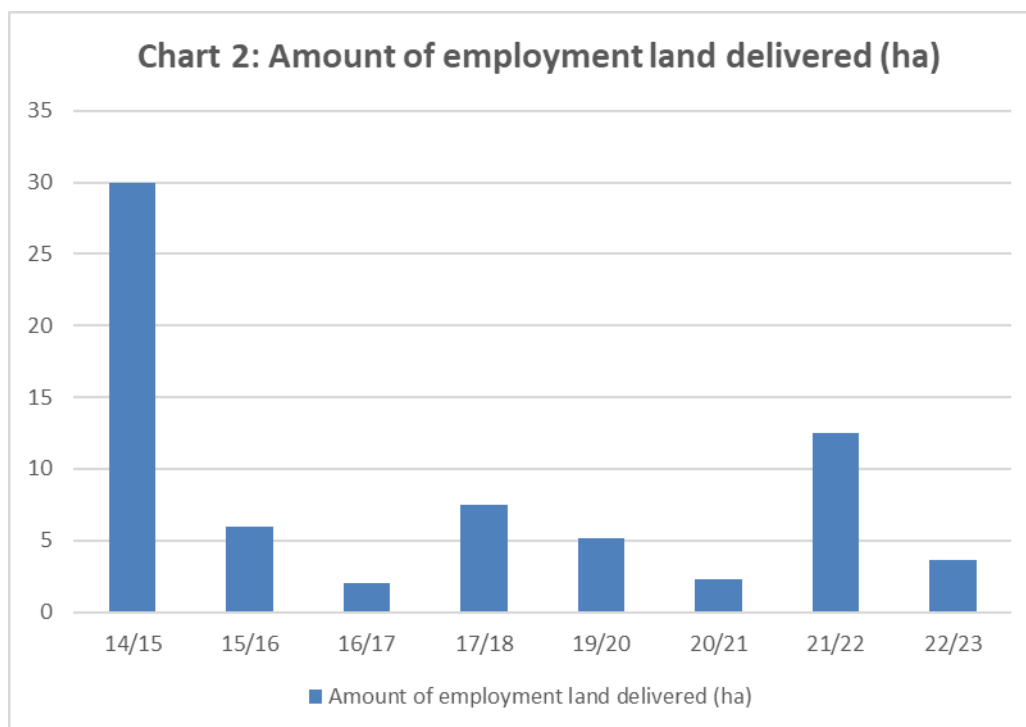
In the year 2022/23 440 square metres (or 0.04ha) of employment floorspace has been lost to non-employment uses.

### Commentary

32. The overarching aim of Local Plan Objective 1 is to provide opportunities for the creation of new jobs and the protection of existing jobs, and Local Plan policies E1 and E4 both work towards meeting this objective.

### Employment land provision

33. The Local Plan allocates 297ha of land to meet the development needs of existing and future businesses up to 2033. The plan period, with a base date of 2014, reflects our economic position, the Council's economic strategy and the lead in time for employment land to be developed.
34. The following chart shows the level of employment land development (regarding B2 and B8 and E(g) plot completions, including changes of use) since the start of the plan period.



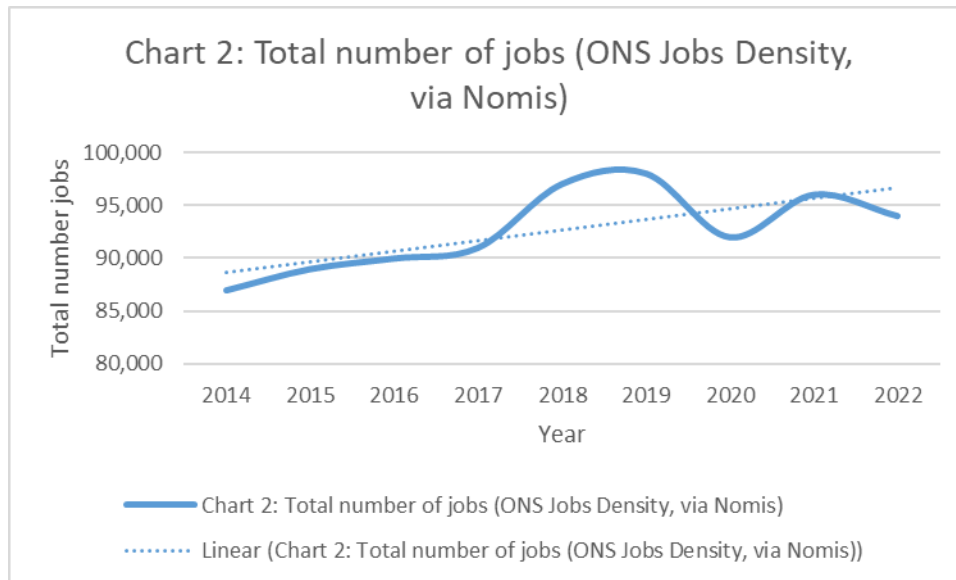
35. Chart 1 shows that since the start of the plan period the level of employment land delivered has broadly remained between 2ha and 6ha, except for the year 2014/15, which saw 30ha developed mainly due to the completion of the large Aldi at Goldthorpe and 2021/22 which saw 12.5 ha developed, predominantly through the completion of two large plots on Tankersley Industrial Estate. It is probable that the rate of development in 2020/21 was impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, but it is impossible to quantify the extent.
36. The current reporting year has seen 3.6ha of new employment land developed through the completion of 12 units at Local Plan employment site ES2, Everill Gate Business Park. The completed units produced a combined total of 14,115 square metres of internal floorspace for a mixture of B2, B8 and E(g)(i) uses.
37. The suite of adopted Masterplan Frameworks adds to the policy basis for further economic development. However, our current monitoring system does not fully reflect progress on these sites and other Local Plan employment allocations in the 'employment land delivered (ha)' indicator described above. An employment site is recorded as completed only when the whole of the associated plot (or allocation) has been completed. For example, within the reporting year a large single unit was completed at Local Plan employment site ES14 in Hoyland, resulting in 103,086 square metres of new internal floorspace currently occupied by Evri. Unit 1 is a part of the wider allocation plot and does not, on its own result, in the completion of developed employment land. A further three speculative units of 20,000, 50,000 and 40,000 sqm were also completed at Gateway 36 (Local Plan employment site ES17), the remainder of the allocation is available for design and build.
38. In addition to this, a further 11,500 square metres of new internal floorspace associated predominantly with existing businesses has been successfully delivered, thereby helping to support and strengthen our existing businesses. This additional development came through one large extension to premises on Fieldsend Industrial Park in Thurnscoe, resulting in 1710 square metres of B8 employment floorspace, and a number of smaller developments/extensions. The smaller developments/extensions all individually measured less than 1000sqm of floorspace, with a combined total of 9790sqm of internal employment floorspace. These were a mixture of B2, B8 and E(g)(i) uses.
39. In total, 126,849sqm of internal floorspace was completed in this period, resulting in 3.6ha of new land being developed for employment uses in terms of fully completed sites/plots. Future monitoring reports will continue to build a clearer picture of employment land development, including delivery of Local Plan allocations and those sites subject to the Masterplan Frameworks.

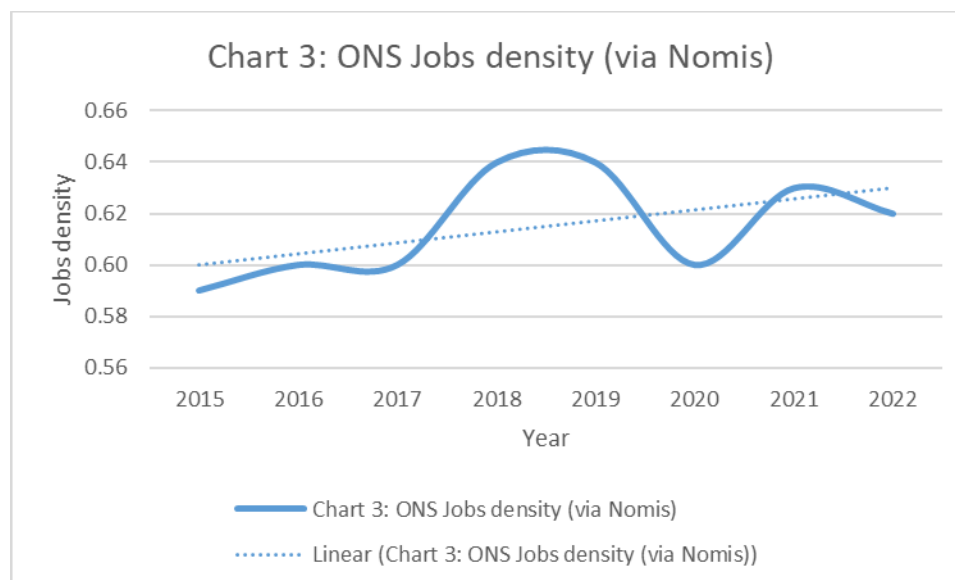
**Protecting existing employment land**

- 40. During the start of the Local Plan period, but before adoption (2014 to 2018) the annual loss of employment land to residential use was between 0ha and 2ha. Since Local Plan adoption the annual loss of employment land to non-employment uses (including residential) has remained below 0.6ha, decreasing to 0.02ha in 2021/22.
- 41. In the year 2022/23 440 square metres (or 0.04ha) of employment floorspace has been lost to non-employment uses. This loss resulted from one relatively small scale change of use from a commercial/industrial unit to a Sui Generis fibre broadband data exchange.

**Number of jobs**

- 42. Data sourced from the ONS Jobs Density dataset (via Nomis) shows there was a total of 94,000 jobs in Barnsley borough in 2022 representing a job density of 0.62. The job density figure represents the ratio of total jobs to population aged 16-64. The following charts show the pattern of total jobs and job density since the start of the plan period to April 2022. The Local Plan was adopted in January 2019.





43. The latest data available is for 2022 and the next ONS update for 2023 is likely to be published via Nomis in January 2025.
44. The pattern of jobs growth and resultant jobs density during the plan period has been reported in detail in the monitoring report for 2021/22<sup>1</sup> and is not repeated here. The data in table 1, and charts 2 and 3, show that there was a dip of 2000 (total) jobs in Barnsley from 2021 to 2022 with a resultant dip in associated job density from 0.64 to 0.63.
45. However, analysis of the number of employee jobs, an alternative measure taken from the ONS Business Register and Employment Survey (which excludes those who are self-employed, Government supported trainees, HM Armed Forces and farm based agriculture) showed an increase of 1000 employee jobs in Barnsley between 2021 and 2022.
46. With an increase of 2000 jobs, the biggest change has been within the wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles, making it now the joint largest employment sector in Barnsley alongside the human health and social work sector. Barnsley's other major employment sector, manufacturing, saw a rise of 1000 jobs in the same timeframe. These increases in more traditional employment uses may also be partially reflected in the significant level of new employment land delivered in the same period. Conversely the biggest losses fell within non-traditional employment uses including education; accommodation and food services; and administrative and support services, with each sector seeing a decline of 1000 jobs.

<sup>1</sup> For further details please see the Local Plan Monitoring Report (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022) at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/>

47. This analysis suggests that the level of jobs in Barnsley is relatively stable and continues to show a linear pattern of growth as shown in charts 1 and 2. As in previous years, the loss of jobs in Barnsley appears to have been more marked within the self-employed sector, alongside smaller numbers of Government supported trainees, HM Armed Forces and farm based agriculture sectors.

### Concluding comments

48. The Local Plan continues to provide a supportive policy basis for developing our economy to support local needs and provide local job opportunities, and to help achieve our corporate vision for Barnsley 2030. It nurtures a commercial development economy that benefits everyone including start ups, local business and inward investors supporting our aim to promote Barnsley thrive as a place to start, grow and relocate business. You can read more about Barnsley 2030 on our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/our-council/barnsley-2030/>
49. The policy basis and statistics available to date continue to show a positive platform for employment development in the borough, with a positive Local Plan, associated suite of adopted Masterplan Frameworks; new space being developed; little loss of existing employment land to other uses; and an ongoing upward trend for job numbers and job density. Whilst the number of total jobs in Barnsley has dipped from 2021 levels, signs of recovery from the marked decline in 2020 continue, with a continued increase in total employee jobs and an overall increase in both total jobs and the associated job density.
50. A number of our main future employment sites are allocated as “opportunity” investment sites (J36, Goldthorpe) presenting a sizable opportunity to deliver future jobs and investment, however exact details of offers and incentives for the Investment Zone sites are still to be agreed.
51. Future monitoring reports will allow us to consider any potential changes to the pattern following the adoption of the Local Plan and emerging impacts of the pandemic and other economic pressures.



