

Knowsley Local Plan: Monitoring Report 2014



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.0 About this Monitoring Report

1.0.1 The Knowsley Local Plan Monitoring Report 2014 has been produced by Knowsley Council to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. For the purposes of these regulations, this report fulfils the role of the “local planning authority’s monitoring report”. This Report updates the Monitoring Report 2013.

1.0.2 This Monitoring Report sets out performance in relation to a wide range of performance indicators. The Council has full discretion over the range of indicators to be included, after the Department for Communities and Local Government withdrew the previous good practice guidance and Core Output Indicators in 2011. The indicators used are drawn from the Knowsley Local Plan Monitoring Framework, which has been produced to support the emerging Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy. Some minor alterations have been made to the wording of selected indicators, reflecting proposed modifications to the Local Plan: Core Strategy, changes to the availability of data in some cases, and targets / trends have been added where identifiable.

1.0.3 The Monitoring Framework includes indicators for each of the emerging Core Strategy’s Strategic Objectives, and which are strongly linked to the policies in the Core Strategy. The 9 Strategic Objectives of the emerging Core Strategy are entitled:

- ***Sustainable Economic and Employment Growth***
- ***Well balanced housing market***
- ***Regenerate and Transform***
- ***Distinctive, Viable and Sustainable Town Centres***
- ***Quality of Place***
- ***Sustainable Transport***
- ***Manage Environmental Resources***
- ***Green Infrastructure and Rural Areas***
- ***Promoting Health and Wellbeing in Knowsley***

1.0.4 The emerging Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy is (at the time of this Report being drafted) undergoing its Examination in Public by a Government Planning Inspector. For this reason, the Strategic Objectives, policies and related monitoring indicators and targets which are used as the basis for this Monitoring Report should be regarded as provisional. Changes to the objectives, policies, targets and indicators may be made before the Plan is finally adopted. Any such changes will be used to inform future Monitoring Reports.

- 1.0.5 Linked to the preparation of the Local Plan: Core Strategy it is anticipated that some of the data (for example concerning the current land supply which is considered to be deliverable for housing and employment development) may be revised in the future. Any revisions to this data will be reported as appropriate for example in future Monitoring Reports.
- 1.0.6 Further information concerning the emerging Core Strategy including the Examination in Public is available at www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan.
- 1.0.7 The indicators also provide coverage of the "saved policies" of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan (2006), as set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.0.8 The Monitoring Report primarily covers the year from April 2013 until March 2014. The Council has endeavoured to use up to date information, focussing on data for the year 2013/14, and any available data post March 2014. However in some cases, information from an earlier date has been used, as more recent data is not available. In addition, since the Core Strategy plan period begins in 2010, efforts have been made to include historic data for the financial years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- 1.0.9 The information sources used within the Monitoring Report are varied. They include a range of national statistics, as well as information collected locally by the Council and its partners. In many cases, information used is available in other documents published by the Council, including for example the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (published by Public Health within the Council), or the evidence base documents published in association with the Local Plan. The Council has also published a Technical Report: Spatial Profile, which contains a considerable range of information about Knowsley, including information about its past and how longer term historic trends have affected the current social, economic and environmental circumstances in the Borough. It is recommended that this document is read alongside this Monitoring Report.

1.1 Format of this Monitoring Report

- 1.1.1 Chapter 2 of this report identifies key indicators for which the Council does not have up to date data available. This is either due to the data not being available for this financial year or because the relevant indicator is associated with a long term trend that does not necessitate data collection on an annual basis. The table in chapter 2 provides details of these indicators and the next monitoring report when data updates are expected to be provided.
- 1.1.2 Chapter 3 of the Monitoring Report presents key information in relation to each of the remaining indicators with a summary analysis. Each indicator is given a separate table. The indicators are grouped under the nine Local Plan Strategic Objectives, and a tenth category relating to planning performance in the Borough. Clear sub-themes are also identified. Chapter 4 describes current performance in the preparation of Local Plan documents in Knowsley, while chapter 5 sets out brief conclusions.

1.1.3 Information sources are given under each indicator, including reference to the source organisation, as well as the year the information was made available.

1.2 Statutory Requirements

1.2.1 The regulatory requirements for Monitoring Reports are set by Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012. This sets out a range of key information which a Monitoring Report should contain. The location of this information within this Monitoring Report is set out in the following table.

Requirement	Section of this Report
Regulation 34 part: (3) – Reporting against specific Local Plan targets	Section 3
Regulation 34 parts: (1) – Local Plans, Supplementary Planning Documents and timetables (2) – Local Plan policies not being implemented (4) – Neighbourhood Development Orders (5) – The Community Infrastructure Levy (6) – Duty to Cooperate	Section 4

1.2.2 Under the Localism Act 2011 the Council must publish a Monitoring Report at least once in every 12 month period. The Council intends to continue to publish its Local Plan: Monitoring Reports in December each year.

1.3 Population trends in Knowsley

1.3.1 Since the early 1990s a key objective of Knowsley Council has been to stabilise and retain population. Population levels therefore form a key part of the context for the Local Plan: Monitoring Report. Other contextual data (e.g. related to employment levels, housing and environmental issues) are reported in chapter 3.

1.3.2 In 2013, the estimated population of Knowsley was 146,086 (2013 Annual Mid-year Population Estimates, Office of National Statistics, 2014). This is about 3% lower than the population in the 2001 Census. The age structure of the population had also altered over the same period, with the number of people in older age ranges having increased.

1.3.3 The population estimates published following the 2011 Census are lower than those suggested by the official mid-year estimates up to 2010. The Office for National Statistics has indicated that in some areas (including Knowsley) the population was over-estimated in the 2001 Census and in subsequent mid-year estimates. This was largely due to a significant under-estimate of the amount of out-migration, particularly among younger working age groups. The Office for National Statistics has since recalculated these mid-year estimates.

- 1.3.4 The 2012-based Sub-national Population Projections (Office for National Statistics, 2014) indicate that Knowsley's population will only increase marginally to 146,900 by 2022. This projected increase is driven by natural change (i.e. more births than deaths) with a degree of offsetting as a result of migration. The net impact on the population from migration is negative, as approximately 3,500 more persons are expected to migrate out of the Borough between 2012 and 2022 than are expected to migrate in. Evidence suggests that out-migration is concentrated in persons of working age.
- 1.3.5 The number of persons who are aged over 65 (estimated at 23,700 for 2012) is projected to increase to just over 28,200 by 2022.

1.4 Links to other Council and partnership strategies and needs assessments

- 1.4.1 This Monitoring Report has strong links to the range of different performance monitoring activities undertaken by the Council, for example in association with the:

- Knowsley Sustainable Communities Strategy;
- Knowsley Economic Regeneration Strategy;
- Knowsley Housing Strategy;
- Knowsley Corporate Plan; and
- Service Plans for different Council and partner services.

1.5 Further Information

- 1.5.1 A range of further information is available to complement the content of this Monitoring Report. Key documents are listed below:

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (Knowsley MBC / NHS Knowsley, 2012 Update)
- Children and Young People Needs Assessment (Knowsley MBC 2014)
- Partnership Needs Assessment (Knowsley Partnership, 2012)
- Technical Report: Spatial Profile (Knowsley MBC, 2013)
- Housing Position Statement (Knowsley MBC, 2013)
- Employment Position Statement (Knowsley MBC, 2013)
- Technical Report: Sustainable Urban Extensions (Knowsley MBC, 2014)
- Housing Market Update (Knowsley MBC, 2013)
- Previous Monitoring Reports and Annual Monitoring Reports (Knowsley MBC, various).

- 1.5.2 The Council also prepares a range of other intelligence products on a regular basis including:

- Data matrix – providing key themed indicators for different geographical levels within the Borough with comparisons to elsewhere;
- Area profiles- for different parts of Knowsley;

- Residents Insight Report – detailing the findings of consultation surveys with residents;
- Labour Market Bulletin –containing headline messages about labour market trends;
- Resilience Monitor – providing headline data relevant to residents; and
- Knowsley Profile report – providing an overall analysis of needs and priorities in the Borough.

1.5.3 Currently available intelligence products can be viewed on the Council website at <http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/your-council/knowsley-facts-and-figures.aspx>.

2 SCOPE OF THIS MONITORING REPORT

2.1 Format of this section

2.1.1 This section identifies indicators which have been included in previous monitoring reports, but for which there is a lack of up to date data to be recorded in the 2014 Monitoring Report. The table identifies the most recent monitoring report in which data was recorded and the likely next update of information for each of these indicators. The aim for future Monitoring Reports if the data outlined below is still not available would be to seek alternative data sources which provide comparable data for the indicators.

Monitoring Framework Reference	Indicator	Previous Recorded Data	Next Monitoring of Indicator
MI 5	Surplus / deficit of deliverable employment land within five years relative to employment requirement	2013	No longer necessary to monitor - proposed modifications to Local Plan: Core Strategy remove supply trigger for Green Belt release. Amended MI 4 provides alternative data source for risk assessed land supply.
MI 10	Planning Permission granted for business in rural areas, tourism facilities / businesses	n/a	There were no Planning Permissions granted within 2013/14 the next Monitoring Report which includes a planning permission granted within that financial year.
MI 11	Percentage of Knowsley residents by employment sector	2011	Next Census data or Next Monitoring Report where an alternative data source is available.
MI 22	Net completions of affordable housing by tenure, accounting for demolitions, conversions, change of use.	n/a	To be collated for next Monitoring Report.
MI 23	Gross number of affordable homes delivered through registered provider programmes	n/a	To be collated for next Monitoring Report.
MI 24	Gross number of affordable homes delivered through market housing schemes	n/a	To be collated for next Monitoring Report.

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Monitoring Framework Reference	Indicator	Previous Recorded Data	Next Monitoring of Indicator
MI 25	Average density of new dwellings completed	n/a	No data available for 2013/14 the aim is to provide up to date data in future Monitoring Reports.
MI 28	Gross additional specialist and/or supported housing units	n/a	Next Monitoring Report when data is available
MI 32	Quantum of land removed from supply due to expiry of planning permission, residential land being lost to other uses	n/a	Next Monitoring Report where data is available or an evident change occurs. No land was lost in 2013/14.
MI 37	Households in fuel poverty	2011	Recent data releases from DECC not at Local Authority level. Alternative indicators will be considered in future Monitoring Reports if appropriate.
MI 38	Amount of previously development land that is available for employment or residential development within five years	n/a	Detailed information not provided in this format; however data on land supply is available at MI 4 and MI 30. Next Monitoring Report will provide an update.
MI 40	Completion of schemes in Principal Regeneration Areas public realm	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan to assess regeneration performance.
MI 41	Net additional dwellings per annum and cumulative in Primary Residential Areas, North Huyton and Stockbridge Village, Tower Hill, South Prescott	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan to assess regeneration performance.
MI 42	Gross completions of new build dwellings by tenure type and number of bedrooms in Primarily Residential Areas: North Huyton and Stockbridge Village.	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan to assess regeneration performance.

