

Dover District Council

Authority Monitoring Report





Introduction



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What is the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)?

Every Local Authority is required by national legislation (listed below) to produce an Authority Monitoring Report annually. This should contain information which monitors implementation of the [Local Development Scheme](#) (LDS), and the effectiveness of policies within the Local Plan.

This AMR has been prepared in accordance with such legislation, and contains other useful information about the district. It demonstrates what development and growth is happening and sets out useful information on planning documents, local information and relevant statistical data.

This AMR does the following:

- Reviews the council's progress in relation to the development plan (the Local Plan and other Development Plan Documents, as set out in the LDS) and reports against its monitoring targets
- Reviews the Council's progress in producing planning policy documents and guidance
- Provides district-wide planning statistics on housing, placemaking, employment and retail, natural and historic environment and climate change, transport and infrastructure
- Reports on public consultations undertaken by the planning department
- Reports on Neighbourhood Planning progress.

The AMR covers the following chapters:

- Introduction
- The development plan
- Housing growth
- Place making
- Economic growth
- Retail and town centres
- Transport
- Natural and historic environment
- Climate change

These chapters will be published separately on our [monitoring and land supply webpage](#) to make it easier to navigate for readers.

We will publish the Introduction and Housing statistics chapters first. This will correspond with the publication of our 5-year housing land supply report and second development newsletter. Both these documents can be viewed on our website [here](#).

Time Period Covered by This AMR

This AMR refers to data collected within the most recent full monitoring year 2024 to 2025, which is from the **1 April 2024 to the 31 March 2025** inclusive.

However, the status and progress of some topics, and in particular the status of policy documents mentioned in this AMR, are relevant at the time each individual chapter was published.

Copies of previous AMRs are available and can be downloaded from [our monitoring and land supply webpage](#).

Development Plan Targets / Monitoring Indicators

To monitor the policies within the development plan (Local Plan) effectively, it contains a number of targets or '[monitoring indicators](#)' which can be used to assess annually whether policy aims are being achieved.

The Dover District Local Plan to 2040 ('Local Plan') introduced many new policies which now apply across the district, and with those policies are new monitoring targets. This AMR builds on the previous edition to reflect the new Local Plan structure, policies and the new monitoring indicators.

The Local Plan was adopted in October 2024, and this report covers the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. This means the Local Plan was not used to determine all applications within that monitoring year.

As such, not all policies can be effectively monitored yet, as the data and mechanisms that will be used to do so have not yet been finalised, or the data is not yet available. There will be a transition period of several years, during which time processes will be implemented at the planning application stage to enable the effective monitoring of these policies in future AMRs.

Relevant legislation:

- [Section 35 of Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#)
- [Regulation 34 Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [Localism Act 2011](#)