## Local Plan objective 2: Improve the conditions in which people live, work, travel and take leisure

### Local Plan Policy I1 Infrastructure and planning obligations

52. Our aim is to ensure that development is supported by, and where necessary contributes to the provision of appropriate infrastructure.
53. During the year 2022/23, a total of 17 Section 106 Agreements were successfully negotiated between the Local Authority and developers, resulting in £2,671,137.84\* of secured (indexed linked) financial contributions. This can be broken down by infrastructure type as follows.

**Table 2: Infrastructure and planning obligations**

Infrastructure type	Total financial contributions secured by S106 agreement (£)*	Number of agreements
Affordable housing	Financial requirement only required if affordable housing units are not delivered on site.	5
Education	1,200,000	5
Green space	597,187.84 + 1 agreement for the amount – to be calculated at reserved matters stage (index linked)	11
Sustainable travel	189,700 + 1 agreement for the amount – to be calculated at reserved matters stage (index linked)	8
Highways	0	0
Biodiversity	684, 250 +1 agreement for the amount to be calculated in line with the formula (index linked)	8
Planning (miscellaneous)	0 Non-financial obligations	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2, 671, 137.84</b>	<b>39**</b>

\*Where a secured contribution is associated with an outline planning permission, the amount of the contribution will be calculated at the subsequent reserved matters stage, based on the final number and type of dwellings permitted. These instances are included in the total number of agreements secured, but not in the total financial contributions secured. \*\*The total number of agreements signed is not equal to the sum of agreements relating to each type of infrastructure because some agreements include more than one type of contribution or provision

## Commentary

54. Table 2 shows the level of infrastructure related financial commitments that have been secured during this year (2022/23) to be, for the most part, delivered in future years.
55. Barnsley's Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement for 2022/23 provides further detail about Section 106 activity for this period, including:
  - The Council's internal process relating to Section 106 contributions
  - The Section 106 contributions paid to the Council in the 2022/23 monitoring period
  - Projects delivered in the Borough through Section 106 in 2022/23
  - Section 106 contributions secured for future years (as reported in table 2 above)
56. The statement has been published and is available on our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/>
57. Table 2 shows that contributions secured for education and green space purposes, under well-established processes, continue to be significant. However, it also demonstrates the increasing contributions for biodiversity improvements, comprising the second largest sum collected this monitoring year, after education. This is related to an increased emphasis on achieving biodiversity net gain as part of planning and development on a national scale. The total excludes contributions secured from outline applications and where a Section 106 has been signed, and the amount collected will be determined according to the housing mix of the associated reserved matters application.
58. Following its inclusion in the Environment Act in 2021, mandatory biodiversity net gain (with some exemptions) became planning law from February 2024. We will continue to monitor this provision in future reports.
59. Alongside these financial contributions, policy requires that development must also be supported by appropriate onsite infrastructure. In some instances, this provision is also secured using S106 Agreements, and is included in the Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement.
60. During the year 2022/23 all of the affordable housing provision required as part of new development has been secured onsite, with 5 relevant S106 agreements having been made to this effect. As such, financial contributions will only be sought for these developments if the units are not delivered onsite and where it has been specified in the S106 Agreement.
61. Other onsite provisions have included 4 biodiversity ecological management plans, a car park scheme and a replacement premises report. The completed provision of new green space is reported in the following section.

## Local Plan Policy GS1 Green space

62. Our aim is to protect, enhance and provide adequate green space. Local Plan policy GS1 requires qualifying new residential developments to provide or contribute towards green space in line with the standards set out in the Green Space Strategy and in accordance with the infrastructure and planning obligations policy I1. The two indicators identified to measure relative success are discussed below.

### **The number of planning applications where financial contributions are secured to contribute towards green space provision**

During the year 2022/23 a total of 11 planning applications have included a Section 106 Agreement securing financial contributions towards green space provision, 4 of which refer to potential onsite provision. As shown in table 2, this amounts to a total of £597,187.84 with an additional agreement for which the amount will be calculated at reserved matters stage, once the number and type of dwellings are known. Many of these contributions will be collected and spent in future years.

### **The amount of new green space provided (ha)**

Green space projects are delivered either directly by developers as they build their projects, or indirectly by the Council using financial contributions received. Part of the money spent comes from some of the Section 106 Agreements signed in 2022/23, but the majority relate to agreements signed in earlier years for developments that were being delivered and hitting financial trigger points in 2022/23.

During the year 2022/23 all new green space created as part of new housing development has remained the responsibility of the developers or an assigned management company. As such no new green space has been directly provided by developers and transferred to the Council's ownership. However, 40 projects have been delivered indirectly by the Council, using the financial contributions to improve existing green spaces rather than to create new spaces. Further details about the projects delivered in 2022/23 is available in the Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement.

### Local plan Policies HE1 The historic environment and HE3 Developments affecting historic buildings

63. Our aim is to ensure that development conserves and enhances the historic environment, reducing the number of designated assets on the English Heritage ‘Heritage at Risk Register’ and reducing/mitigating the impact of development on heritage assets.

**Table 3: The historic environment**

Year	Designated heritage assets on the heritage at risk register (number)	Listed building consents granted for the demolition of a listed building (number)
2019	11	0
2020	12	0
2021	12	0
2022	12	0
2023	14	0

### Commentary

64. Historic England publish the current ‘Heritage at Risk Register’ annually in October. Our aim is to reduce the number of designated assets on the Heritage at Risk Register, working with the owners of those assets as appropriate.
65. As of October 2023, the number on the risk register has risen to 14 with the addition of a further SAM and a Registered Park and Garden (or element of). As an authority we continue to liaise with the relevant owners on solutions to repair the assets on the register.
66. The Local Plan indicator for policy HE3 Developments affecting historic buildings is the number of planning permissions granted for demolition of a listed building. However, given that demolition will always need Listed Building consent, but not always planning permission, we have chosen to report on the number of Listed Building consents granted for the total demolition of a Listed Building. For the year 2022/23 this was as for previous years, zero, in line with the Local Plan target.
67. In addition, an 18 month project funded by the MHCLG (now the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities) has created a new South Yorkshire wide local heritage list covering the four local authorities in the area. The assessment and adoption criteria were modelled on the original Elsecar local list and have resulted in the number of locally listed assets in Barnsley being expanded to 49 with this number expected to grow over time. Local listing is a material consideration whenever planning permission is required.

### Local Plan Policy TC1 Town Centres

68. Our aim is to ensure development reflects the hierarchy of centres to maintain their vitality and viability.

There has been no retail, leisure or office development completed in town centres during the year 2022/23.

### Commentary

69. No developments for retail, office or leisure were recorded as completed within Barnsley Town Centre or defined district and local town centres. There are, however, likely to have been changes of use within all centres that fall within permitted development rules and are not recorded as part of this indicator.

### Local Plan policy CC3 Flood risk

70. Our aim is to reduce the extent and impact of flooding with no planning permissions granted against sustained Environment Agency advice.

In the monitoring period 2022/23, as for the previous year, no planning applications were granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood risk grounds in line with the Local Plan target.

### Local Plan policy AQ1 Development in air quality management areas (AQMAs)

71. Our aim is to restrict development within AQMAs except where the developer provides, to the Council's satisfaction, an assessment showing acceptable living conditions for future residents/occupiers and no detrimental impact to air quality.

In the monitoring period 2022/23, no planning applications were approved within an AQMA that would have worsened air quality within that particular AQMA.

72. Analysis shows that one planning application within an AQMA was approved in the year 2022/23, contrary to the Local Plan 'zero' target.
73. The permission within an AQMA was a variation of conditions to change the building materials for 5 dwellings already approved at outline in 2018, prior to the Local Plan adoption. The reserved matters application in 2021 and subsequently the revised permission in 2022 include a condition to satisfy air quality requirements.
74. This application was not deemed to worsen area quality within the AQMA or adversely affect living conditions as a result of the development being located within an AQMA.

## Local Plan objective 3: Widen the choice of high quality homes

### Local Plan Policies H1, H4, H5, H6, H7 and GT1

- **H1 The number of new homes to be built**
- **H4 Residential development on small non allocated sites**
- **H5 Residential development on large non allocated sites**
- **H6 Housing mix and efficient use of land**
- **H7 Affordable housing**
- **GT1 Sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

75. Our aim is to ensure that the Borough’s objectively assessed housing need (OAHN) is met making the most efficient use of land, alongside delivering homes to meet affordable housing needs and identified need for pitch provision for Gypsy and Travellers.

**Table 4: Housing**

Indicator	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Net additional new dwellings (number)	1054	588	594	685
New dwellings delivered on non-allocated sites (number)	748	246	200	243
Average density of new homes built (dwellings per hectare net)*	85	53	58	58
Affordable homes delivered (number)	203	128	39	69
Pitches for Travellers delivered (number)	0	0	0	4

\*This figure is the average net density calculated using gross to net ratio assumptions

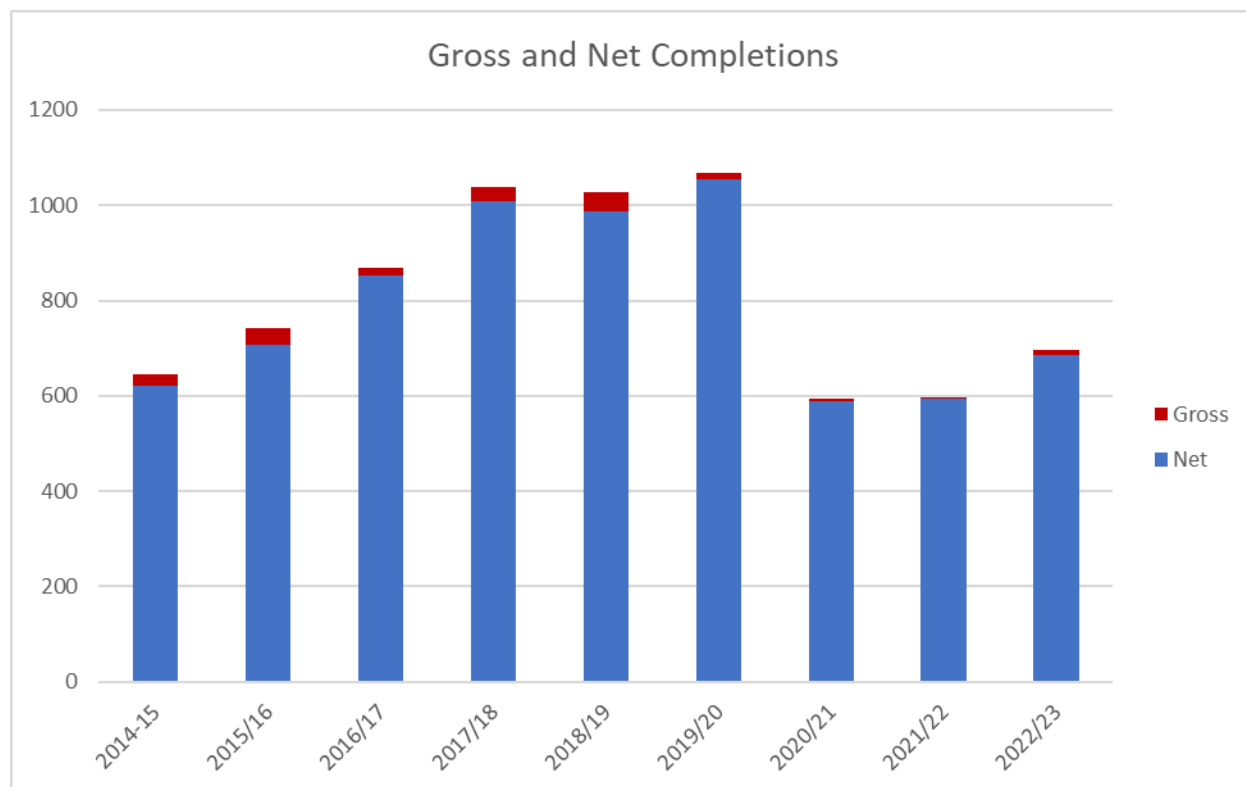
### Commentary

#### The number of homes

76. Local Plan policy H1 seeks to achieve the completion of at least 21,546 net additional homes during the plan period (2014 to 2033). This gives an indicative annualised figure of 1,134 per annum, an ambitious and aspirational figure which addresses housing needs and supports economic growth ambitions. Table 4 shows that 685 net additional new dwellings have been developed in the year 2022/23, 449 dwellings short of the indicative annualised figure.