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Monitoring Framework Reference	Indicator	Previous Recorded Data	Next Monitoring of Indicator
MI 43	Gross number of affordable homes delivered in Primarily Residential Areas: North Huyton and Stockbridge Village, Tower Hill, South Prescott	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan to assess affordable housing delivery and regeneration performance.
MI 47	Total Combined Heat and Power (CHP) energy generation capacity per annum within Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	2013 Monitoring Report	Next Monitoring Report where there is a change in energy generation capacity within Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks
MI 50	Total retail / service units within retail centres and proportion of vacancy	2013 Monitoring Report	The previous data was collated as part of the 2013 retail health check. The next retail health check will be undertaken and reported in the 2015 Monitoring Report
MI 56	Number and percentage of vacant retail units within individual town centres, district centres, local centres	2013 Monitoring Report	The previous data was collated as part of the 2013 retail health check. The next retail health check will be undertaken and reported in the 2015 Monitoring Report
MI 57	Retail expenditure retention for convenience and comparison goods in town centres, including: Kirkby, Huyton and Prescott	2009	Future Town Centre and Shopping Study.
MI 59	Performance against design standards, new homes meeting Buildings for Life criteria, new homes meeting Lifetime Homes standards.	n/a	Monitoring Report following the adoption of the Local Plan and confirmation on Governments approach to Design Standards and Building Regulations.
MI 62	Number of Historic Parks and Gardens, Historic Parks and Gardens on the Heritage at Risk Register	2013 Monitoring Report	Currently none of Knowsley's Historic Parks and Gardens is identified as being at risk therefore any future update will be in the next Monitoring Report where there has been a

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Monitoring Framework Reference	Indicator	Previous Recorded Data	Next Monitoring of Indicator
			change to the English Heritage Risk Register regarding Knowsley Historic Parks and Gardens.
MI 63	Number of designated Ancient Monuments	2013 Monitoring Report	No current sites within Knowsley. An update will be in next Monitoring Report where there has been a change to number of designated ancient monuments within Knowsley.
MI 67	Travel to work modal shares	n/a	Next Census data or next Monitoring Report when a suitable alternative data source is available.
MI 68	Vehicle ownership	2013 Monitoring Report	Next Census data or next Monitoring Report where a suitable alternative data source is available.
MI 69	Public transport patronage in Merseyside	2013 Monitoring Report	Merseyside Transport Partnership Annual Progress Report 2012/13 did not include a full data update. Next Monitoring Report will provide any available data published during 2015.
MI 70	Households with good transport access to key services or work by local authority	2013 Monitoring Report	No data updates published nationally since January 2013. Alternative indicators will be considered in future Monitoring Reports if further updates are not provided at a national level.
MI 72	Protection of secondary and recycled aggregates by mineral planning authority	n/a	Next Monitoring Report where accurate data is available.
MI 73	Minerals Safeguarding Areas	n/a	No current sites within Knowsley, an update will

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Monitoring Framework Reference	Indicator	Previous Recorded Data	Next Monitoring of Indicator
			be in the next Monitoring Report following the Local Plan Land Allocations and Development Policies document.
MI 76	Number of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS)	n/a	2015 Monitoring Report onwards following implementation of Government changes to relevant regulations.
MI 80	Number of applications approved with contributions towards Allowable Solutions, including the Community Energy Fund	n/a	2016 onwards when national legislation is updated regarding Zero carbon target and Allowable Solutions
MI 81	Planning Permission for decentralised, renewable and low carbon energy	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan
MI 82	Number, total area of and population living within Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's)	2013 Monitoring Report	There is currently no AQMA's within Knowsley therefore an update will be in the next Monitoring Report where there is a change in status regarding number of AQMA's within Knowsley.
MI 83	Number of noise complaints upheld by the Council	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan.
MI 84	River water quality – biological, chemical	2010 Monitoring Report	Next Monitoring Report where there is available up to date data. Alternative indicators will be considered in future Monitoring Reports if further updates are not provided in this format.
MI 85	See Indicators within the Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Local Plan	n/a	The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan: Implementation and Monitoring Report 2014 (prepared by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service on behalf of the

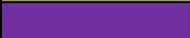
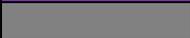
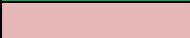
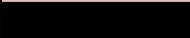
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Monitoring Framework Reference	Indicator	Previous Recorded Data	Next Monitoring of Indicator
			districts covered by the Waste Local Plan) provides monitoring information for this topic, for the period April 2013 to March 2014.
MI 87	Number of Substantial Residents Areas with accessibility deficits relating to one or more typologies of open space	2013 Monitoring Report	Next Monitoring Report following the publication of an updated Greenspace Audit.
MI 94	Change in areas of biodiversity importance	2013 Monitoring Report	Next Monitoring Report where there is available up to date data.
MI 97	Population who live in Super Output Areas (SOAs) ranked in the upper ten percent most deprived nationally (including specific information for Principal Regeneration Areas)	2011 Monitoring Report	Next Monitoring Report where there is available up to date data.
MI 100	Difference in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between communities	n/a	Next Monitoring Report where there is available up to date data.
MI 115	Delivery of major infrastructure schemes as set out in the IDP	n/a	Monitoring Reports in financial years following the adoption of the Local Plan

3 PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING LOCAL PLAN OBJECTIVES

3.1 Format of this section

3.1.1 This section is split into ten colour-coded themes, the first nine of which are based on Strategic Objectives within the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, while the tenth section relates specifically to performance within the Council's planning function. For each of the objectives, there are several indicators which apply. These are broken down into sub-themes for ease of use. The themes are set out below.

Themes	Monitoring Framework Reference	Colour Reference
1. Sustainable Economic and Employment Growth	MI 1 – MI 17	
2. Well Balanced Housing Market	MI 18 – MI 37	
3. Regenerate and Transform	MI 38 – MI 53	
4. Distinctive, Viable and Sustainable Town Centres	MI 54 – MI 58	
5. Quality of Place	MI 59 – MI 63	
6. Sustainable Transport	MI 64 – MI 70	
7. Manage Environmental Resources	MI 71 – MI 85	
8. Green Infrastructure and Rural Areas	MI 86 – MI 96	
9. Promoting Health and Wellbeing	MI 97 – MI 110	
10. Planning Process	MI 111 – MI 115	

3.1.2 A standard form has been set up for each indicator. This includes space for the following:

- **Monitoring Framework reference:** This is the reference taken from the Local Plan Monitoring Framework, published in July 2013.
- **Indicator Title:** This is the indicator descriptor, again taken from the Local Plan Monitoring Framework (or adapted as indicated in paragraph 1.0.2).
- **Trend / target:** This describes the target or trend sought by the Council in relation to the indicator. In some cases, there is no stated target or trend given.
- **Unit:** This states the unit in which the indicator will be measured.
- **Indicator Type:** This categorises indicators as either core, intermediate or contextual, dependent on the importance of the indicator to the Strategic Objectives, and also the extent to which the indicator measures the impacts of the Plan. Core indicators are the ones which are most important and which the Plan influences most directly.

- **Policy Coverage:** This sets out the key Local Plan policies which are measured, in whole or in part, by the indicator.
- **Data and Analysis:** This section presents the information reported for the indicator, including a description of the key data and trends.
- **Overall Performance Analysis:** This summarises the overall performance recorded in relation to the indicator, including reference to appropriate targets.
- **Traffic Light Summary:** This classifies the performance of the indicator as follows:

	Red – indicates that performance reported does not meet stated trends or targets.
	Amber – indicates that performance reported has not changed, or has not yet met the stated trends or targets.
	Green – indicates that performance reported has met or exceeded stated trends or targets.
	Not Applicable – indicates that there is no stated trend or target applicable to the indicator.

3.1.3 As stated in paragraph 1.0.4, all objectives, policies, targets and indicators referred to in this section are subject to potential future change. This is because the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy is (at the time of this Report being drafted) undergoing its Examination in Public by a Government Inspector and changes may be made to the Plan before it is finally adopted by the Council.

1. Sustainable Economic and Employment Growth (MI 1 – MI 17)

The first strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

1. Sustainable Economic and Employment Growth

“To encourage and maintain sustainable economic and employment growth in Knowsley, complementary to that within the wider Liverpool City Region, by accommodating employment related development, improving skills within the workforce, and promoting enterprise, entrepreneurship and innovation.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains four sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Employment Land Delivery	MI 1 – MI 3
Employment Land Supply	MI 4 – MI 6
Economic Investment	MI 6 – MI 11
Local Employment	MI 12 – MI 17

Employment Land Delivery (MI 1 – MI 3)

This theme focuses on the quantity of employment land which has been developed in Knowsley, including both the land developed and the quantity of floorspace developed. This also considers the types of employment development which have been delivered, and the geographical areas of the Borough within which they sit.

Employment Land Supply (MI 4 – MI 6)

This theme sets out Knowsley’s position in terms of land availability for future employment development, and how this is distributed across Knowsley’s employment areas.

