

Implementation

Introduction

25.1 The Council's intention has been to produce a Plan containing land use policies and proposals which are realistic and capable of implementation, normally within the Plan period. It is recognised that social and economic circumstances change over time and the Plan's objectives and policies should be monitored, reviewed and adjusted if necessary.

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25.2 This Plan has been prepared in a national economic climate of firm restrictions on public expenditure which it is assumed will continue for some time. Careful regard has therefore been paid to the availability of resources for implementing the various policies and proposals. In this context, and in line with Government guidance, only those developments which the Council realistically expect will be started within the Plan period have been put forward. Where no proposals are put forward, it is anticipated that the existing uses will remain substantially unchanged.

25.3 A number of agencies, both public and private, will be involved in implementing the Plan's policies and proposals. Those particularly responsible for a policy are referred to at the end of each chapter.

25.4 The Plan's policies and proposals will be implemented by:-

- (1) the Council through the process of negotiations on proposed schemes and the determination of planning applications;
- (2) the public or private sector undertaking a specific project, the subject of a proposal in the Plan;
- (3) the Plan helping to create the right conditions for appropriate new development, including the co-ordination of public and private investment;
- (4) the public utilities and other agencies taking account of this Plan's policies and proposals when preparing their own financial programmes and priorities for community services.

Resources

25.5 In the current situation of considerable restraint on public spending, it is difficult for the Council to guarantee that finance can be made available to improve public services and facilities, or indeed to maintain the current level of such services. The East Sussex County Council, the public utilities and other

agencies are in a similar position with regard to their services.

25.6 In this climate it is particularly important to ensure that new development can provide the works and services, such as roads, schools and open space, that are required to support that development. In many instances, the cost of such works will fall on landowners and developers who will normally be required to enter an appropriate legal agreement to ensure the works and services are provided.

25.7 The approach taken to secure the necessary infrastructure and community services is given in Chapter 12, paragraphs 6 and 7 and Policy CS1 which states that development will not be permitted before the Council is satisfied that the capital works directly required to service the development are provided at the time development takes place or will be provided at the appropriate time. This policy should not be taken to infer that an otherwise unacceptable proposal would be made acceptable through the provision of such works and services.

25.8 A number of proposals are put forward in this Plan which the Council would be required to fund, for example car parking schemes and environmental improvements. The implementation and timing of these proposals will have to be carefully considered by the Council against other expenditure commitments when assessing the annual budget and priorities.

Monitoring

25.9 As stated earlier, it is intended to monitor the performance of the Plan's policies against the objectives. To this end relevant information will be collected and analysed on a regular basis. It is anticipated that, once the Plan is adopted, an annual report will be undertaken. When considered necessary, through monitoring changing needs and circumstances, a review of the Plan's policies will be undertaken.

25.10 The key factors that will be monitored are stated at the end of each relevant chapter.