77. Chart 4 below shows the level of housing completions (gross and net) since the start of the Local Plan period. It shows a general trend of increasing completions to the reporting year 2019/20, which was the highest of the plan period to date. There has been an increase in completions in the period 2022/23 from the previous year.

**Chart 4: Gross and net housing completions**



78. It is clear from chart 4 that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent ‘cost of living crisis’ has been significant, though there has been a marked increase of 91 net additional dwellings in the current reporting year. Barnsley has continued to meet the Housing Delivery Test target with performance for 2022 measured at 102%, as published by Government on 19 December 2023.

79. Table 4 also shows that the supply from non-allocated sites continues to be an important aspect of housing supply during 2022/23, with 243 dwellings, or 35% of new dwellings (including change of use and conversions) built on non-allocated sites. Of the 243 dwellings delivered on non-allocated sites, 124 of these were on large sites of 10 or more dwellings and 119 on small sites with less than 10 dwellings.

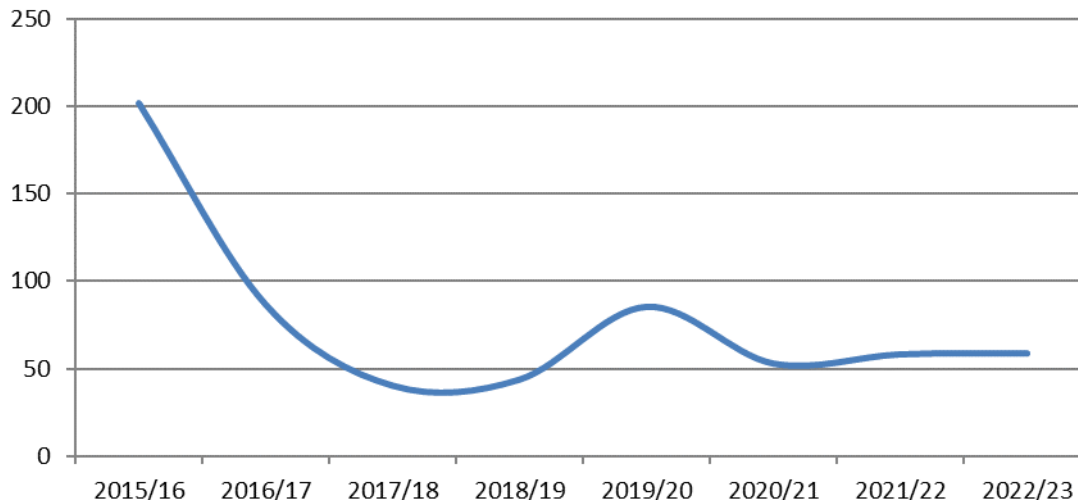
80. The latest five year supply position and updated housing trajectory is set out in the 'Barnsley Five Year Deliverable Housing Land Supply Report' and is available to view on the Housing Reports section of our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/>

### **Density of development**

81. Before the Local Plan was adopted, Barnsley's Core Strategy set a minimum density target of 40 dwellings per hectare (dph). Local Plan policy H6 Housing mix and efficient use of land expects a density of 40 dwellings per hectare net in Urban Barnsley and the Principal Towns and 30 dwellings per hectare net in the villages. The policy has some flexibility to allow lower densities where demonstrably necessary, according to prescribed circumstances.
82. It is important to note that Local Plan density requirements constitute a significant change from data that has been collected and reported on in previous years. It is a change from monitoring plot density (per hectare) to monitoring density per hectare net. The focus on density per hectare net takes account of land that is retained/used for other purposes due to site constraints or requirements, including but not limited to ecological constraint, impact on historic environment, flood risk and air quality issues, highway infrastructure and green space. As such it provides a more realistic, clearer reflection of housing density achieved.
83. The figures shown in table 4 are the average net density calculated using gross to net ratio assumptions. It is our intention that future monitoring reports will analyse housing density per hectare net for both allocated and non-allocated housing developments in urban and rural areas.
84. Table 4 shows an average density of 58 dwellings per hectare net for the reporting year 2022/23, reflecting an efficient use of land and a level comfortably exceeding the Local Plan target. Chart 5 below shows the average housing density since the start of the Local Plan period. The exceptionally high figure 2015/16 figure (202dph) was unusually high due to the completion of the Skyline apartment development.



**Chart 5: Average net density of new housing development**



### Affordable homes

85. Affordable housing is sought through Local Plan policy H7 with differing percentages and thresholds derived from an Affordable Housing Viability Study. Our aim is to deliver homes to meet affordable housing needs, achieving an annual target of 150 affordable homes delivered through Section 106 Agreements.
86. Table 4 shows that 69 affordable homes have been delivered during 2022/23. The Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement confirms that 57 of these affordable homes were delivered directly by developers through Section 106 Agreements. In addition, the Council added 5 units to the affordable stock through acquisitions and conversions during this period and delivered 7 units directly.
87. It should also be noted that during the year 2022/23 the Council received a further £277,498 cash income from previous S106 Agreements to contribute to affordable housing provision. Further detail is available in the Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement.
88. Whilst this reporting year has seen an overall increase in the number of affordable homes delivered, and we have continued to secure affordable requirements as part of any relevant planning permissions for housing in line with Local Plan policy H7, it is likely that lower levels of completions in recent years are related to the decline in overall housing delivery, the impact of the Covid pandemic and the subsequent 'cost of living crisis'.
89. In May 2021 the Government announced a new kind of discounted market sale housing, First Homes, which is now the Government's preferred discounted market tenure. Subject to a transition period from 28th June 2021 First Homes are required to account for at least 25% of all affordable housing units delivered. The

current reporting year (2022/23) has seen delivery of 17 affordable homes through the new 'First Homes' requirement.

90. The Council's Cabinet has approved publication of the First Homes Technical Note (including local connection criteria) as an appendix to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 2022. The technical note sets out the process for how these homes will be delivered through the S106 process.
91. The technical note can be seen on the Council's webpages at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/supplementary-planning-documents/>

### **Sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

92. Table 4 shows that 4 new pitches for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople were completed in the year 2022/23. The latest five year supply position is set out in the 'Barnsley Gypsy and Traveller Five Year Deliverable Land Supply Report' and is available to view on the Housing Reports section of our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/>

### **Barnsley's Local Self Build Register**

93. The Local Plan and the Affordable Housing SPD give general support to custom and self-build housing. We maintain a register of people who are interested in self-build or custom build projects in Barnsley. The register helps us to understand the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in Barnsley.

As at 30 October 2022 there were 91 people on our Local Self-Build Register, and 103 people at 30 October 2023.

94. Many residential developments may be suitable for self-build or custom housebuilding, therefore, where appropriate, an informative is placed on decision notices for outline residential planning permissions, drawing the applicant's attention to the register and asking them to let us know if we can pass details of their sites onto people on our self-build/custom build register.
95. Details of planning applications can be found on our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/using-planning-explorer/>

96. We have also put into place a system whereby we can notify people on the register when Council owned sites go out to auction. Auctions on behalf of the Council are carried out by Mark Jenkinson & Son Property Auctioneers ([www.markjenkinson.co.uk](http://www.markjenkinson.co.uk)). It should be noted that this does not mean that plots would automatically be suitable for housing and planning permission would need to be obtained. Pre application advice is available from the Planning Department and details of this service are available via the following link:  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/commercial-and-housing-developments/pre-application-advice-for-developments/>

## Local Plan objective 4: Improve the design of development

### Local Plan Policy D1 Quality of design and placemaking

97. In relation to Local Plan Policy D1 'Quality of Design and Placemaking', Building for a Healthy Life assessments have been undertaken to monitor the quality of design.
98. 'Building for a Healthy Life' specifically focusses on the design of housing developments, of 10 or more dwellings.
99. 'Building for a Healthy Life' (2020) is the new name and latest edition of the 'Building for Life 12'/'Building for Life' assessment tool, (which was launched in 2001). As the name suggests, the latest edition includes a strong appreciation of the impact on the design of housing development on the health and wellbeing of residents, with NHS England being one of the contributors to the text.
100. The Local Plan, (adopted January 2019), lists 'Building for Life 12' (and any future update of this) as a tool to help assess the quality of design for residential developments of 10 or more dwellings.
101. Central Government, through The National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023), endorses the use of 'Building for a Healthy Life' by local authorities as an assessment framework, to help improve the design of development.

### Building for a Healthy Life: How the assessment works

102. Organised across three headings, ('Integrated neighbourhoods', 'Distinctive places' and 'Streets for all'), each has four issues to consider, as shown in tables 5 to 7 below. The bullet points within the table lists some examples of things to consider under each issue. For a fuller list please refer to the online document: <https://www.udg.org.uk/publications/othermanuals/building-healthy-life>

**Table 5: Integrated neighbourhoods**

Issue number	Issue	Examples of things to consider under each issue
1	Natural connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create places that are well integrated into the site and their wider natural and built surroundings. Avoid creating isolated and disconnected places that are not easy to move through and around.</li> <li>• Draw points of connection into and through the site, creating a strong and direct street, path and open space network</li> </ul>
2	Walking, cycling and public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure access for all and help make walking (and cycling) feel like an instinctive choice for everyone undertaking short journeys.</li> <li>• Provide streets and paths that connect people to places and public transport services in the most direct way, making car-free travel more attractive, safe and convenient.</li> <li>• Avoid oversized radii corners and overwide carriageways, which encourage faster vehicle speeds</li> </ul>
3	Facilities and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide places that offer social, leisure and recreational opportunities a short walk or cycle from their homes.</li> <li>• Avoid play and other recreational activities hidden away within developments rather than located in more prominent locations that can help encourage new and existing residents to share a space.</li> </ul>
4	Homes for everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a range of homes that meet local community needs, with a mix of housing types and tenures.</li> <li>• Any affordable homes are distributed across a development</li> <li>• Design homes and streets where it is difficult to determine the tenure of properties through architectural, landscape and other differences.</li> </ul>

**Table 6: Distinctive places**

Issue number	Issue	Examples of things to consider under each issue
5	Making the most of what's there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify any visual connections into, out, through and beyond the site.</li> <li>• Work with the contours of the land.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities to integrate and reuse existing features of value, these might be natural or man-made, on or beyond the site.</li> </ul>
6	A memorable character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a place with a locally inspired or otherwise distinctive character.</li> <li>• Review the wider area for sources of inspiration. If distinctive local characteristics exist delve deeper than architectural style and details.</li> <li>• Where the local context is poor or generic do not use this as a justification for more of the same.</li> </ul>
7	Well defined streets and spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a strong framework of connected and well overlooked streets and spaces</li> <li>• Provide perimeter blocks with clearly defined public fronts and private backs</li> <li>• Carefully consider street corners</li> </ul>
8	Easy to find your way around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide streets that connect with one another</li> <li>• Use street types, buildings, spaces, non-residential uses, landscape, water and other features to help people create a mental map of a place.</li> <li>• Streets with clearly different characters are more effective than character areas in helping people grasp whether they are on a principal or secondary street.</li> </ul>

**Table 7 Streets for all**

Issue number	Issue	Examples of things to consider under each issue
9	Healthy streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide the right balance between movement and place functions.</li> <li>• Provide low speed streets with pedestrian and cycle priority- avoid streets that are just designed as routes for motor vehicles to pass through and cars to park within</li> <li>• Provide street trees</li> <li>• Provide well overlooked streets with front doors facing streets and public spaces</li> </ul>
10	Cycle and car parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate car parking into the street environment, with a range of parking solutions</li> <li>• Provide generous landscaping to settle frontage car parking into the street</li> <li>• Avoid providing all cycle storage in garages and sheds- provide cycle storage where it is as easy to access as the car</li> </ul>
11	Green and blue infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a strong landscape strategy that has impact from day 'one'</li> <li>• Create a network of different types of spaces</li> <li>• Weave opportunities for habitat creation throughout the development</li> <li>• Provide well overlooked public open spaces with strong levels of natural surveillance</li> </ul>
12	Back of pavement, front of home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly define private spaces through strong boundary treatments</li> <li>• Manage changes in level in a way that does not compromise the qualities of the street</li> <li>• Avoid pieces of 'leftover' land that serve no useful public or private function</li> </ul>

103. The assessment for each of the 12 considerations is based on a simple 'traffic light' scoring system, (red, amber and green).