Economic Investment (MI 7 – MI 11)

This theme sets out a range of measures relating to the economic market in Knowsley, including the number and types of businesses located in the Borough

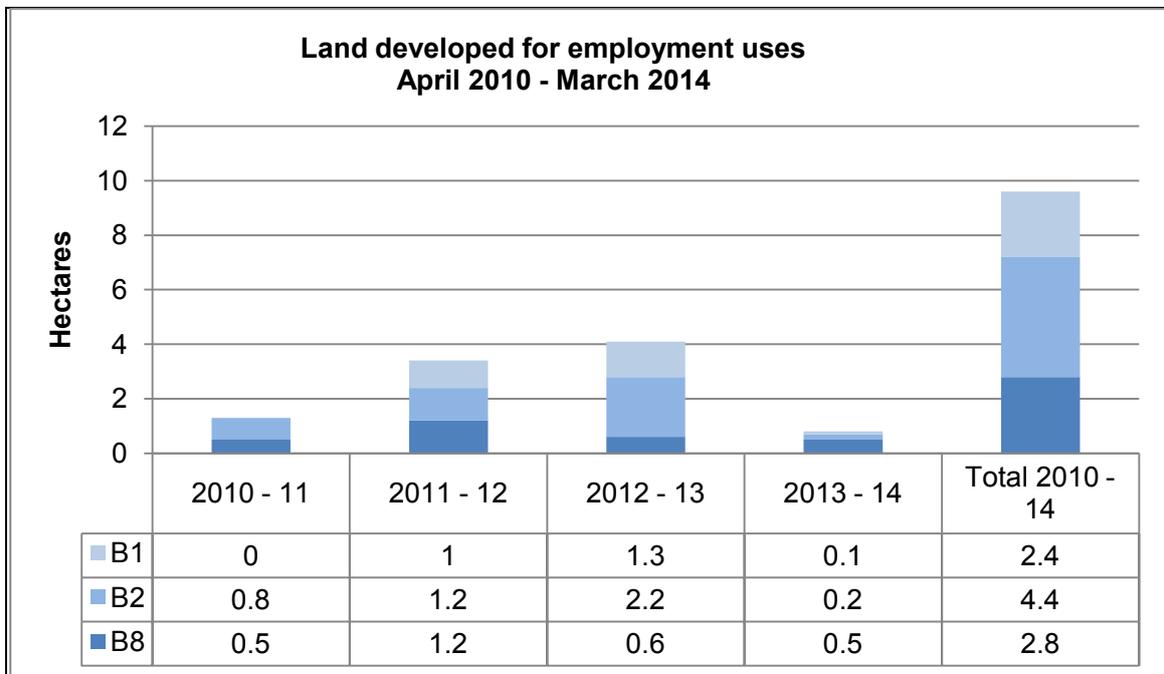
Local Employment (MI 12 – MI 17)

This theme centres on the wider local labour market in Knowsley, including local levels of employment, benefits claimants and earnings.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 1	Indicator	Land developed for employment uses per annum, by type, total, net additional
Trend / Target	9.1 ha per annum	Unit	Hectares per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS4

Between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014 a total of **0.8 ha** of land was developed for employment uses. In the four years since April 2010, the net addition of land developed for employment uses is **9.6 ha** in total. It should be noted that employment land take up for other purposes is recorded separately under MI6.

The following chart displays the land developed for employment uses per annum, by use type and in total from April 2010.



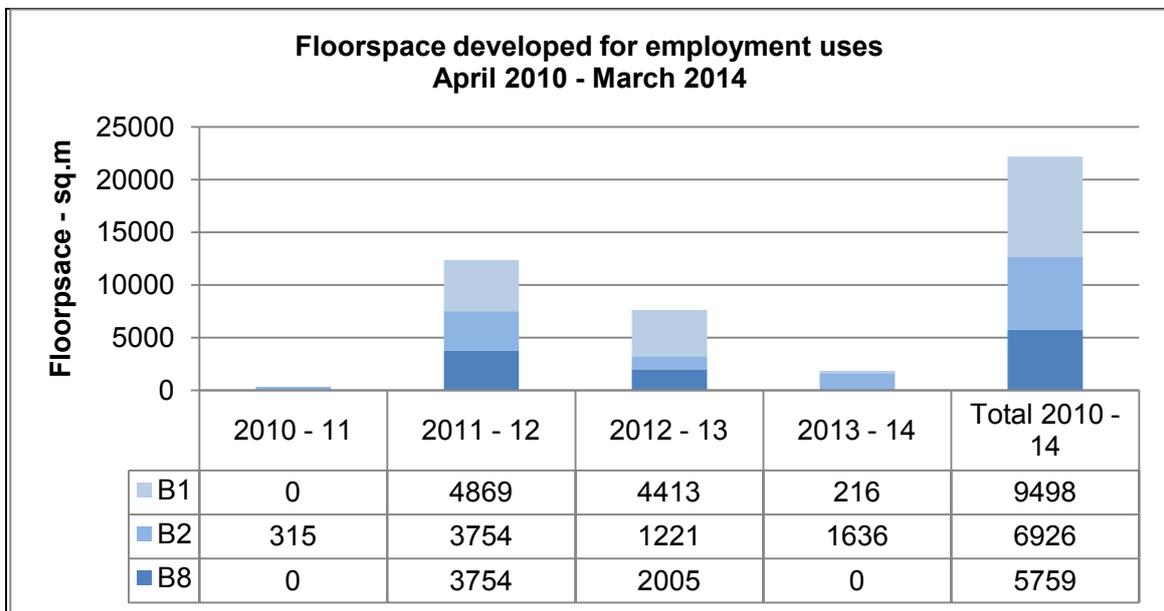
Source:
Policy, Impact and Intelligence (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There has been significant variation in the annual amount of land developed for employment purposes since 2010. The recent annual take up of 0.8 ha remains significantly below the annual average rate of 9.1 ha land per annum required by the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy.	✗
	Since 2010, the highest proportion of land developed has been for B2 (general industrial) uses at 46%, compared to 25% for B1 (office) uses and 29% for B8 (storage and distribution) uses.	✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 2	Indicator	Amount of floorspace developed for employment uses per annum
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Square metres per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS4

Between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014 a total of **1 852 sq.m** of floorspace was developed for employment uses within B1 “Business”, B2 “General Industrial” and B8 “Storage or Distribution” use classes. In the four years since April 2010, the total addition of floorspace developed for employment uses has been **22,183 sq.m**.

The chart below displays the floorspace developed for these employment uses per annum, by use type and in total from April 2010 onwards.



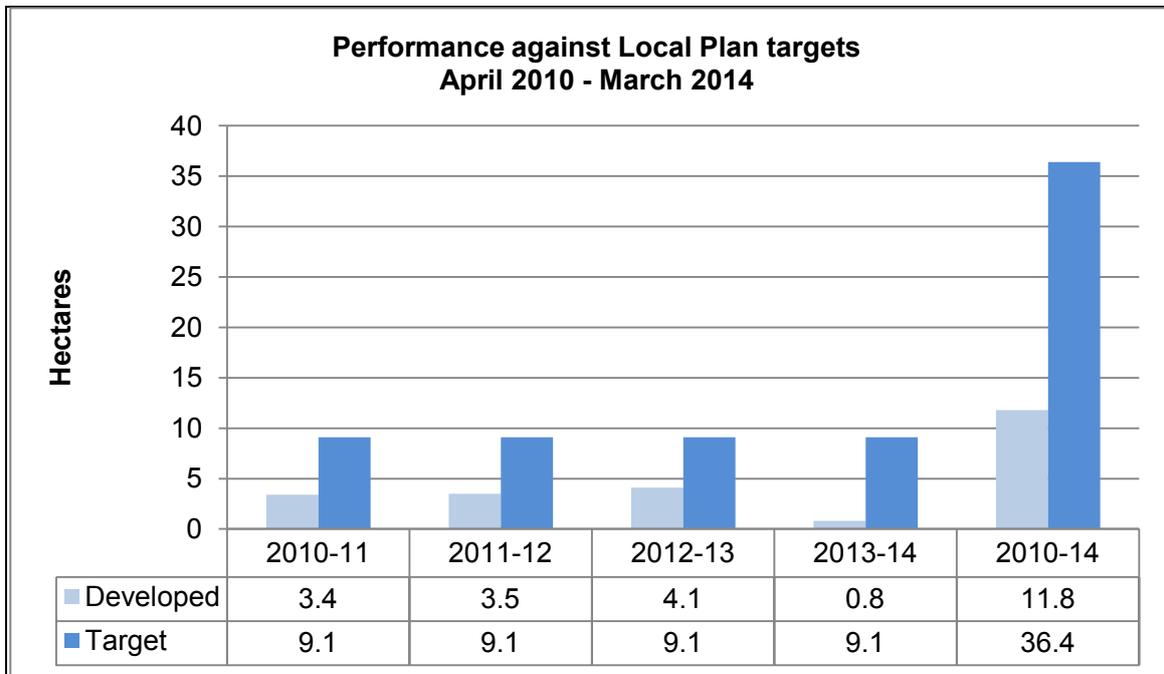
Source:
Policy, Impact and Intelligence, Knowsley MBC 2014

Overall Performance Analysis	There has been variable growth in additional employment floorspace delivered since 2010; however between April 2013 and March 2014 it was lower than that delivered in previous years. This can be attributed to the variations in plot ratios between developments, lower take up and the different types of uses when considering the data reported in MI 1.	
	The highest proportion of floorspace in the most recent year was delivered as B2 (general industry) uses at a rate of 88%. However there is a longer term trend of a larger proportion of B1 uses at 43% of the total since 2010. This reflects the higher density ratio of floorspace to land take in hectares for B1 uses, when compared to the data in MI 1.	✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 3	Indicator	Performance against employment land targets, annual targets plan period target
Trend / Target	9.1 ha per annum (multiples dependent on point within plan period)	Unit	Hectares per annum, hectares per plan period
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS4

From April 2013 to March 2014 a total of **0.8 ha** of employment land supply was developed for any purpose, this figure is the same as reported at MI 1 and reflects the data in MI 6 which identifies no loss of employment land to other uses during this period.

In the four years since April 2010, the total employment land developed for any purpose is **11.8 ha** in total.



Source:
Policy, Impact and Intelligence, Knowsley MBC 2014

Overall Performance Analysis	The recent annual take up of 0.8 ha remains significantly below the annual average requirement of 9.1 ha land per annum progressed through the Local Plan and has been for all four years identified since 2010. Consequently the total of 11.8 ha delivered over the four years results in a cumulative under delivery of 24.6 ha accrued for the period from April 2010 – March 2014, based on the annual average rate required to meet the plan period target.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 4	Indicator	Employment land supply – total (land), risk assessed supply of employment land within five years (total), proportion of risk assessed supply within Principal Regeneration Areas
Trend / Target	At least 45.5 ha land (deliverable within five years)	Unit	Hectares (land), estimated floorspace (sq.m.) and % in PRA
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS4, CS5, CS9, CS10, CS11, CS12, CS13, CS14

At July 2014, the total employment land supply in Knowsley was **238.7 ha**.

Sources of Total Employment Land Supply in Knowsley, July 2014

Status at 1st April 2014	Number of Sites	Site Area
		ha.
UDP Allocations, inc. Allocations Under Construction and Planning Permissions	27	57.5
UDP Allocations currently comprising Expansion Land	4	26
UDP Regional Investment Site - Kings Business Park	3	9.3
UDP South Prescott Action Area	2	23.4
Non Allocated Expansion Land	9	16.5
Land with Remodelling Potential	13	18.3
Sustainable Urban Extensions	3	45.7
Other Employment Sites, inc. Under Construction and Planning Permissions	26	42
Current Total	68	238.7

Of the overall total employment land supply, **61 ha** is considered to be potentially deliverable within 5 years based upon the Council's evidence submitted to the Local Plan Examination in Public (document reference: AD36), 50.8 ha (83%) of which are within Knowsley's Principal Regeneration Areas as identified in the following table.

