



# Implementation

## Background

- 8.1** The Joint Structure Plan will be implemented by all those involved in the planning process - the two Councils, the District Councils, other parts of the public sector, the private sector and the voluntary sector - through the preparation of local plans/local development documents, planning briefs, supplementary planning guidance and the development control process. The Joint Structure Plan provides a comprehensive planning framework for District Councils and other bodies to prepare their own plans and strategies.
- 8.2** This chapter focuses on two aspects of implementation:
- the availability of resources to secure the strategy; and
  - the monitoring of the Plan and its base projections and assumptions to assess the degree of success in meeting the strategy and whether the strategy requires modification in the light of events.
- 8.3** Government advice and the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS8) for the East Midlands require that structure and local plans implement a strategy of sustainable development. The Joint Structure Plan has been the subject of a sustainability appraisal and the implementation of the strategy will secure the achievement of sustainable development.

## Resources

- 8.4** The Joint Structure Plan is statutorily required to have regard to the likely availability of resources, both public and private, needed to implement the proposals of the Plan. In accordance with Government advice, these resources have been interpreted broadly to include:-
- the financial policies of the various implementing agencies;
  - the availability of land;
  - availability of labour;
  - the capacity of existing infrastructure and the need for additional or enhanced facilities;
  - the conservation of finite or non-renewable resources.

- 8.5** Various policies in the Plan provide strategic guidance for the prudent use of finite or non-renewable resources. Particular examples are those policies concerned with the conservation and management of the built and natural environments, for waste planning, for the encouragement of energy efficient development and the design of development to minimise the need to travel, particularly by car.
- 8.6** The availability of public sector expenditure will have a significant impact upon the success in implementing the Plan, especially with regard to transport schemes. Clearly if financial resources are not made available, all the measures identified in the Plan to tackle problems and grasp opportunities will not be satisfactorily dealt with. The likely availability of public sector expenditure through the various agencies is a matter that the two Councils will monitor and seek views upon from interested parties.
- 8.7** The Plan will also rely significantly upon the availability of private sector finance to implement sustainable development and for the necessary supporting infrastructure, facilities and other resources. The two Councils are generally confident that the private sector has the resources to assist in the implementation of this Plan. For example the annual house building rates required by this Plan are below those achieved in the past. The Plan also includes a planning obligations policy in the Strategy chapter so that demands placed upon the communities, the economy, transport and the environment of the Plan Area by development proposals will be able to be addressed.

## Monitoring

- 8.8** The two Councils will keep under review matters that may affect the development of the Plan Area, the impact upon the environment and the robustness of key assumptions and projections underpinning the strategy. This is also a statutory requirement under the provisions of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.
- 8.9** Monitoring the policies of the Plan is important to assess the extent to which they are being successfully implemented, whether they are still appropriate and to consider if new or modified policies are required. The two Councils already undertake a range of activities to assist the Structure Plan monitoring process on a systematic basis, often in partnership with the district councils and other agencies. These monitoring activities include:-
- the collection and analysis of a wide variety of data on such matters as changes in resources, population, employment and unemployment, rates of housing, industrial, commercial and other forms of development, commitments, infrastructure;
  - assessment of the broader social, economic and environmental changes as set out, for example, in the 'Condition of Nottinghamshire' publication;
  - monitoring the impact of the development on the state of the environment;
  - revisions to projections, on updated assumptions, for population, housing needs, labour supply and demand and other matters;
  - interpretation of the policies of other agencies which affect the implementation of the Plan in particular any revisions to the Integrated Regional Strategy, Regional Spatial Strategy and the Regional Economic Strategy.

**8.10** More specifically, Government good practice advises that monitoring is objectives-based. Identified below are the means by which such monitoring has been and will be undertaken, including key relationships between some indicators. This monitoring will be done in association with district councils, the Regional Assembly and its partners.

Current commitment	Proposed Work
Regular meetings held with district officers monitoring matters, support and involvement regional monitoring process.	Formalisation of district liaison, on including support and integration in the with local development frameworks (LDF) and RSS monitoring.
Three regional monitoring reports have been to 2003/04.	The RSS Annual Monitoring produced up Report will be part of a basis for JSP monitoring.
The RSS includes an implementation plan.	An implementation plan for the JSP will be prepared. This will utilise the work already done at RSS and LDF level, using common data and resources.
Monitoring of the current Structure Plan is undertaken in conjunction with the districts.	The process and structure will be already formalised and continued, although monitoring reports will not be prepared for the JSP, owing to the impact of Regional and LDF monitoring. The Regional Assembly is investigating how a regional (electronic) system can assist work from district level upwards.
	LDF monitoring is being considered as part of the role of a region-level group associated with the RSS. The plan-making authorities will have a role on this group.
	Government initiatives such as PARSOL <sup>8</sup> are being developed. These will set a context for the co-ordination of data collection.

**8.11** The two Councils will continue to monitor the Joint Structure Plan through the monitoring and survey arrangements that are established or about to be established as part of the new review/monitoring process for RSS8 and local development documents.

<sup>8</sup> Planning and Regulatory Services On-Line. An e-government initiative sponsored by ODPM.