104. It is recommended that new developments:

- Secure as many greens as possible
- Minimise the number of ambers
- Avoid reds

**The assessment for Barnsley during the monitoring period**

105. During the monitoring period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 eleven developments of more than 10 dwellings gained planning permission in the borough.
106. The assessments have been carried out by planning officers. ‘Building for a Healthy Life’ is the latest version and new name for ‘Building for Life 12,’ and was introduced in June 2020. Developers are requested to submit a ‘Building for Life 12’ assessment as part of their planning application, and where these have occurred, they have formed part of the background documents of the planning applications to help inform the officers’ assessment. All eleven development sites were visited by planning officers as part of the assessment process.
107. The table below gives a summary of the score for each assessment, under each of the 12 considerations, and the numbers of ‘greens’, ‘ambers’ and ‘reds’ scored for each housing development. The full assessments, with comments for each consideration, are given in Appendix 1.
108. The table below lists the developments in ascending order of number of dwellings.

**Table 7 Summary of building for a healthier life assessment scores**

Ref No.	No. of dwellings	Area	Integrated Neighbourhoods				Distinctive Spaces				Streets For All				No.	No.	No.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
1.	12	Barnsley	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	0	4	8	
2.	13	Grimethorpe	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	0	8	4	
3.	13	Worsbrough	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	0	6	6	
4.	18	Stairfoot (1)	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	1	3	8	
5.	20	Darfield	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	0	9	3	
6.	22	Oxspring	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	0	3	9	
7.	40	Shafton	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	0	6	6	
8.	68	Goldthorpe	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	0	5	7	
9.	83	Platts Common	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	0	3	9	
10.	113	Birdwell	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Green	Yellow	1	2	9	
11.	238	Stairfoot (2)	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	0	6	6	

109. It was noted that some of the planning applications did not include a Building for Life 12 assessment as part of their application.



## Summary analysis

110. Generally, there was quite a variation in the results for the 11 developments.
111. In terms of developments with relatively good scores, three developments scored 9 greens or above and four scored 7 greens.
112. At the other end of the scale, in terms of developments that could potentially have been improved more, two developments scored 1 red. The highest number of ambers, 8, was scored on one development, and 7 on one development.

## Development by development

113. The highest scoring developments, scoring nine greens were:
- Oxspring (ref no.6, land off Roughbirchworth Lane) (9 greens). This development complements its rural setting and has retained the site's most prominent trees. The development consistently meets the requirements of the SPD 'design of housing development' and in addition has a good mix of housing sizes and provides affordable accommodation on site.
  - Platts Common (ref no.9, land off Wood Walk) (9 greens). This is a sensitively designed development, which makes the most of the existing soft landscaped features of the site, creates new area of public open space including a centrally located one visible from the adjacent main road, drawing you into the site, and creates a new footpath connection to an adjacent recreation field.
  - Birdwell (ref no.10, land off Hay Green Lane) (9 greens), (although it also scored one red, as noted below). This was a reserved matters application. A 'Building for a Healthy Life' assessment for the previous outline application was included in the monitoring report for 2021/22. The previous outline application scored 8 greens and 4 ambers.
114. Eight greens were scored by:
- Barnsley Town Centre (ref no.1, Sheffield Road). A previous planning application for the conversion of this vacant building into residential use had been refused. The subsequent application contained a significant number of improvements on the previous proposals, for example the inclusion of two commercial units on the ground floor, larger room sizes and a more memorable front elevation fitting of its gateway location.
  - Stairfoot (1) (ref no.4, Sandygate Lane). This application was for a variation of a previous outline approval, in order to reduce the number of dwellings proposed on the site from 27 to 18 dwellings. The reduction in the number of plots and the modern designs of lesser height are a considerable improvement on the previous proposals. The proposals include a landscaped area adjacent

to the Trans Pennine Trail and a landscaped embankment adjacent to Doncaster Road.

115. At the other end of the scale, in terms of developments that could potentially have been improved more, the only reds (which the scoring system asks to avoid) were scored by:

- The Stairfoot (1) development, (ref no.4, Sandygate Lane), for the consideration of 'homes for all.' There was no housing mix provided in terms of sizes of dwellings as all sixteen dwellings were three bed.
- The Birdwell development, (ref no.10, land off Hay Green Lane), regarding the consideration 'cycle and car parking.' The development is over dominated by front of dwelling parking in places, with only occasional side of dwelling parking. This is especially true on the long, straight stretch of the main access road, where there is a lack of soft landscaping to break up the stretches of parking. Only four visitor parking spaces are being provided, for a development of 113 homes.

116. The highest number of ambers, nine, were scored by:

- The Darfield development (ref no.5, land off South View) for the considerations of 'natural connections', 'homes for everyone', 'a memorable character', 'well defined streets and spaces', 'easy to find your way around', 'healthy streets', 'cycle and car parking', 'green and blue infrastructure', 'back of pavement, front of home.' However, it should be noted that this is an outline planning application, with all matters reserved, and therefore any forthcoming reserved matters applications may give more information that may enable some scores to change from amber to green.

117. Eight ambers were scored by:

- The Grimethorpe development (ref no.2, off Acorn Way) for the considerations of 'natural connections', 'walking, cycling and public transport', 'homes for everyone', 'a memorable character', 'well defined streets and spaces', 'healthy streets', 'green and blue infrastructure' and 'back of home, front of pavement.' It should be noted that this is a relatively small site, formerly a council depot dominated by hardstanding, with one access point. This has led to some constraints on the layout and design of the site when matched with the small number of dwellings possible to be developed on it.

### Consideration by consideration

118. In terms of the considerations the most consistently best scoring (in terms of the number of 'greens') were:

- '5. Making the most of what's there', with all but one development scoring green, mainly for identifying opportunities to integrate and reuse existing features of value, natural or man-made, on or beyond the site.
- '8. Easy to find your way around' with all but one development scoring green, by providing streets that connect to one another or by using street types/ buildings/ spaces/ non-residential uses / landscape/ water/ play spaces and other features to help people create a mental map of a place.
- '1. Natural connections' with 8 out of 11 developments scoring green, by creating places that are well integrated into their site and their wider natural and built surroundings and by drawing points of connection into and through the site, creating a strong and direct street, path and open space network.
- '2. Walking, cycling and public transport' with 8 out of 11 developments scoring green, for a mix of reasons such as being close to bus services, a few were close to train stations or for connecting to existing public rights of way adjacent to the site.
- '3. Facilities and Services' with 8 out of 11 developments scoring green. This was for reasons such as the provision of centrally located public open space and the closeness of the sites to local shops and services.

119. In terms of the considerations that could with improving, the most ambers were scored under:

- '10. Cycle and Parking', scoring 8 ambers and 1 red, for example for being over dominated by front of dwelling parking (4 applications), having a lack of information on the arrangement of parking as it was an outline application (1 application), no or limited visitor parking (3 applications), no cycle storage provided (4 applications).
- '12. Back of pavement, front of home', scoring 8 ambers, for example for having a lack of strong front boundary treatments, no or few street trees, a lack of information on soft landscaping as outline application (1 application), or no reserved matters submission yet showing rear garden access for middle terraced properties (2 applications).
- '9. Healthy Streets', scoring 7 ambers, for example for having no or limited provision of street trees (3 applications), no information on street trees provided yet as part of reserved matters (2 applications) and the provision of long straight street(s) which do not deter speeding vehicles (2 applications).

**As a summary**

120. Things that are going well:

Responses to the following considerations:

- Making the most of what's there
- Easy to find your way around
- Natural connections
- Walking, cycling and public transport
- Facilities and Services

Things that could be improved:

- Cycle and car parking, (for example by preventing the over dominance of front of dwelling parking).
- Back of pavement, front of home, (for example through the provision of stronger front boundary treatments)
- Healthy Streets, (for example by the provision of a good amount of street trees)
- Ensuring that future planning applications contain a 'Building for a Healthy Life' assessment.

121. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full assessments for each development.

## Local Plan objective 5: Achieve net gains in biodiversity

### Local Plan Policy BIO1 Biodiversity

122. Our aim is to conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological features as can be evidenced through the designation of the Dearne Valley Wetlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), formally confirmed by Natural England on 19th January 2022. The SSSI includes large areas of open water and associated wetland and woodland habitat within the catchment of the River Dearne. It is of special interest for its nationally important numbers and assemblages of breeding and non-breeding birds.
123. Whilst this designation was not anticipated at the outset of the plan period and therefore does not appear as a Local Plan indicator, the transformation of the Dearne Valley following the closure of the coal mining industry and coke works to this remarkable landmark of SSSI within the borough, is a truly fantastic achievement. This success is thanks to the tireless efforts of a partnership of organisations and dedicated individuals.
124. The Local Plan uses the national indicator 'Single Data List 160: biodiversity' as a proxy for measuring success of Local Plan policy BIO 1: Biodiversity. The indicator provides an update on the number and percentage of Local Sites in positive conservation management and reflects how local authorities perform a number of their roles, including the planning process, management of some of their own wild spaces and partnership working. It covers both Local Wildlife Sites and Local Geology Sites (known as RIGS), most of which are not owned by local authorities. These designations are non-statutory but receive some level of protection from Local Plan policy BIO1. The impact of the new SSSI on the biodiversity indicator is reported below.
125. This biodiversity indicator is reported annually to Government and is shown in table 5 below. The reporting period is a rolling five-year period ending on 31 March each year. Although the data was not required to be reported in 2020 or 2021 due to the national Covid pandemic, the relevant figures for the period 2016 to 2021 are included in table 5 for information.

## Commentary

126. The data for the 2015 baseline set out in the Local Plan and the following reporting years are summarised in the table below.

**Table 8: Biodiversity**

Reporting period (1 April to 31 March)	Local sites (number)	Local sites in positive conservation management (number)	Local sites in positive conservation management (%)
Local Plan baseline 2010 to 2015	88	15	17
2011 to 2016	87	15	17
2012 to 2017	90	18	20
2013 to 2018	92	18	20
2014 to 2019	92	18	20
2015 to 2020*	-	-	-
2016 to 2021	93	17	18
2017 to 2022	93	21	23
2018 to 2023	85	16	19

\*There is no figure to report for the monitoring period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2020, as the data was not collected by Government due to the national Covid pandemic.

127. The impact of the recent ‘Dearne Valley Wetlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)’ designation can be seen within the 2018 to 2023 reporting period for the biodiversity indicator in table 8 above. Seven Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) which fell within the newly designated area were deselected and are now included within the Dearne Valley Wetlands SSSI, giving them a greater level of protection. A further site, Swaithe Flood Meadows, was deselected as it did not meet LWS selection criteria.

128. The following sites have moved into positive conservation management:

- Potter Holes plantation due to management works being undertaken within the previous 5 years.
- Barnsley Canal at Wilthorpe due to works undertaken at Smithies Marsh, which is subject to a 30 year management plan as part of a biodiversity net gain scheme. A trial using weevils to manage floating pennywort was also undertaken by the Environment Agency/Yorkshire Water, and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have undertaken reactive management of Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed within the LWS.