**Risk Assessed (5 year) Employment Land Supply in Knowsley,
by Principal Regeneration Area, July 2014**

Principal Regeneration Area	Current Supply	% Share
	ha.	
North Huyton and Stockbridge Village	0	0%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	0%
Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	48.6	80%
Tower Hill	0	0%
South Prescott	2.2	3%
Prescot Town Centre	0	0%
Total	50.8	83%

Source:
Policy Impact and Intelligence (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

**Overall
Performance
Analysis**

There is a surplus of **15.5 ha** of risk assessed five year supply relative to the requirement of at least 45.5 ha land deliverable within five years, however there is a shortfall of 9.1 ha if the backlog of delivery since 2010 (24.6 ha) is added. It is however anticipated that any quantitative deficit will be resolved, alongside any qualitative requirements in terms of an improved range and choice of sites by the allocation of the Sustainable Urban Extensions through the Local Plan.

The proportion of existing risk assessed supply within Principal Regeneration Areas supports the regeneration focus of the Local Plan approach.

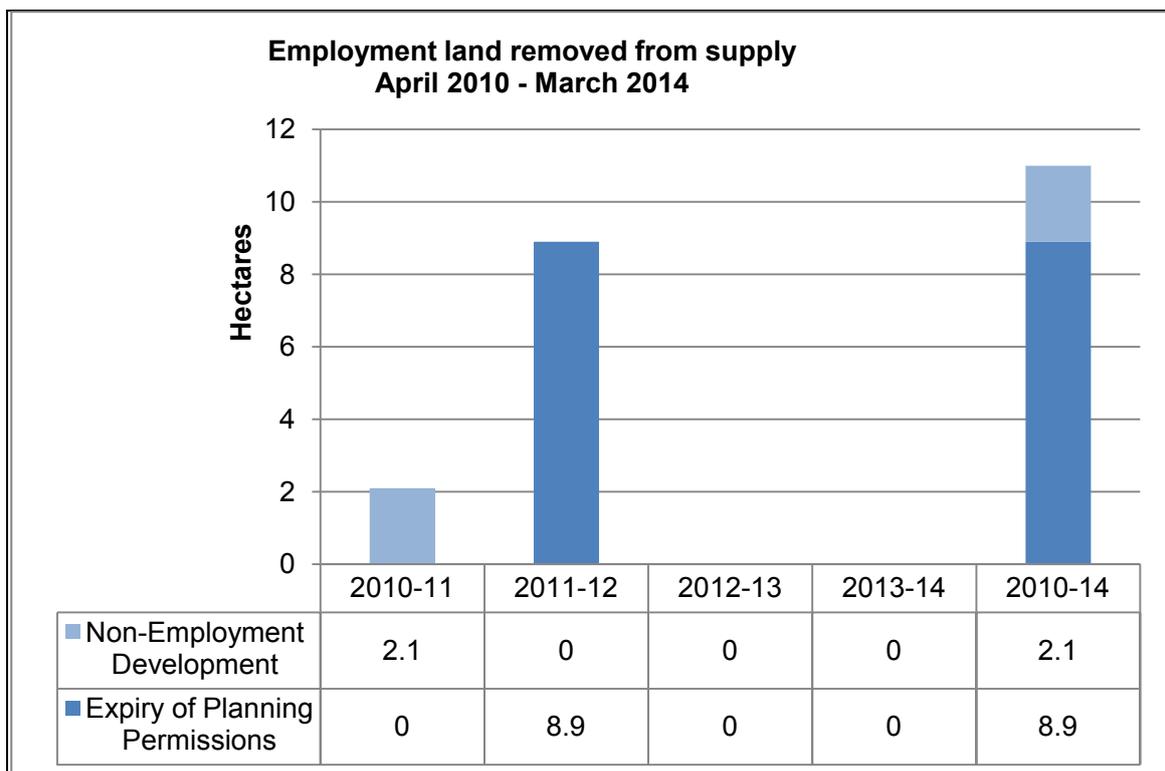
NB The findings set out above reflect the Council's assessment of land supply as at July 2014. This matter has subsequently been discussed at the Examination hearings for the Local Plan: Core Strategy and any resultant updates in the Council's assessment of land supply will be detailed in future Monitoring Reports.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 6	Indicator	Employment land removed from supply due to – expiry of planning permissions, lost to other uses
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Proportion of permissions granted per annum and hectares per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS4, CS5

Between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014, there was no loss of total employment land supply to other uses, by virtue of expiry of planning permission or non-employment development.

The cumulative loss of employment land supply since April 2010 has been **11 ha** in total.

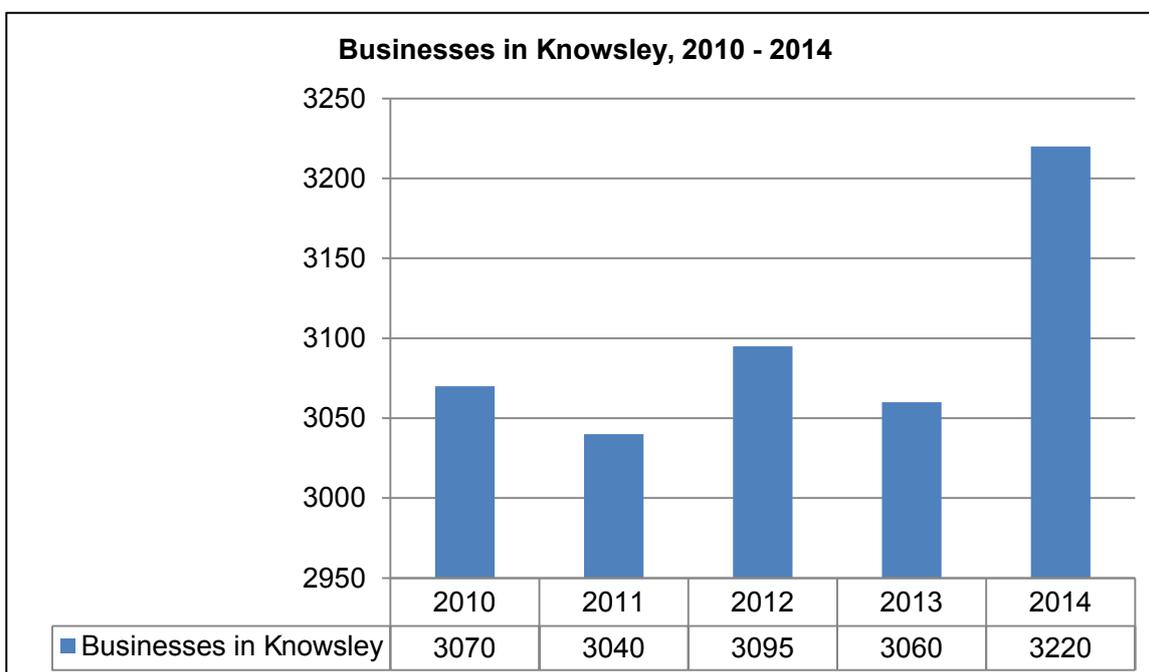


Source:
Policy, Impact and Intelligence (Knowsley MBC 2014)

<p>Overall Performance Analysis</p>	<p>There is no specific target for this indicator. The total loss of employment land supply of 11 ha over the last four years appears significant but must be placed in the context of new Sustainable Urban Extensions of 45.7 ha being progressed through the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy.</p> <p><i>Please note that the reported figure now excludes land considered to be “no longer suitable” due to potential inconsistency with site allocations which remain. De-allocation of employment land will be reported separately if this occurs in the future.</i></p>	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 7	Indicator	Total number of active businesses
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Businesses
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

In 2014, there were an estimated 3,220 active businesses based in Knowsley. The following chart shows the changes in the number of businesses in Knowsley since 2010.



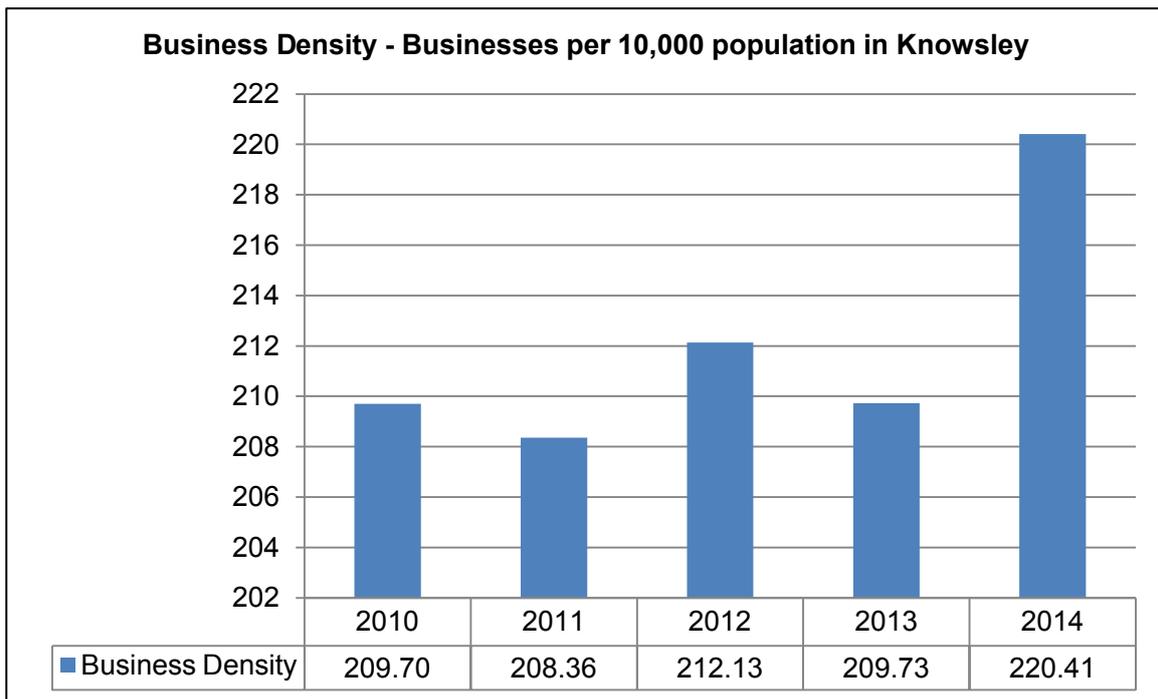
Source:

- UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2014 (ONS, 2014)
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Overall Performance Analysis	The number of businesses in Knowsley has demonstrated little variation between 2010 and 2013, with approximately 3 000 - 3 200 businesses estimated to be located within Knowsley.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 8	Indicator	Business density
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Active businesses per 10,000 population
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

In 2013, there were 220.41 businesses per 10,000 residents in Knowsley.