- Romticle Viaduct & Thurgoland Tunnel is being positively managed and is monitored by the South Yorkshire Bat Group.
129. However, our key focus and targeting of available resources has been to prevent our Local Sites from deteriorating and falling into the failing category, a position understood and supported by our local partners. Whilst they may not have been moved into positive conservation management many of our sites have been stopped from deteriorating and improved.

## Infrastructure Delivery Programme: update

The Local Plan Monitoring and Indicators section includes the Infrastructure Delivery Programme which was included in the associated Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2016. The following section describes general progress on the projects set out in the programme as at April 2023 (unless stated otherwise).

### Transport

Scheme	Location	Update
Identified Integrated Transport Block and Sustainable Transport Exemplar Programme (STEP) projects	Boroughwide	<p>The identified projects have been delivered with two exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New footway at Hill End Road, Mapplewell is outstanding</li> <li>• M1 J38 to town centre cycle route: The route from the Town Centre to Bar Lane is complete. The remaining section from Bar Lane to J38 section is currently being designed as an off road route prior to submitting a further funding bid.</li> </ul> <p>The projects included QBC improvements, traffic management, bypass completion, sustainable/active travel, local accident schemes, cycling and eco stars.</p>
Roads: SCRIF Infrastructure	M1 Junction 36 (South bound slip road)	Completed
Roads: SCRIF Infrastructure	M1 Junction 37 Claycliffe, Barnsley	Planning Permission approved for off- site highway improvements, works due to start early 2024. Link Road detail design ongoing as part of current planning application.
Roads: SCRIF Infrastructure	A635 Goldthorpe	Completed
Penistone Station Park and Ride footbridge	Penistone	SYMCA City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding allocated to build the park and ride extension and provide a significant contribution to the construction of a new track crossing solution (likely to be a footbridge, with lifts).



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		<p>SYMCA (in partnership with Northern) have also submitted a bid for Access for All (Major Scheme) funding for the track crossing, a decision on which is expected early in 2024.</p> <p>The current programme would see implementation completing in the summer of 2026.</p>
DDA compliant ramp on Sheffield bound platform at Elsecar Station	Elsecar	No update for this project.
HS2 Connectivity	Various	The Government confirmed in the 'Network North Transforming British Transport' announcement (October 2023) that phases 2a, 2b or HS2 East will not proceed; and that a Network North Transport Investment Plan is being clarified to include an upgrade and electrification of the line between Sheffield and Leeds to allow faster and more frequent rail service along with other transport projects.

### Education

Scheme	Location	Update
Primary school provision	Boroughwide	<p>MU1 Land South of Barugh Green Road: Please see item below</p> <p>MU2 Land between Fish Dam Land and Carlton Road: This mixed use site is the subject of an adopted (November 2021) Masterplan Framework, options for school place planning are currently being explored.</p> <p>MU5 Land off Lee Lane, Royston: This mixed use site is the subject of an adopted (July 2021) Masterplan Framework, options for school place planning are currently being explored.</p> <p>MU6 Former Wombwell High School, Wombwell: The land for the school has been reserved as part of an approved hybrid outline</p>

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		<p>application for the wider MU6 site, but reserved matters have not yet been submitted. Options for school place planning are currently being explored.</p> <p>The local Plan includes 4 sites for the future development of primary schools as part of wider mixed use site allocations.</p>
Primary school provision	Junction 37, Claycliffe	<p>The new primary school will be delivered through the Free School Presumption process and is the only route by which Local Authorities can directly establish new schools to meet the need for additional places within their area.</p> <p>The presumption competition is a process by which a Multi Academy Trust is selected as the preferred provider to deliver and run the school. This process was completed in May 2021 and soon after the successful Multi Academy Trust (MAT) was appointed. The MAT, alongside the Local Authority, the Department for Education, and the MU1 development team are working together to progress the development and delivery of the school, which is currently planned to open in September 2025, subject to numerous variables.</p>
Secondary school provision	Boroughwide	<p>The new Free School, or Trinity Academy St. Edwards as it is now officially known, is being delivered by the Department for Education (DfE) in 2 phases. For the first phase of works, it was intended that a temporary 2 storey modular unit with capacity for 360 pupils would be located on the former playing fields on the upper part of the Keresforth Road site. However, following a DfE options appraisal, it was determined that an alternative option of utilising an existing building within the Eastgate campus of Barnsley College was a better solution to accommodate pupils for two years. The temporary school opened to pupils in September 2021 and continues to be popular with parents and pupils in the community with the full 180 places allocated in each academic year since opening.</p>

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### Utilities

Scheme	Location	Update
Electricity and gas upgrades	Boroughwide	Where a site or collection of sites is covered by a Masterplan Framework, utilities are considered as part of the development of the framework. Site specific requirements will be negotiated between private developers and utility companies.
On-site water supply and access to wastewater treatment cost	Junction 37, Claycliffe	Bolton and Lundwood treatment stations have had improvements to their water quality works. The works are understood to be near completed or completed.

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		<p>Current gigabit coverage in Barnsley is c70% which is c9% behind the national average. This gigabit coverage has largely been delivered without public subsidy.</p> <p>The SFSY team on behalf of the partnership has undertaken a lead role locally in the co-ordination of the Open Market Review (OMR) and Public Review (PR) process with suppliers, which forms the pre-cursor to an Invitation to Tender (ITT). The social value component makes up 10% of the ITT, this was evaluated by SFSY.</p> <p>The OMR and PR processes involved consulting with broadband infrastructure providers on more than 750,000 unique property reference numbers (UPRNs) to request data on existing gigabit-capable coverage as well as future provision plans for the next three years. Areas outside of these plans form the 'Intervention Area' where public subsidy can potentially be used. The Intervention Area of South Yorkshire is referred to as Lot 20.</p> <p>A contract award announcement is anticipated by March 2024.</p>
Commercial gigabit-capable, full fibre Broadband roll out	Boroughwide	<p>CityFibre: Delivery commenced in January 2021, £32 million investment, around 64, 000 premises with a further phase covering around 33, 000 announced. CityFibre have reviewed the prioritisation of their rollout locations. This has led to a decision to pause the build activity in Barnsley until further notice.</p> <p>Openreach: Exchange area upgrades announced in Barnsley, Cudworth, Darton, Goldthorpe, Hoyland, Royston, Penistone, Silkstone and Wombwell. Only Stocksbridge Exchange (serving Wortley &amp; Thurgoland) remains unannounced. Openreach are currently active in Goldthorpe and we anticipate build will commence in Barnsley and Penistone during 2024.</p> <p>Virgin Media: Upgraded existing network to be gigabit-capable in October 2022, with full fibre upgrades to the whole network to be completed by 2028.</p>

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		Zzoomm – actively deploying in Penistone, plans for Goldthorpe have been paused.
Fibre in Water	Barnsley, Penistone	<p>Yorkshire Water, with a consortium of partners, has secured up to £3.2m of Government funding to pilot an innovative Fibre in Water scheme, delivering advanced broadband and mobile services via drinking water mains. The project is set up with a three-phase approach:</p> <p>Phase 1. Research and Investigation                      Phase 2. Design and Build                      Phase 3. Evaluation and Potential Scale Up</p> <p>The outcome of a gateway to decide whether the project moves to Phases 2 is due to be announced in 2024.</p>
Superfast South Yorkshire (SFSY)	Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield	<p>Phase 1: Superfast broadband (fibre to the cabinet, &gt;30Mbps): Delivery was completed in March 2019 achieving 96.8% Superfast coverage for Barnsley (rising to 99.16% by December 2023) alongside commercial deployment. In addition, gigabit-capable broadband (fibre to the premises) was delivered to some employment sites. Overall, 95,000 homes and businesses benefitted from Phase 1 of the SFSY programme.</p> <p>Phase 2: Gigabit-capable (fibre to the premises): Delivery has completed, 6,500 properties have benefited from Phase 2. Gigabit-capable, full fibre broadband is available to 82.77% of premises in South Yorkshire as of December 2023. The Government’s national target is for this is to reach 85% of the UK by 2025 and close to 100% as soon as possible thereafter.</p>
Improvements to IT connections at visitor attractions	Various premises in Barnsley Borough	Project completed.

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### Flood risk and drainage

Scheme	Location	Update
Flood defences	Low Valley	Feasibility work ongoing. Working with partners at the Environment Agency to better understand flooding mechanisms with view to carrying out works on site to better protect properties in the medium to long term.
Habitat creation and flood storage extension	Wombwell Ings	Project completed March 2020

### Waste and recycling

Scheme	Location	Update
Waste management: Joint waste strategy and facilities with Rotherham and Doncaster	Cross Boundary	<p>The strategy and facility are in place.</p> <p>Please refer to the monitoring report introduction for reference to the adopted Joint Waste Plan. We have since worked with Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield to prepare an updated waste needs assessment for the four South Yorkshire Authorities. The four authorities will potentially work together on a review of the Joint Waste Plan document if it is agreed to do so.</p>

### Green infrastructure, open space and public space

Scheme	Location	Update
Identified DVLP Projects	The Dearne Valley	<p>The identified projects have been successfully delivered. Please see the Local Plan Monitoring Report (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020) for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/">https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/</a></p>



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Identified play and youth facility projects	Boroughwide	<p>The identified projects have been successfully delivered. Please see the Local Plan Monitoring Report (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020) for further details.</p> <p><a href="https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/">https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/</a></p>
Green Space Strategy: Improving parks	Boroughwide	<p>Please refer to the Annual Infrastructure funding Statement for details of spaces and funding secured through Section 106 Agreements and expenditure on green space projects for 2022/23.</p> <p><a href="https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/">https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/</a></p>
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**Sports facilities**

Scheme	Location	Update
Improvements to MBC owned sports facilities, managed by BPL	Boroughwide	<p>Since 2016 there have been investment and upgrades at many locations including Royston, Hoyland, Dearneside, Metrodome and Dorothy Hyman. This has included things such as cafes, energy efficiency improvements (including the replacement of coal boilers at the Metrodome and solar PV at other sites), internal upgrades and improved use of inside space. A new AGP has been provided at Dorothy Hyman and a new track has been laid including new lighting, throw cage and planned replacement of stadium seating.</p> <p>Sports facility strategy to help identify future demand for sports facilities completed and adopted by Cabinet.</p>
Quality improvements to existing playing pitches	Boroughwide	<p>Investment in pitches continues with minor works being undertaken to improve pitch quality and drainage. New investment is being developed at Hoyland to create an AGP. Funding has been secured from Football Foundation for pitch improvements at Darton, Redbrook, Dearne, and Dodworth. Pitch improvements at Redfearns sports field through s106 funding.</p> <p>In the reporting year Thurgoland Parish Council has been awarded S106 to relandscape the village cricket pitch and bring it back into use and the Dearne Valley Bulldogs Rugby League Club has been awarded S106 to provide external and internal works to help complete their changing facilities and social area.</p> <p>Rockingham Sports Ground will be replaced by the new Parkside Development. Planning permission has now been approved for an oversized 3G football pitch, archery range and community pavilion.</p> <p>Playing Pitch Strategy completed and adopted by Cabinet.</p>

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### Health

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Potential enhancement to A&E services	Barnsley Hospital	<p>Plans to extend the front of the hospital building to create a separated accident and emergency department and clinical assessment unit specifically for children were approved under planning application 2019/1070 on 20 November 2019.</p> <p>The accompanying design and access statements explained that this initiative aims to deliver a better patient experience for children and families accessing urgent and emergency paediatric care at Barnsley Hospital. The proposed physical reconfiguration of the Emergency Department footprint, releasing additional adult ED capacity, will significantly strengthen the Trust's clinical strategy of consistently delivering urgent and emergency care within the 4-hour access standard.</p> <p>The building works were underway at April 2021 and are understood to have since been completed.</p>

### Climate change and renewables

Scheme	Location	Update
Solar PV	Various	<p>Ongoing development/delivery of solar PV installation as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar PV to be installed to 1000 Berneslai Homes - 500 tonnes CO2 saved and over the lifetime of the project, its estimated that there will be a community fund in excess of £700k, tenant savings of over £3m and total carbon savings of 12,100 tonnes</li> <li>• Solar PV installed as part of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (See bottom row)</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring the possibility of installing Solar PV to BMBC PFI &amp; BSF schools subject to suitable funding and resources</li> </ul>
District Heat Networks	Various	<p>Options for district heat networks are being considered.</p> <p>The potential for a heat network based on minewater and waste heat capture is currently being assessed.</p> <p>We are working at a national and regional level to ensure that research is undertaken to understand the viability of different types of heat networks for the borough. We will continue to work with heat network providers to help facilitate the implementation of a renewable, green and cost-effective heat network for the borough.</p>
Boiler replacement	Barnsley Metrodome	The scheme is completed saving 1650 tonnes CO2 pa
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	Royston Leisure Centre Hoyland Leisure Centre Dearneside Leisure Centre Digital Media Centre Westgate Plaza One Gateway Plaza	The following energy efficiency improvements have been implemented at all sites. All equipment, with the exception of the air source heat pumps at Royston and Dearneside Leisure Centres has been fully commissioned. The remaining equipment is anticipated to go live in February 2024:

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### Emergency Services

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Redevelopment or relocation of Keresforth Fire Station site	Keresforth Fire Station Barnsley	Plans to demolish the existing fire station and replace with a modern fire station fit for purpose have been approved under planning permission 2019/1134, granted on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 and is now compete.

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New library	Barnsley Town Centre	This project has been successfully completed. Please see the Local Plan Monitoring Report (1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020) for further details.  <a href="https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/">https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/</a>
Cooper Gallery Cottage renovation projects	Cannon Hall	This project has been successfully completed. Please see the Local Plan Monitoring Report (1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020) for further details.  <a href="https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/">https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/local-planning-and-development/our-local-plan/local-plan-research-and-evidence-documents/</a>
Parks for people	Cannon Hall	Project is now complete.
Exhibition galleries	Cannon Hall	The new ceramics galleries have now been completed. The major gallery project is in early planning stages.
Development of site including new function/café space and restoration of two cottages for holiday let.	Cannon Hall	Project is now complete.
DVLP: Partnership with Friends of Monk Bretton Priory to improve signage, interpretation, access and management of space	Monk Bretton Priory	Project is now complete.
DVLP: Conservation and management plan to protect and enhance the site, building pathways, signage and interpretation	Barnsley Main/Oaks Colliery	Project is now complete.

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Scheme	Location	Update
Masterplanning	Elsecar	<p>Elsecar has secured significant funding from the government’s Cultural Development Fund. The £3.1m capital investment will see works start on site early this summer. When completed, by next Easter, those works will mean a radically improved visitor experience, enhanced cultural offer, boosted economic impact and a proposition that will be marketable across our region and indeed across the UK.</p> <p>A vision for the transformation of the Elsecar Ironworks, a scheduled ancient monument now recognised to be of international significance, has now been published. The ambitious vision, which has been costed at around £25m, involves a new 21st century heritage railway, using reconstructed sustainably fuelled locomotives, a rail college, volunteer hub, advanced engineering workshops, a major new food and beverage offer, and new outdoor events arena set against the spectacular backdrop of the restored blast wall. Funding is now being actively sought to make the proposed development a reality and detailed community consultation is underway.</p> <p>Barnsley Museums have also secured funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a 1-year community heritage project, which is working in partnership with local groups and mobilising volunteers, to ensure the people of Elsecar and the surrounding areas are at the centre of how the village’s heritage is shared and looked after. It is establishing new ways of working which are expected to be taken long into the future.</p>
Site development including new learning facilities (bakery and cookery school)	Worsborough Mill	A masterplanning exercise was completed in September 2021. A Nano bakery, new shop, office space and volunteer hub have been completed. (Culture Recovery Funds March 2021)
Potential need for new cemetery	Bolton upon Dearne	Site selection work is ongoing

## Appendix 1: Full Building for a Healthier Life Assessments

Monitoring Indicators- for the Local Plan, Policy D1- 'Building for a Healthy Life' (BHL) assessment.

Ref no. 1	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2022/0150	
No of residential units: 12	Scheme Location: 48 Sheffield Road, Barnsley, S70 1HS	Scheme description: Conversion of building into 2no commercial units at ground floor (Use Class E) and 12no residential flats on upper floors and associated external alterations including new mansard roof and dormer windows to the front, sides, and rear.	Full or outline application: Full Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
Integrated Neighbourhoods						
1.	Natural connections			/	Reuse of existing redundant building (vacant and boarded up) on a main throughfare, adjacent to a gateway into Barnsley Town Centre. Includes two commercial units on the ground floor facing the street, helping to draw people into the site. Very good connections, with Barnsley Town Centre being within a short walking distance.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	The site is adjacent to a well-connected bus route, and the site is within walking distance of Barnsley Interchange, (giving bus and train connections). Cycle storage is provided on site, at the rear of the property. Whilst no car parking is proposed on-site, it is in a relatively sustainable location, being located close to the town centre.	



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3.	Facilities and services		/	The property is within short walking distance of the shops, facilities and services of Barnsley Town Centre. Two commercial units are being provided on the ground floor, facing the street. The proposal offers an in-house gym for homeowners/ tenants.
4.	Homes for Everyone		/	There is a mix of dwelling sizes, with six of the apartments one bed and six two bed. Local estate agents have confirmed that there is a demand for one-bedroom apartments in the area. The development is below the threshold for affordable accommodation to be provided on site. The proposed internal amenity of the apartments has been improved during the course of the application. There is no external amenity space for residents use, which is a drawback, however an on-site gym is being provided for residents.
Distinctive Spaces				
5.	Making the most of what's there		/	This proposal brings back into use a redundant building and improves the condition of external structure (roof and windows & doors), for a site adjacent to a gateway into Barnsley town centre.
6.	A memorable character		/	The proposal respects and enhances the character of the frontage of the building.
7.	Well defined streets and spaces		/	The only external space is the rear paved yard, containing cycle storage and waste bins. It does not therefore provide an external amenity space for residents. However, there is an active frontage to Sheffield Road with the two proposed commercial units and the upper floors of residential will provide further overlooking of the street. This proposal

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					creates more of a landmark, in terms of improvements to its external appearance.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The ground floor commercial units will integrate into the existing retail frontage of Sheffield Road. The entrance to the flats remains at the centre of the main frontage.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	There is plenty of overlooking onto Sheffield Road, with the active frontage of the two commercial units on the ground floor and from the windows of the apartments above.	
10.	Cycle and car parking		/		There is on site cycle storage at the rear of the property. Whilst there is no car parking provided, the site is in a relatively sustainable location, being located close to Barnsley town centre.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure		/		No blue or green infrastructure is provided. However, with the space constraints of the site there would be very little opportunity to include soft landscaping at the front, and in the back yard where the space is already taken up with cycle storage and refuse, (hence the amber rather than red score).	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home			/	There is a clear distinction between public and private spaces. The communal waste bins are kept at the back of the property in a yard, so will not be visible from the street.	
	TOTALS	0	4	8	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Ref no. 2	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2020/1394	
No of residential units: 13	Scheme Location: Land off Acorn Way, Grimethorpe, Barnsley	Scheme description: Erection of 13 no. dwellings and associated works	Full or outline application: Full Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
Integrated Neighbourhoods						
1.	Natural connections		/		The site was a former council depot which was 'inward looking.' The proposal is a small cul-de-sac development site with one pedestrian and vehicle access point. No additional footpath connections to outside of the site are proposed. The former depot was bounded with soft landscaping at its edges, (by an adjacent soft landscaped highway verge facing Acorn Way and trees behind a wooden fence facing Oakroyd Crescent). However all on-site soft vegetation was removed prior to the submission of the application.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport		/		There is one bus route within a 5 minute walk from site. However, it is not a frequent service.	
3.	Facilities and services		/		On site- no public open space has been provided as it is under the threshold. Off site- there are shops, two primary schools and a leisure centre located within walking distance.	
4.	Homes for Everyone		/		The range of dwelling sizes is limited, with 12 three bed and 1 five bed. The range of house types is more varied with one semi-detached, two 3 dwelling terraced and one detached	

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					dwelling. The site is under the threshold for providing affordable accommodation.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	The development involves the regeneration of brownfield land. The former council depot was over 75% tarmacked. This proposal includes soft landscaping to the front of dwellings which will complement existing soft landscaping along the entrance route into the site. Trees are being planted at the outer edge of rear gardens. Where these face Acorn Way they will supplement the existing soft landscaped verge by the road. The site was cleared of all vegetation before submitting the application.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The proposed has been designed to reflect the character of the nearby area in terms of dwelling design, however it is not particularly 'memorable'. One vista within the development terminates with car parking, rather than a stronger feature like as a dwelling or tree.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The street is well overlooked by dwellings. Security lighting is being provided for all properties. However, no front boundary treatments are proposed, which would have more clearly defined the distinctive between public and private spaces.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The development is of a small scale and has a simple layout, aiding orientation.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	The small cul-de-sac development should not encourage car speeding and should give some sense of pedestrian priority on the section of 'shared street' surfacing. The street is well	

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					overlooked by dwellings. However, no street trees are provided.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	There is no cycle storage provided for householders. There is off-street parking for residents (to the side and front of dwellings) and visitor parking has been included. There is a good balance of soft and hard landscaping at the front of dwellings, so front of dwelling car parking will not over dominate. EV chargers are available.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure			/	No blue infrastructure is proposed for the site. The development is below the threshold for public open space provision. Soft landscaping is limited to the front and rear gardens; however, tree planting is proposed along the inner edge of the rear gardens. No detailed landscaping plan has been provided at this stage. There are two parcels of 'left over' land within the site boundary which are not within residential plot boundaries so details of who will maintain them are required.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home			/	The middle dwelling of the three property terraces has no rear garden access from the street. Therefore, it is likely they will keep their wheelie bins permanently at the front of the property, in full view of the street. There is a good balance of soft and hard landscaping at the front of dwellings. It is not possible to determine if a front boundary treatment will be provided as no landscaping plans have been submitted at this stage.	
	TOTALS	0	8	4	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Monitoring Indicators- for the Local Plan, Policy D1- 'Building for a Healthy Life' (BHL) assessment.

Ref no. 3	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2020/1339	
No of residential units: 13	Scheme Location: A and E White Bakers Ltd, Charles Street, Worsbrough Bridge, Barnsley, S70 5AF	Scheme description: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 13 dwellings with associated access and landscaping	Full or outline application: Full Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
<b>Integrated Neighbourhoods</b>						
1.	Natural connections			/	The site was formerly a bakery building with mainly hardstanding and little vegetation. The layout is a cul-de-sac with no extra footpath connections provided. An existing water course has been retained.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	There is a bus route immediately by the site's entrance. Within a 5-10 minute walk there is the Trans Pennine Trail, (for walking/ cycling).	
3.	Facilities and services			/	On site- there is no public open space provided as this site is under the threshold. Off site- within the immediate area there is a range of shops and services and within a 10 minute walk a primary school. Worsbrough Dale Park, with children's play equipment, is located 5-10 minutes' walk away.	
4.	Homes for Everyone		/		There are no affordable homes within this development as it is under the threshold. There is no mix of housing sizes, all 13 properties are three-bed. There is some variety in built form, with 5 blocks of semi-detached dwellings and one block of 3 no. town houses.	

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Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	The site is going to be reused from a previous use of a bakery. The existing watercourse is going to be kept, (although culverted at the entrance of the site). There was little existing vegetation, it was mainly hardstanding.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The design of the four house types are relatively simple but incorporate enough differences and design features to add interest whilst sitting comfortably with the existing surrounding housing stock. The entrance to the site would incorporate soft landscaping to the southern and northern side, with the northern side having a gabion wall to cope with a change in levels. No detailed information about soft landscaping has been provided at this stage.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The street is well overlooked by dwellings.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The proposal has a simple layout which is easy to find your way around.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	The short length street has a bend which will help to reduce traffic speeds. No information on street trees is provided at this stage.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	Whilst the eastern half of the site has mainly side- of-dwelling parking, the western half of the site is just strips of front-of-dwelling parking, not separated by soft landscaping. So, a considerable proportion of the site is over dominated by front of dwelling parking. Each dwelling is proposed to have EVCP charges incorporated. No cycle storage is being provided.	