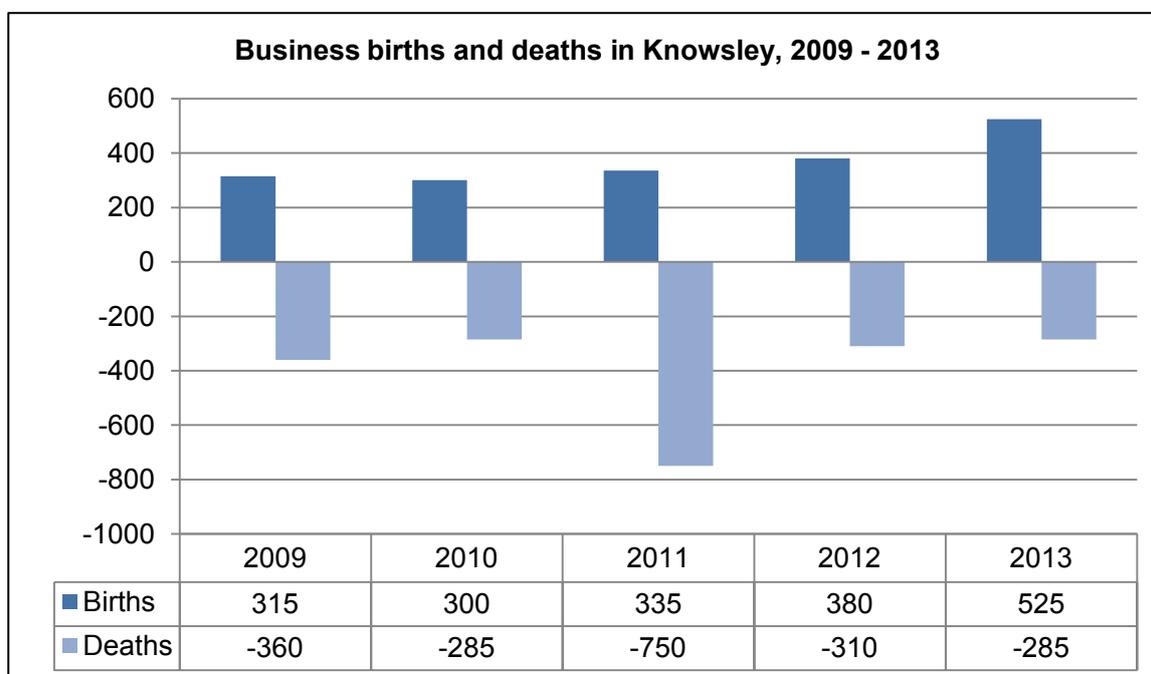
Source:

- Mid-year Population Estimates (ONS, 2014)
- UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2014 (ONS, 2014)
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- UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2011 (ONS, 2011)
- UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2010 (ONS, 2010)

Overall Performance Analysis	The number of businesses per estimated resident population has been relatively static between 2010 and 2014, with a marginal increase between 2013 and 2014 reflecting the change in businesses noted in MI 7.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 9	Indicator	Number of – new businesses in the borough, business births, deaths and survival per annum
Trend / Target	Increase / decrease	Unit	Businesses per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

In 2013, 525 new businesses were started in Knowsley. In the same year, 285 businesses were closed. The current five year survival rate for new businesses established in Knowsley during 2008 is 34.6%



Source:

Business Demography 2013 (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The number of business births in Knowsley has seen a steady increase from 2010 onwards, with the most significant rise between 2012 and 2013. During the same period, the number of deaths has decreased to its lowest level since 2009.	✓
	The five year survival rate for new businesses established in Knowsley during 2008 does however remain lower than averages within the sub-region (37.4%) and a national level (41.2%).	

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 12	Indicator	Total employee jobs in Knowsley by occupation and annual change
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Employee jobs, percentage split by occupation
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS4

In 2014, there were approximately 63,700 employee jobs in Knowsley recorded through the Annual Population survey. Of these, the largest proportion was in Administrative and Secretarial Occupants (13.3%) and Professional Occupations (12.9%).

Employee Jobs in Knowsley by Occupation, 2011 - 2014

	Apr 2011- Mar 2012		Apr 2012- Mar 2013		Apr 2013 Mar 2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	3,100	7%	3,400	8%	4,200	7%
Professional Occupations	5,700	13%	7,400	17%	8,300	13%
Associate Prof & Tech Occupations	5,900	13%	4,100	9%	7,900	12%
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	6,200	14%	4,400	10%	8,500	13%
Skilled Trades Occupations	5,300	12%	5,400	12%	8,500	13%
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	3,900	9%	4,900	11%	6,500	10%
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	3,400	8%	4,100	9%	6,900	11%
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	5,500	12%	6,500	15%	6,100	10%
Elementary occupations	6,200	14%	4,400	10%	6,800	11%
Total employee jobs	45,200	n/a	44,600	n/a	63,700	n/a

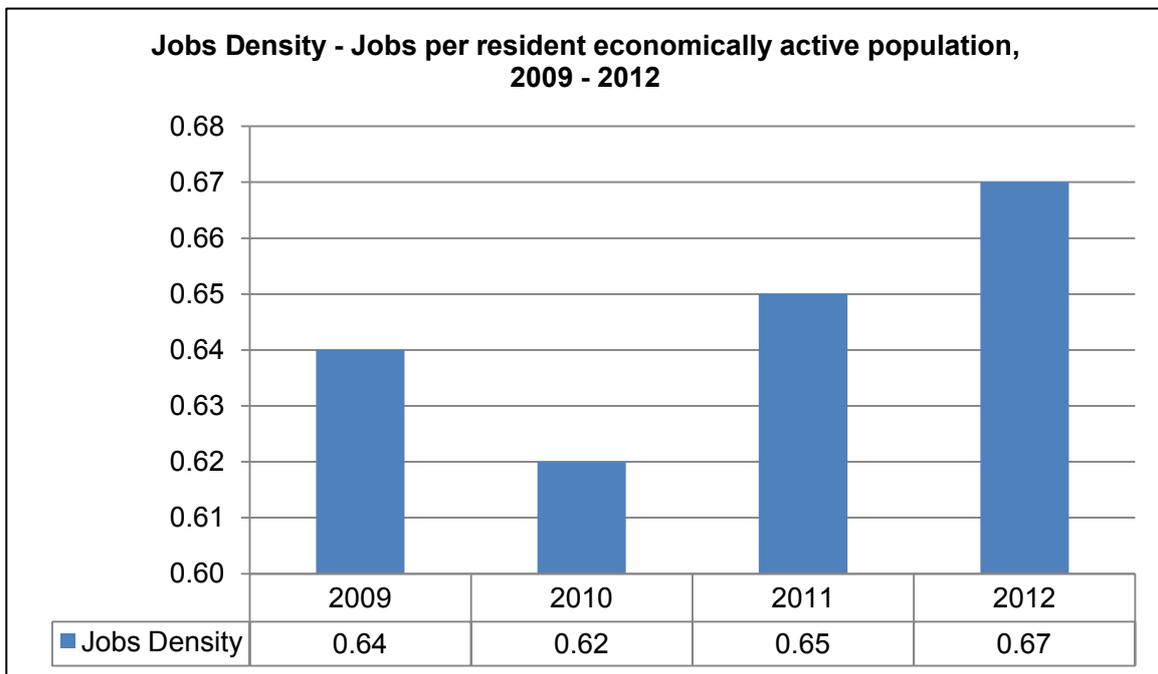
Source: Annual Population Survey, Workplace Analysis 2014 (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Since 2010, the APS recorded an increase in the overall number of employee jobs located in Knowsley. There has been a significant increase in the majority of job types including a large increase in Administrative and Secretarial Occupations.	✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 13	Indicator	Average job density
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Average jobs per resident economically active population
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS4

In 2012, there were 0.67 jobs for each economically active person in Knowsley (i.e. resident population aged 16 - 64).

There is no data currently available for 2013/14.



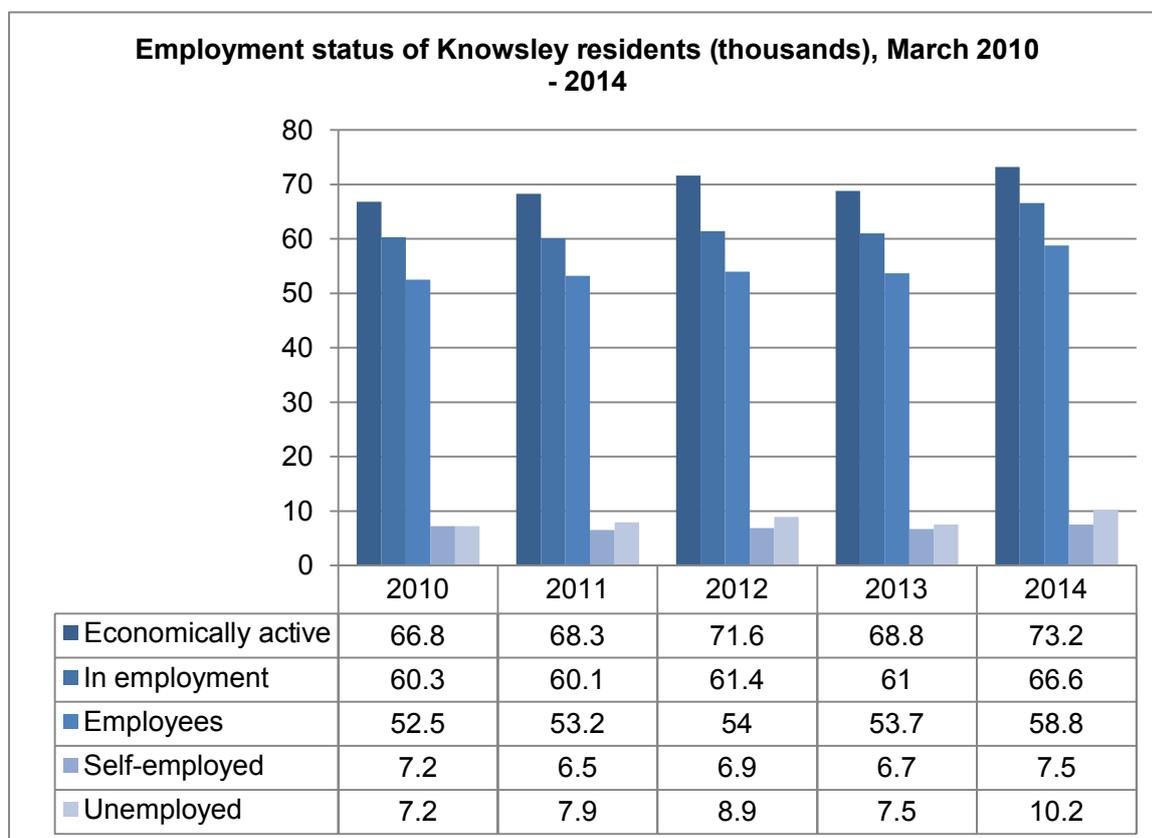
Source:

Jobs Density (ONS, 2012)

Overall Performance Analysis	The number of jobs in Knowsley per economically active population has remained relatively stable in the recent past.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 14	Indicator	Number of – Knowsley residents in employment, commuter flows to/from neighbouring districts
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Persons, percentage employed residents, commuter flows
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

In March 2014, the number of economically active residents in Knowsley was estimated at 70,300. Of these residents, 63,700 were in employment, with 56,300 employees and 7,400 self employed. 6,900 residents were unemployed.