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11.	Green and blue infrastructure		/		There is a water course on site, however it will be culverted at the front end of the site and the remaining stretch, whilst helping with habitat creation, looks like it will be publicly inaccessible. No detailed information about soft landscaping has been provided at this stage.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		All of the plots, including the mid-town house, have access to the rear gardens, to allow waste bins to be stored away from public vantage points. No detailed information of soft landscaping has been given at this stage.	
	TOTALS	0	6	6	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	



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Ref no. 4	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2022/0778	
No of residential units: 27	Scheme Location: Land at Sandygate Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley, S71 5AW	Scheme description: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of reserved matters approval 2018/1040 to vary the approved plans from a development of 27no dwellings to 18no dormer and chalet bungalows. Application 2018/1040 was the reserved matters of outline permission 2018/0029 (as approved by appeal APP/R4408W/18/3213202), seeking approval over access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale	Full or outline application: Variation of Condition(s) Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
<b>Integrated Neighbourhoods</b>						
1.	Natural connections			/	A number of existing trees are to be retained to the northwest of the site on the embankment close to Doncaster Road. There will be a dense shrubby belt with trees planted between the rear gardens and the TPT.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	There is a bus route within the vicinity of the site. The site is bounded to the south by a footpath with woodland beyond and to the west by the Trans Pennine Trail (walking/ cycling).	
3.	Facilities and services			/	On site- no public open space is provided as the development is below the threshold. Off site- there are many facilities and services in	

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					the local area, including shops, leisure services and a primary school.	
4.	Homes for Everyone	/			There is not a mix of dwellings with all 18 dwellings being 3 bed. No affordable homes are provided as the development is below the threshold.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	Substantial landscaping will be provided to the rear boundary adjacent to the TPT. A section 106 agreement will improve a footpath just outside the site, linking the street to the Trans Pennine Trail.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The dwellings, all dormer bungalows, with two different house types, have a quite distinctive and modern design. They do not look like standard house designs. No public open space has been provided as it is under the threshold.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The street is well overlooked by dwellings.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The simple street pattern makes it easy to find your way around.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	All dwellings overlook the street. Street trees are provided but they are provided in very thin strips of soft landscaping in front of the dwellings, so are more at risk of future removal than if they were located in greater widths of soft landscaping.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	The proposal is over dominated by front of dwelling parking. Due to the shape and size of the site it has not been possible to provide any side of dwelling parking. Car parking is only separated by thin strips of soft	

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					landscaping- containing hedges and trees. There is no mention of cycle storage or EVCP units.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure			/	There is no blue infrastructure. A number of existing trees are to be retained to the northwest of the site on the embankment close to Doncaster Road. There will be a dense shrubby belt with trees planted between the rear gardens and the TPT.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		There is rear garden access for wheelie bin storage for each property. Hedges provide some sense of boundary treatment in front of properties, albeit running perpendicular to the dwellings. The driveways will be coloured.	
	TOTALS	1	3	8	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Ref no. 5	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2020/1284	
No of residential units: 20	Scheme Location: Land to the south of South View, Darfield, Barnsley	Scheme description: Outline application for 20 dwellings (All Matters Reserved) (Amended Redline and Description of Development).	Full or outline application: Outline Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
<b>Integrated Neighbourhoods</b>						
1.	Natural connections		/		The application site comprises a greenfield and former allotments. The site is green, largely grassed with some trees/ hedges around the field edges. Trees on the north and western edge will be retained. The access route into the site will unfortunately be dominated by lines of rear garden fencing, on one side belonging to the existing housing and on the other from the new development.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	There is a bus route at the entrance of the site. There are public footpaths in and around the site creating a safer way for people to travel depending less on vehicular activity.	
3.	Facilities and services			/	Within the vicinity of the site there are shops, leisure activities and a primary school. There is an existing multi-use games area to the west of the site.	
4.	Homes for Everyone		/		No affordable accommodation will be provided on site, instead a contribution will be made towards off site provision. There is no information on the mix of dwelling sizes as	

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					part of this outline application. All the dwellings are in long terraces, except for one semi-detached property.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	Trees on the north and western edge will be retained.	
6.	A memorable character		/		The linear nature of the site and the topography of the site has resulted in a rather constrained layout with an uninviting access route facing the back boundary treatments of the development. No indication of street elevations has been given with the outline application. No public open space is being provided on site.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces		/		Existing residences to Hill Street will face onto new rear garden boundaries which is not ideal. The central road of the development, however, is well overlooked by the front of new dwellings.	
8.	Easy to find your way around		/		The rear boundary treatment facing the access road does not aid orientation.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets		/		The development includes two long straight roads which may not deter speeding vehicles. No detail of street trees has been given.	
10.	Cycle and car parking		/		Every dwelling has off street parking and four visitor parking spaces have been provided. Cannot determine how dominated by front of dwelling parking the development will be from the information provided so far- whether soft landscaping at the front of dwellings will reduce this visual dominance. Cycle storage and EVCP will be provided for every dwelling.	

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11.	Green and blue infrastructure		/		There is no blue infrastructure proposed and limited green space. Trees have been retained where possible.
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		There is a lack of information on this aspect at this outline stage. There are long terraces of dwellings so rear garden access for wheelie bin storage will be a key issue. No street trees have been indicated on the layout plans at this outline stage.
	TOTALS	0	9	3	Any extra commentary on this assessment:

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Ref no. 6	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2022/0007	
No of residential units: 22	Scheme Location: Roughbitchworth Lodge, Roughbitchworth Lane, Oxspring, Sheffield, S36 8YZ	Scheme description: Reserved matters application for details of appearance, landscaping and scale in connection with outline application 2018/1433 (Demolition of all buildings within the site and proposed residential development of 22 dwellings (outline - all matters reserved except access and layout) (Amended Plans)	Full or outline application: Reserved Matters Stage of application: Final Decision

							Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
Integrated Neighbourhoods								
1.	Natural connections			/	The site contains a number of large mature trees, and the site layout has allowed the retention of more of the prominent trees. The proposals will retain a buffer of trees and vegetation adjacent to the Trans Pennine Trail, to reinforce the wildlife corridor. New trees will be planted to the entrance of the site and there is a proposed habitat zone at the northern end of site.			
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	There is a bus route in the vicinity of the site. The Trans Pennine Trail (walking/ cycling route) runs adjacent to the site.			
3.	Facilities and services			/	On site- no public open space for general play/ recreation is being provided. Off site, within the surrounding area, there is a Post Office and a primary school.			

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4.	Homes for Everyone			/	Seven affordable homes are being provided. There is a good mix of sizes of dwellings on site, with 3 two bed, 4 three bed, 13 four bed and 2 five bed. The properties are mainly detached, with two semi-detached and one row of a three dwelling terrace.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	The site contains a number of large mature trees, and the site layout has allowed the retention of more of the prominent trees. The proposals will retain a buffer of trees and vegetation adjacent to the Trans Pennine Trail, to reinforce the wildlife corridor.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The retention of the most prominent trees and the addition of new soft landscaping will help the development integrate into its rural surroundings. The proposal includes a mix of 7 different house types to provide interest and variety. No details of building materials have been provided at this stage.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The access road is well overlooked by dwellings.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The site has a simple street pattern and will be easy to find your way around.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	The short length access road has a slight curve which should help to reduce traffic speeds. In addition, a transition ramp at the entrance of the site should help to slow speeds of vehicles entering the development. Street trees are provided in the front gardens.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	Each dwelling has a general capacity of 1 off street parking with the larger dwellings with 2	



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					off street parking. The parking is mainly front of dwelling with only one property having side of dwelling parking. Five visitor parking spaces have been provided on site. There is no mention of cycle storage nor of electric charging units.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure			/	No blue infrastructure is being provided. In terms of green infrastructure, the site contains a number of large mature trees, and the site layout has allowed the retention of more of the prominent trees. The proposals will retain a buffer of trees and vegetation adjacent to the Trans Pennine Trail, to reinforce the wildlife corridor. New trees will be planted to the entrance of the site and there is a proposed habitat zone at the northern end of site.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home			/	Although there is a lot of front-of-dwelling parking it does not dominate, as it has been balanced out with a good amount of soft landscaping separating parking spaces, including street trees. All dwellings have rear garden access to enable the storage of wheelie bins.	
	TOTALS	0	3	9	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Ref no. 7	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2021/0336	
No of residential units: 40	Scheme Location: Land off High Street, Shafton, Barnsley	Scheme description: Residential development of 40 dwellings	Full or outline application: Full Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
<b>Integrated Neighbourhoods</b>						
1.	Natural connections			/	On the boundaries of the site some existing trees and vegetation have been retained. Although a significant number of trees will be felled the applicant's tree survey show that they are mostly of low quality. The hedgerow along the southern boundary will be retained and augmented with new sections around to the eastern and northern boundary. A footpath link has been provided to the site boundary by the public open space at the north-eastern part of the site.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	There is a bus stop within the immediate vicinity of the site. However, on investigation this bus route seems inactive and unused, so the nearest bus route is a short walk away. Cycle storage has been provided to all dwellings without a garage. A footpath link has been provided to the site boundary by the public open space at the north-eastern part of the site.	
3.	Facilities and services			/	On-site a public open space has been provided, a wildflower meadow located above an attenuation tank. However, this public	

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					open space is located right at the back of the development, rather than centrally, so is less accessible. Off-site there are shops, a primary school and a recreational play area within a 5 minute walk.	
4.	Homes for Everyone			/	There are 4 affordable dwellings provided on site. The site has a good mix of dwelling sizes with 2 two bed bungalows, 9 two bed houses, 21 three bed houses and 8 four bed houses. The dwellings are mainly semi-detached, with two detached and two terraces of 3 dwellings.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	On the boundaries of the site existing trees and vegetation have been retained.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The public open space is located right at the back of the development, rather than being located centrally, so it has limited impact on helping to create a memorable character for the development.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The street and public open space are well overlooked by dwellings.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The proposal has a relatively simple street pattern which is easy to find your way around.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	The main access road is curved to help reduce traffic speeds. A change in surfacing material for the short sections of shared streets and private drives will help to reduce vehicle dominance. Whilst no street trees are provided front garden include heading and wildflower planting.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	The development is not over dominated by front of dwelling parking; a considerable	

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					amount of side of dwelling parking is provided and there is a good balance of soft landscaping at the front of dwellings. However there is a rather unfortunate arrangement with the rear parking for plots (both existing and new) located on the High Street, for which some new dwellings will be facing, thereby reducing their residential amenity. There are six visitor parking spaces. EV chargers are provided for every dwelling. Cycle storage is provided for dwellings without a garage.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure		/		In terms of blue infrastructure there are no above ground features. In terms of green infrastructure there is the retention of boundary trees and vegetation, the planting of hedges in some front gardens and the coverage of wildflowers on front gardens and the public open space. No street trees are being provided.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home			/	There is rear garden access for the storage of wheelie bins for all dwellings. Front gardens are landscaped with a mix of shrubs, hedges and wildflowers, right up to the back of pavement.	
	TOTALS	0	6	6	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Ref no. 8	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2020/1439	
No of residential units: 68	Scheme Location: Land BMBC Asset Id E00061, Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9FL	Scheme description: Erection of 68no. 2, 3 and 4 bed dwellings with associated access and landscaping (Amended Plans and Description)	Full or outline application: Full Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
<b>Integrated Neighbourhoods</b>						
1.	Natural connections			/	The site is the third phase of a residential development, located at far end of earlier built phases. Existing hedgerows are being retained along the boundaries of the site. Existing woodland and swamp at the south western corner of the site are being retained. A footpath runs along the southern edge of the site, connecting to phase 2 and the wider network to the south and west.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	There is one bus route within a 5 minute walk of the site. A footpath runs along the southern edge of the site, connecting to phase 2 and the wider network to the south and west. The proposed footpath diversion along the south provides a potential opportunity for a more direct route to the nearest primary and secondary schools to the west.	
3.	Facilities and services			/	On site- There is no usable public space as part of this 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase of the development. Phase 1 contains a public open space with play equipment.	

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					Off-site the retail centre of Goldthorpe is circa 1km away to the north-west. There are various shops and schools nearby, and a leisure centre nearby.	
4.	Homes for Everyone			/	There is a good mix of housing sizes with 10 two bed, 40 three bed, 16 four bed and 2 two bed bungalows. The mix of dwellings comprise of detached, semi-detached and terraced properties. The affordable housing comprises of three 3 beds and four 2 beds.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	Hedgerows on the boundary of the site have been retained.	
6.	A memorable character		/		No public open space is being provided. The design of the houses is relatively simple with limited variation or detailing between the 14 house types. This is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase of a housing development. The overall character of the whole development rests strongly on the public open space provided towards the front of the development, in phase 1.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The streets are well overlooked.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The linear shape of the site has determined a relatively simple street layout.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets		/		The linear shape of the site has determined a rather straight street of considerable length; there are only limited curves to help reduce car speeds and reduce vehicle dominance. There are surface material changes for short sections of shared surface or private drives, which may help reduce vehicle dominance	

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					there. A limited number of street trees are provided in front gardens.	
10.	Cycle and car parking		/		The development is not over dominated by front of dwelling parking, with a good amount of soft landscaping and side of dwelling parking. There is only one pocket of parking dominance but this occurs at the southern end of the proposal so is less dominant on the overall streetscene. The only visitor parking provided is for the block of terraced housing at the southern end of the site. It is assumed that cycle storage will be provided in the garages, which the majority of dwellings will have. Electric charging points will be conditioned.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure		/		No blue infrastructure is provided on site. In terms of green infrastructure there are retained hedgerows and new tree planting for street trees in front gardens. Log piles will be created to create habitats for hedgehogs.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		Rear garden access for wheelie bin storage occurs for all properties except for the terrace of five properties at the southern end of the site. There is no front boundary treatment at the front of lawns at the front of properties. There are a limited number of street trees provided in front gardens.	
	TOTALS	0	5	7	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Ref no. 9	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2021/1150	
No of residential units: 83	Scheme Location: Land North of Wood Walk, Platts Common, Barnsley	Scheme description: Residential development of 83no dwellings and associated works	Full or outline application: Full Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
Integrated Neighbourhoods						
1.	Natural connections			/	The site retains an area of woodland in the eastern part of the site and two mature trees in the southern part of the site. The proposal includes a new footpath into an adjacent recreational playing field. The proposal has been well integrated into the site.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	The site is located close to bus stops, which link to the shops and services of Hoyland, Hoyland Common and beyond. The proposal includes a new footpath into an adjacent recreational playing field.	
3.	Facilities and services			/	On-site there are several areas of public open space, with the main one located in the centre of the site. Off-site there is a large supermarket close by and several employment premises.	
4.	Homes for Everyone			/	There is a variety of house sizes proposed, with 34 two beds, 19 three beds and 30 four beds. Eight affordable homes have been provided, all two beds. There is a wide mix of house types across the site, 11 in number.	



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Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	The site was previously a farmer's field. Outside the site, the boundary is surrounded by trees on north, east and western sides. The site retains an area of woodland in the eastern part of the site and two mature trees in the southern part of the site. The proposal includes a new footpath into an adjacent recreational playing field.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The site's central open public space, with a mature tree and a row of new trees and a footpath through it, creates a memorable feature. The house types have generous sized windows and are well proportioned. There is a change of surfacing materials with the shared surfaces and private drives.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The streets are well overlooked by dwellings. The public open spaces however have rather limited overlooking. The fenced edges of the central public open space have been softened along part of their length by trees and hedges.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The development has a relatively simple road layout and hierarchy, with the central public open space acting as an orientation feature.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	The curving sweep of the main access road should help to reduce vehicle speeds. Road surface changes for the private drives and shared surfaces should reduce vehicle dominance. Street trees have been provided in front gardens.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	The proposal is not over dominated by front of dwelling parking, with a good balance of soft landscaping and side of dwelling parking.	

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					However, no visitor parking has been provided. EVCP units will be provided to all units. No cycle storage is being provided.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure			/	There is no blue infrastructure. There is extensive green infrastructure provided, with the retention of woodland and two mature trees, the public open spaces and the new tree planting.	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		All dwellings have rear access to gardens in order to provide off-street wheelie bin storage. No front boundary treatment is being provided on the lawned areas in front of dwellings.	
	TOTALS	0	3	9	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	

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Monitoring Indicators- for the Local Plan, Policy D1- 'Building for a Healthy Life' (BHL) assessment.

Ref no. 10	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2022/0680	
No of residential units: 113	Scheme Location: Land south of Hay Green Lane, Birdwell. Barnsley	Scheme description: Residential development of 113no dwellings, associated infrastructure and public open space (Reserved matters of outline planning permission 2020/0577 seeking approval of the details of scale, appearance, landscaping and layout)	Full or outline application: Reserved Matters Stage of application: Final Decision

					Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
Integrated Neighbourhoods						
1.	Natural connections			/	A number of mature trees and hedgerows are located on the site, and the majority of these are being retained. Public footpaths connecting to the existing areas to the north and west. The development includes an area of public open space adjacent to the existing Birdwell community park, which will be connected by a pedestrian footpath. Additional play facilities are being added to the community park.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport			/	Within the development there are new footpath and cycleway connections created (to the north and west) leading to nearby local shops and bus stops. Access to the open countryside will be improved by an upgrade of an existing public right of way. There is a bus route within five minutes walking distance from the site.	
3.	Facilities and services			/	The development includes public open space and the improvement of play facilities in the adjacent	

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					community park. There are shops, a primary school and bus stops within close proximity of the site.	
4.	Homes for Everyone			/	There is a diverse range of dwellings on site of which 10% are affordable accommodation. The proposal offers 102 open market dwellings- 44 two bed, 41 three bed and 17 four bed. Of the 11 affordable dwellings 5 are two bed and 6 are three bed.	
Distinctive Spaces						
5.	Making the most of what's there			/	Several existing trees and hedgerows are being retained on the site. Within the development back gardens will face existing neighbouring buildings, to help respect their residential amenity. New public open space is being provided adjacent to the Birdwell community park, with a pedestrian walkway connecting the two. Access to the open countryside will be improved by an upgrade of an existing public right of way.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The siting of green infrastructure (the public open spaces, retention of trees and hedgerows and planting of new trees) and blue infrastructure (the surface water attenuation basin) within the development will help to create a strong sense of place. (The previously proposed swales, shown in the pervious outline application, have been removed in this reserved matters application.)	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces			/	The streets and public open spaces are well overlooked. There are street trees.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The development has a simple street pattern and a clear layout, which together with new footpath and cycle connections to local services, to the north and west of the site, help to make the development easy to find your way around.	

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Streets for All					
9.	Healthy streets		/		There are a few bends in the access road to help reduce traffic speeds, although there is a long straight stretch too. Surface material changes in the few shared spaces provided are intended to reduce the speed and dominance of vehicles. Some street trees are provided, (but fewer than shown proposed in the previous outline planning application). Hedgerows and areas of public open space are highly visible from the access road. Access to the open countryside will be improved by an upgrade of an existing public right of way.
10.	Cycle and car parking	/			The development is rather dominated by front of dwelling parking in places, with only occasional side of dwelling parking. This is especially true on the long straight stretch of the main access road. Only four visitor parking spaces are annotated on the layout. No cycle storage has been provided.
11.	Green and blue infrastructure			/	Within the development there is plenty of green infrastructure both existing (retained) and newly created (the two POS with trees). In terms of blue infrastructure, a surface water attenuation basin with potential biodiversity benefits is being provided.
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		Hedges have been provided as a front boundary treatment on the main access road and some of the cul-de-sacs. However, in places there is an overdominance of front of dwelling parking and hence hard surfacing. All properties, including mid three dwelling terraces, have rear garden access from the street to allow the storage of refuse in rear gardens.
	TOTALS	1	2	9	Any extra commentary on this assessment:

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Ref no. 11	Date of assessment: 15/12/2023	Planning application no. 2021/0668	
No of residential units: 238	Scheme Location: Land to the south of Bleachcroft Way, Stairfoot, Barnsley, S70 3PA	Scheme description: Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 2017/0753 for the residential development of approximately 250 dwellings and associated works (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) (Amended Plans and Supporting Documents)	Full or outline application: Reserved Matters Stage of application: Final Decision

							Any comments	Comments on any barriers to improving score
Integrated Neighbourhoods								
1.	Natural connections		/				The development is rather 'cut off' from Stairfoot, with the main entrance Bleachcroft Way not an inviting route to travel through either as a pedestrian or by car, with large scale empty buildings and their parking spaces on either side and security fencing running down one side. The development utilises existing public right of way connections and retains some existing green infrastructure, however some sensitive trees were cut down during the course of the application and will need to be replaced.	
2.	Walking, cycling and public transport		/				There is no public transport proposed within the site. There is a relatively long distance from the back of the new development to existing	

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					bus stops, north and east out of the site, approx a 5–10-minute walk. This may increase dependence on car travel. Tight corners have been integrated on site which will naturally reduce vehicular speeds. Cycle routes have been proposed through the site. Parking throughout the site is subtle and would not impact on the street scene.	
3.	Facilities and services			/	<p>On Site: there are several pockets of public open space provided on site, including a LEAP and a ‘pocket park’ (an informal play area for children). Benches have been provided in the POS.</p> <p>Off site: A primary school is located within a maximum of a 20-minute walk. Shops and services are located close by but the walking route is not particularly pleasant, (Bleachcroft Way and Stairfoot roundabout), thereby encouraging car use to reach them.</p>	
4.	Homes for Everyone			/	Affordable homes have been provided on site (approx. 24) and they have been dispersed through the site. A good mix of dwellings have been proposed; 52 two bed, 107 three bed, 67 four bed properties.	
<b>Distinctive Spaces</b>						
5.	Making the most of what’s there			/	Whilst some natural features have been retained on the site, some existing woodland was cut down during the course of the application and will need to be replanted.	
6.	A memorable character			/	The site has been designed to incorporate the architecture of nearby local developments. Through the provision of public open space the development has several memorable areas. The development has a soft landscaped gateway	

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					area at its entrance to help balance the relatively poor quality environment around the access road of Bleachcroft Way. It has some memorable areas in the site, the most being the LEAP, which is centrally located within the site. The boundary treatments to the north, east and west have been designed to tone down the surrounding large employment structures.	
7.	Well defined streets and spaces		/		The streets are well overlooked by dwellings. Most of the open spaces are well overlooked by dwellings, however the open space in the south eastern part of the site has a large area bordered by rear garden fencing.	
8.	Easy to find your way around			/	The development has a relatively legible street pattern, helped by the central location of a large area of public open space. The development connects into existing public rights of way extending beyond the site.	
Streets for All						
9.	Healthy streets			/	Street trees (mainly in front gardens) have been integrated throughout the site and will be managed by a management company. The development provides links to the existing PROW network around the site and has created a new cycle route to the southern boundary.	
10.	Cycle and car parking			/	Visitor parking has been provided throughout the development. The location of parking has been considerably improved during the course of the application, in order to reduce the over dominance of front of dwelling parking. There is no mention of cycle storage or electric charging points.	
11.	Green and blue infrastructure		/		In terms of blue infrastructure an attenuation basin has been incorporated.	



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					In terms of green infrastructure there are several areas of public open space and there will be extensive tree planting. Bat, bird and hedgehog holes will be provided throughout the site. Hedges and trees have been retained where possible, (although a large area of existing trees were removed during the course of the application and will need to be replaced).	
12.	Back of pavement, front of home		/		All dwellings have rear access for wheelie bin storage. Front gardens are provided in front of many dwellings, however there is no front boundary treatment to clearly differentiate between public and private space.	
	TOTALS	0	6	6	Any extra commentary on this assessment:	