Source:

Annual Population Survey (ONS, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

It is estimated that a large proportion of Knowsley residents travel to neighbouring districts for employment, including nearly 25,000 residents travelling to the regional centre Liverpool for employment each day.

Travel to Work to and from Knowsley, 2011

Origin	Commuters in to Knowsley from this district	Commuters out from Knowsley to this district
Liverpool	7596	24870
Sefton	3048	3518
St.Helens	5632	1635
Wirral	856	612
Halton	1624	1537
West Lancashire	839	971
Warrington	1321	796
Cheshire West and Chester	0	276
Elsewhere (England and Wales)	1043	3065

Source:

Area Based Analysis, Commuting Patterns from the Annual Population Survey, Local Authorities, 2011 (ONS, 2013)

Overall Performance Analysis

The number of Knowsley residents in employment has increased between 2010 and 2014. In 2013-2014 Knowsley has seen the highest levels of employment since 2010.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 15	Indicator	Number of Knowsley residents claiming job seekers allowance for – 6 months or more, 12 months or more
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Persons per 6 months, persons per 12 months
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS4

In 2014, approximately 3,122 Knowsley residents were claiming Job Seeker's Allowance. Of these residents, 1,520 had been claiming for 6 to 12 months, while 1,165 had been claiming for 12 months or more.

Knowsley residents claiming Job Seeker's Allowance, 2010 - 2014

	JSA Claimants (Total)	JSA Claimants (6-12 months)	JSA Claimants (12 months+)
Mar-10	6050	1215	945
Jun-10	5365	1130	885
Sep-10	5510	970	850
Dec-10	5555	905	780
Mar-11	6050	1190	785
Jun-11	5740	1170	755
Sep-11	6235	1410	830
Dec-11	6250	1440	1005
Mar-12	6635	1655	1305
Jun-12	6190	1545	1495
Sep-12	6180	1130	1725
Dec-12	5920	935	1675
Mar-13	5860	1100	1705
Jun-13	5300	1035	1695
Aug -14	3295	1520	1165

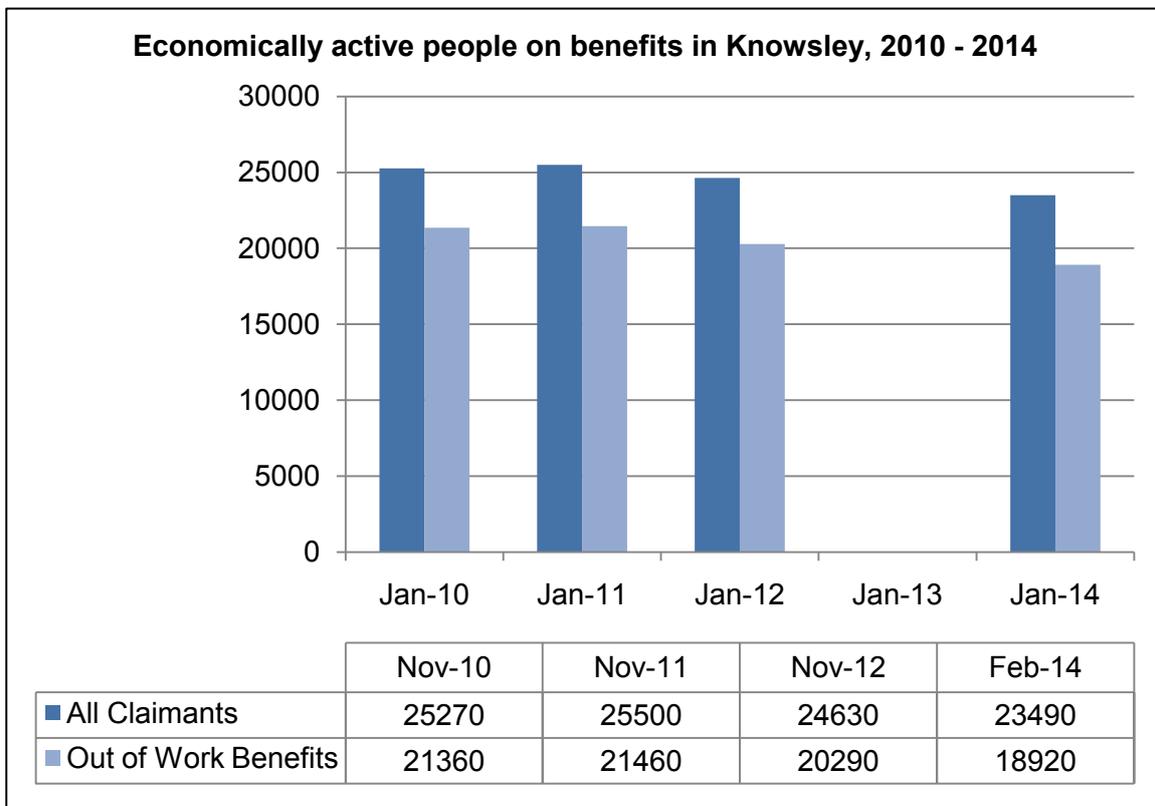
Source:

ONS claimant count - age and duration with rates (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	A decreasing number of Knowsley residents have claimed Job Seeker's Allowance between 2010 and 2014. The number claiming for 6 to 12 months has varied across the period. The number claiming for 12 months or more has decreased.	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 16	Indicator	Economically active people on out of work benefits
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Persons
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS4

Of economically active Knowsley residents in February 2014, just under 24,500 were benefit claimants. Of these, approximately 18,920 were claiming key out of work benefits including job seekers, Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and incapacity benefits, lone parents and others on income related benefits.



Benefit Claimants in Knowsley as a % of economically active population, 2010 - 2014

% economically active population	Nov-10	Nov-11	Nov-12	Feb -14
Total Claimants	26.20	27.10	26.10	25.10
Key out of work benefit claimants	22.20	22.80	21.50	20.20
Job Seekers	5.60	6.50	6.20	4.90
ESA and Incapacity	12.70	12.70	12.20	12.30
Lone Parents	3.20	2.90	2.50	2.50
Carers	2.30	2.40	2.60	2.80
Others on income related benefits	0.70	0.60	0.50	0.50
Disabled	1.60	1.70	1.80	1.80
Bereaved	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20

Source:

DWP benefit claimants - working age client group (ONS, 2014)

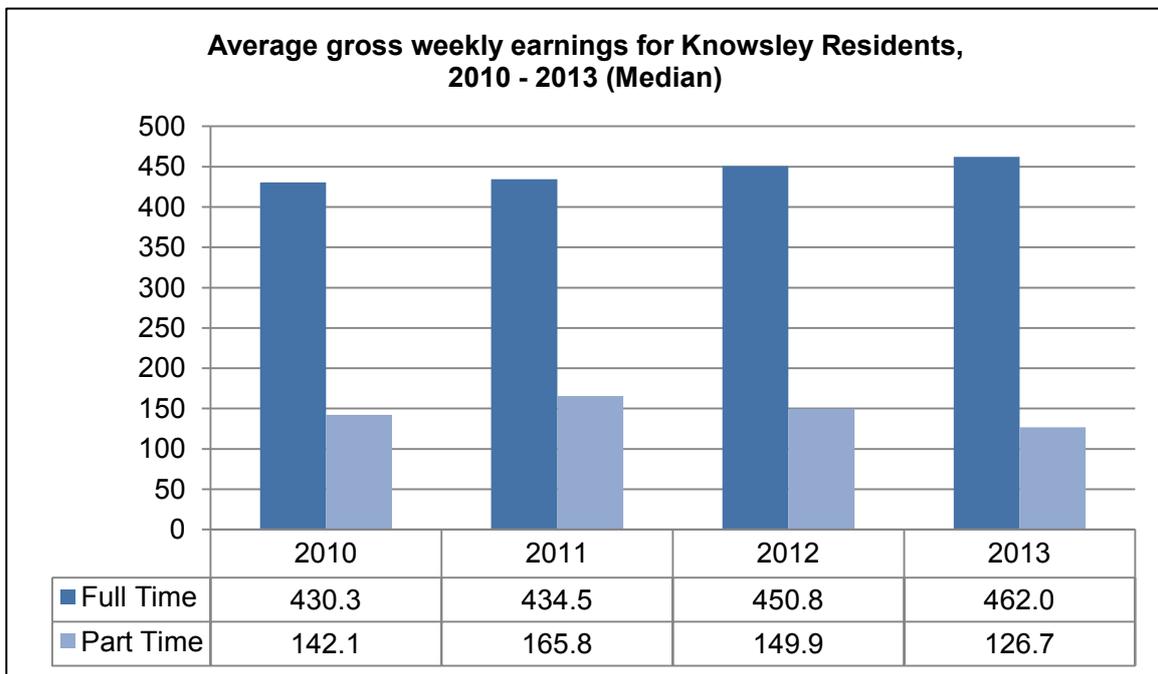
Overall Performance Analysis

The percentage of economically active Knowsley residents claiming benefits, including key out of work benefits, has reduced between 2010 and 2014.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 17	Indicator	Average gross weekly earnings (median) of Knowsley residents for full and part time employment
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	£ per week
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS4

Knowsley residents earn on average £462.0 per week (gross) for full time work, and £126.7 per week for part time work.



Source:

Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings – Resident Analysis (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Earnings in Knowsley have increased for full time work between 2010 and 2013; however there has been a decrease in earnings for part time work since 2012.	
		✓

2. Well Balanced Housing Market (MI 18 – MI 37)

The second strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

2. Well Balanced Housing Market

“To promote a well-balanced housing market throughout Knowsley by providing a sufficient quantity and mix of high quality sustainable housing in appropriate locations to meet needs and demand (including for market, affordable and supported housing).”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains four sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Housing Delivery	MI 18 – MI 29
Housing Supply	MI 30 – MI 33
Housing Need	MI 34 – MI 36
Housing Quality	MI 37

Housing Delivery (MI 18 – MI 29)

This sub-theme focuses on how many dwellings have been completed in the past, including consideration of the location of these completed homes, as well as the type, size and tenure of housing completed.

Housing Supply (MI 30 – MI 33)

This centres on measuring the quantity of housing land which has been identified as available for residential development in the future. This includes consideration of whether Knowsley is projected to meet identified targets in this regard.

Housing Need (MI 34 – MI 36)

This considers indicators of housing needs in the Borough, including measures from social rented and private sectors.

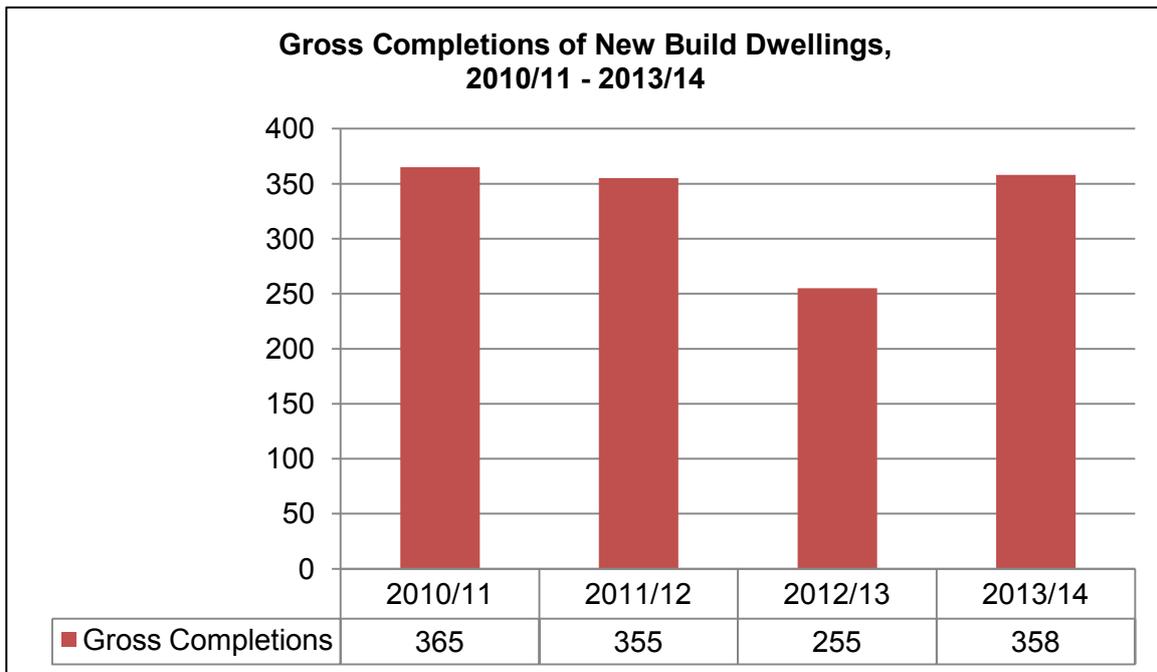
Housing Quality (MI 37)

This focuses on measuring the suitability of existing housing stock in terms of its availability to be heated efficiently.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 18	Indicator	Gross completions of new build dwellings by house type and number of bedrooms
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Dwellings per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS3, CS17

In 2013/14, the number of gross new build dwellings completed in Knowsley was 358. This excludes completions from conversions or changes of use.

The data regarding the types of houses and number of bedrooms is not currently available



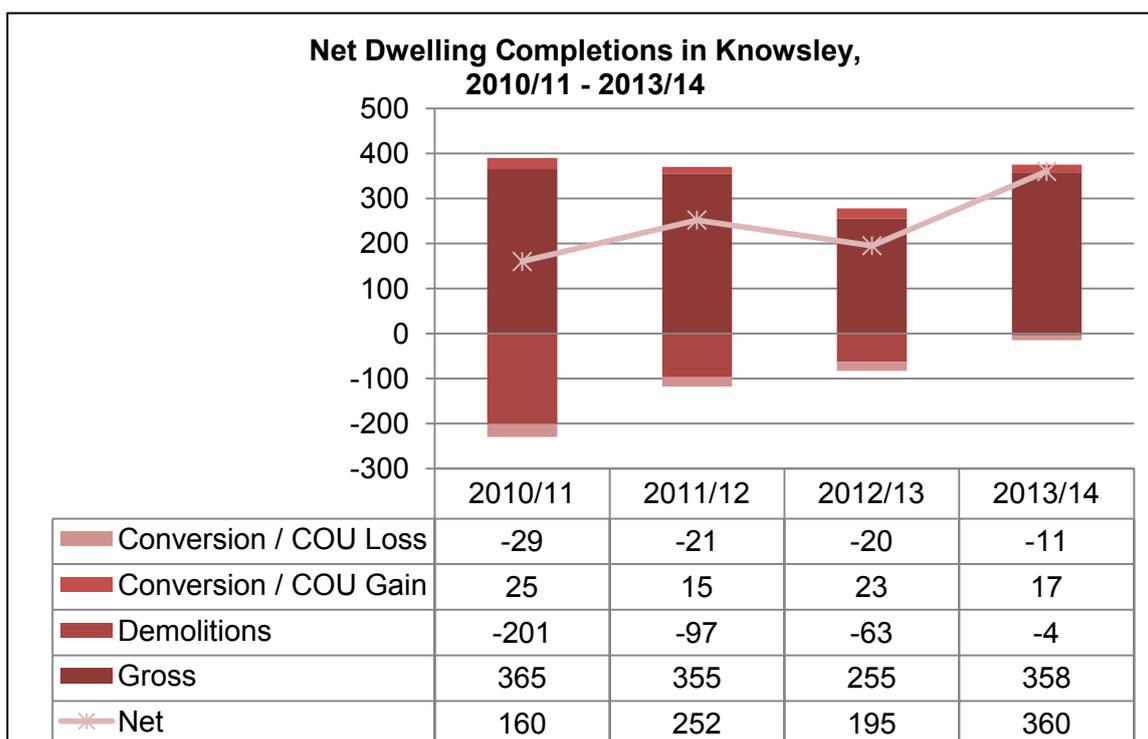
Source:

Knowsley Local Plan Team Housing Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The level of gross completion of new build dwellings has increased in 2013/14 from the level achieved in 2012/13, and is broadly consistent with 2010/11 and 2011/12.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 19	Indicator	Number of: - net completions of dwellings, accounting for demolitions, conversions, changes of use – net additional dwellings in previous years
Trend / Target	450 per annum	Unit	Dwellings per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS3

In 2013/14, the number of net dwelling completions in Knowsley was 360. This was made up of 358 gross new build dwellings, 4 demolitions, 17 dwellings gains through conversion or change of use, and 11 dwellings lost through conversion or change of use.



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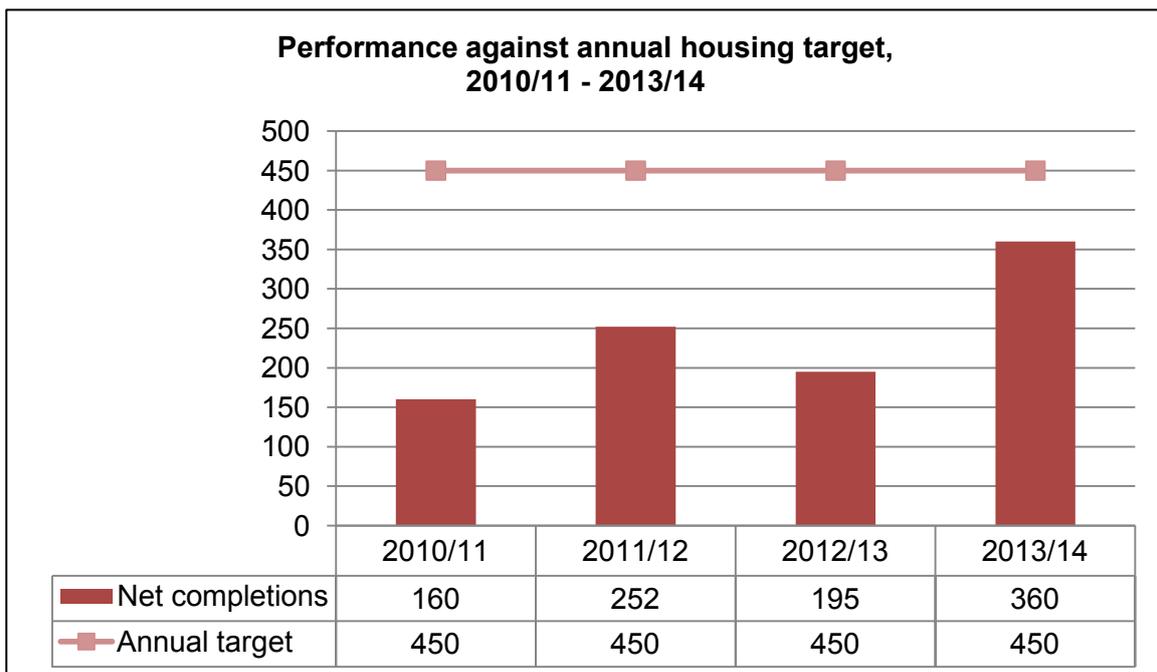
Knowsley Local Plan Team Housing Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The level of net completions has increased significantly in 2013/14, assisted by the number of demolitions having decreased significantly. However, the net target of 450 per annum has not been achieved (see MI 20 for details).	<div style="background-color: red; width: 15px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="background-color: orange; width: 15px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">✓</div> <div style="background-color: green; width: 15px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="background-color: grey; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 20	Indicator	Performance against housing targets: annual target, plan period target
Trend / Target	450 dwellings per annum (multiples dependent on point within plan period)	Unit	Dwellings per annum, dwellings per plan period
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS3

In 2013/14, the number of net dwelling completions in Knowsley was 360. This is 90 dwellings below the annual target of 450 dwellings.

From 2010/11 to 2013/14, the number of net dwellings completed in Knowsley is 967. During this four year period, the target is 1800 dwellings. This means that an extra 833 dwellings would have needed to be completed to meet the target.



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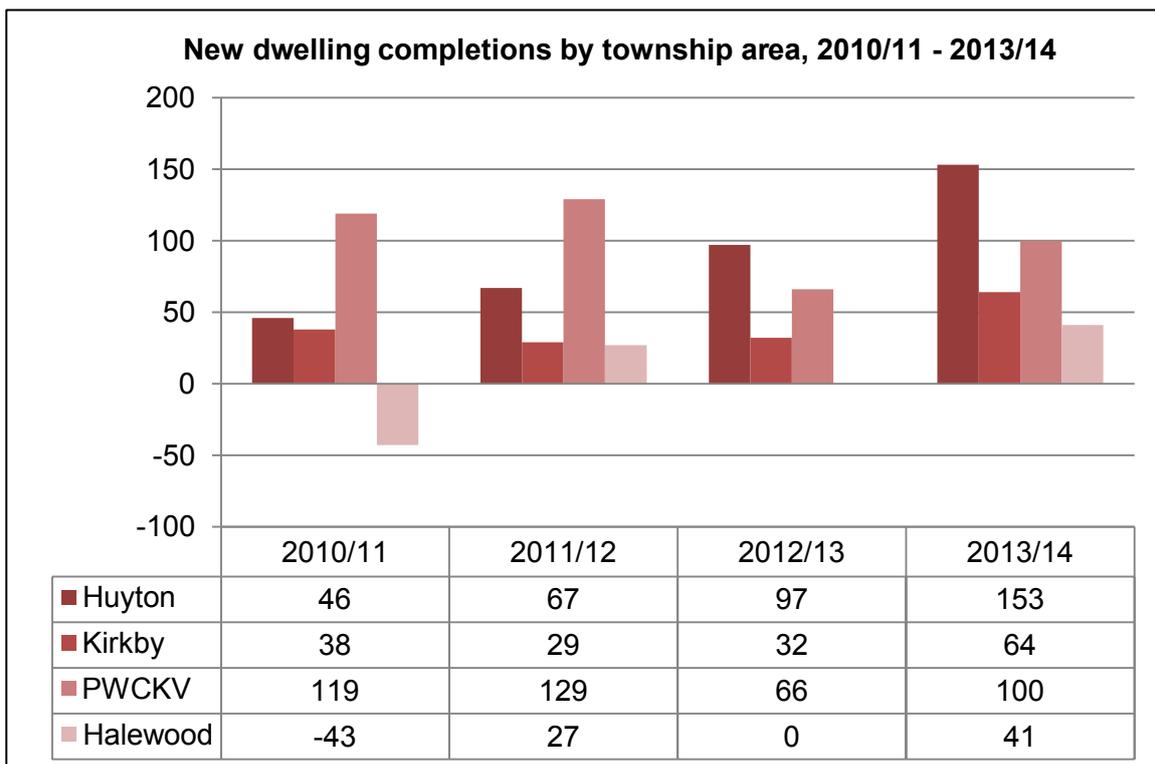
Knowsley Local Plan Team Housing Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The number of net dwellings completed in Knowsley has fallen short of the annual target for 2013/14 but increased overall relative to the levels achieved in 2012/13, 2011/12 and 2010/11.	<div style="background-color: red; width: 15px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="background-color: orange; width: 15px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 2px; text-align: center;">✓</div> <div style="background-color: green; width: 15px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="background-color: grey; width: 15px; height: 15px;"></div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 21	Indicator	Proportional split of new residential development by township area
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Dwellings per township area per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS3

In 2013/14, the number of new build completions in each of Knowsley's township areas was:

- Huyton – 153 dwellings
- Kirkby – 64 dwellings
- Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village (PWCKV) – 100 dwellings
- Halewood – 41 dwellings



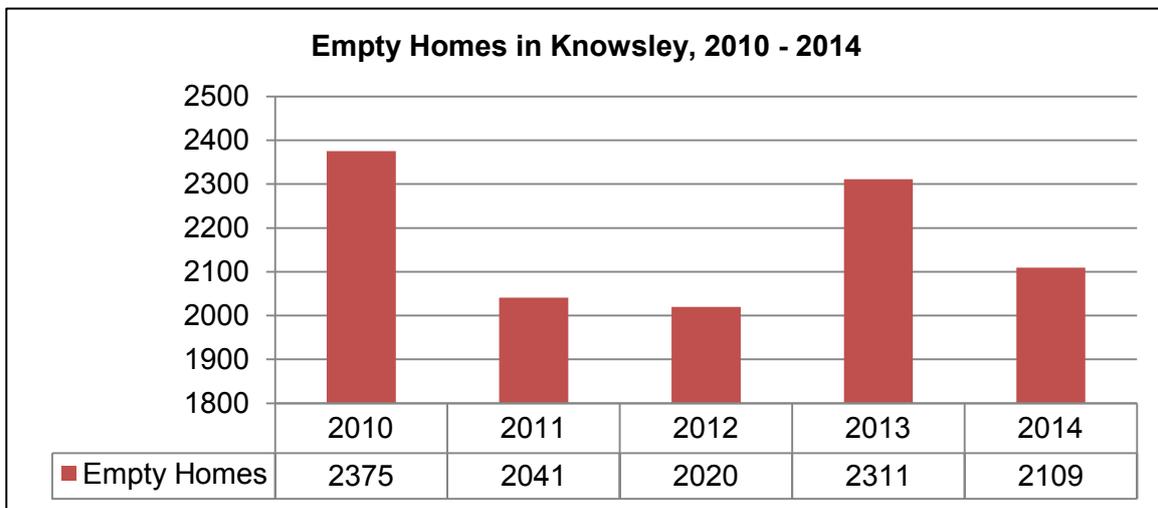
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Knowsley Local Plan Team Housing Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

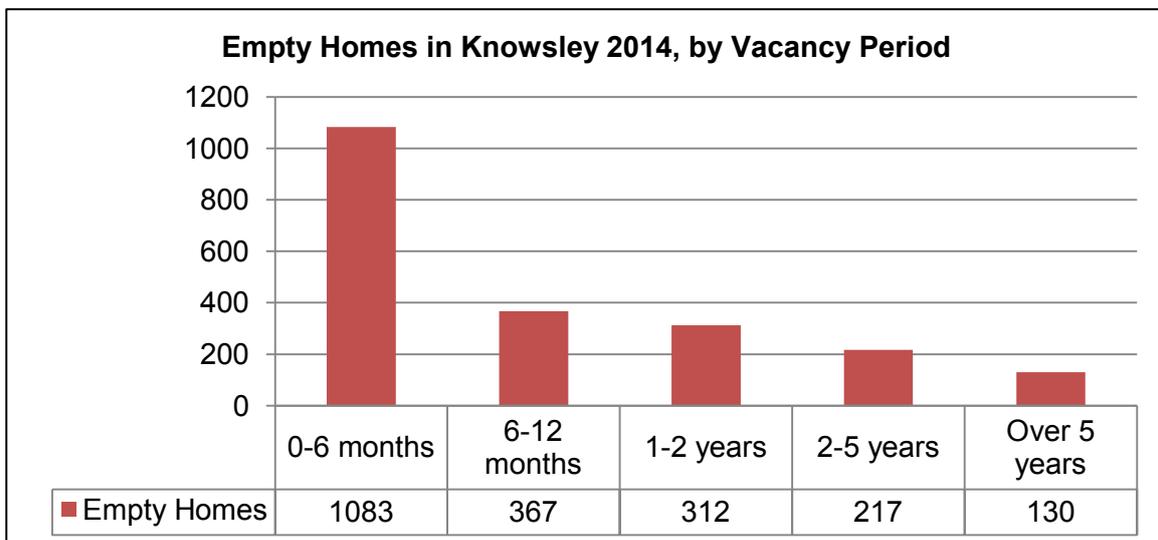
Overall Performance Analysis	A varied distribution of net dwelling completions across the township areas was recorded in 2013/14, with Huyton contributing the most dwellings (153) and Halewood contributing the least (41). All areas had an annual increase of delivery.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: red; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: orange; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: green; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: lightgrey; border: 1px solid black; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">✓</div> </div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 26	Indicator	Number of: - empty homes in the Borough, empty homes by tenure, empty homes by length of vacancy
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Dwellings
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS15

In 2014, the number of registered empty homes in Knowsley was 2109.



In 2014, the majority of empty homes in Knowsley had been vacant for a short period of six months or less. A smaller proportion had been vacant for 6-12 months, and just over 500 had been vacant for 1 to 5 years. 130 homes had been vacant for over 5 years.



Source:

Knowsley Council Tax Records at March 31st 2014 (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

**Overall
Performance
Analysis**

2014 has seen a reduction from the 2013 figures which saw a peak in housing vacancy in Knowsley compared to 2011 and 2012 levels. The level of vacancy remains lower than that in 2010.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 27	Indicator	Empty homes brought back into use (by Council or partners)
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Dwellings per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS15

In 2013, the number of empty homes brought back into use in Knowsley was 68.

Empty Homes brought back into use, 2010 - 2014				
Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Number of empty homes brought back into use	N/A	81	72	68*

* up to end of Aug 13 (5 months)

Source:

Knowsley Council Strategic Housing (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	In the period to August during 2013/14, the number of empty homes brought back into use in five months had almost matched that achieved in each of 2011/12 and 2012/13.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 29	Indicator	Number of: consented pitches for Gypsy and Travellers, for Travelling Show people; net additional pitches delivered, cumulative amount of pitches over the plan period
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Pitches, pitches per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS18, CS27

In 2013/14, there were no consented pitches for the accommodation of Gypsy and Travellers or Travelling Show people in Knowsley.

This means that there continue to be no pitches for this purpose in Knowsley.

Source:

Policy Impact and Intelligence Team (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There are no pitches for the accommodation of Gypsy and Travellers or Travelling Show people in Knowsley.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 30	Indicator	Total of – housing land available, supply of deliverable housing land within five years and number of market dwellings, affordable dwellings, specialist and supported dwellings within committed sites within each Principal Regeneration Area
Trend / Target	At least 2250 dwellings within five years (with appropriate NPPF buffer)	Unit	Dwellings
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS5

The Council’s housing land supply has been subject to detailed consideration and representations as part of the Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public. The Inspector’s Interim Findings published in January 2014 suggested that the Plan made insufficient provision to ensure a ‘deliverable’ supply of housing sites in Knowsley’s current urban area to meet needs up to 31 March 2018. The supply of land which the Inspector identified to be ‘deliverable’ for housing development up to 2018, as at 1st April 2013 (the base date for the latest Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) was 2,309 dwellings, when subject to a revised risk assessment as discussed during the hearings. This was considered to be a shortfall of 391 dwellings¹ against the 0-5 year target (5 times 450 dwellings plus 20% ‘buffer’ as required by NPPF) of 2,700 dwellings.

The Council’s emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy proposes to address this shortfall by allocating Green Belt sites to provide additional ‘deliverable’ supply in the short-term and provide sufficient available land to meet the full requirement of 8,100 dwellings over the period between 2010 and 2028. The latest position is set out in the Technical Report: Sustainable Urban Extensions (Knowsley MBC, July 2014). This Technical Report indicates that the proposed allocation of the Sustainable Urban Extensions would provisionally increase the ‘risk assessed’ deliverable housing land supply to 2831 dwellings at a 1 April 2013 base date.

As the Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public remains ongoing, it is intended that an update to housing land supply information will be provided during 2015.

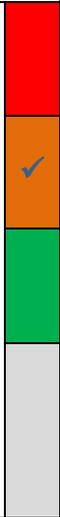
¹ This figure excludes consideration of backlog of delivery against emerging Local Plan requirements since 2010.

There is currently no data available regarding the capacity in each Principal Regeneration Area, and the type and tenure of housing of committed housing sites.

Overall Performance Analysis

The Council has identified that land could (subject to adoption of the Local Plan: Core Strategy) be made available to accommodate 2831 new dwellings in Knowsley within a five year period from a 1 April 2013 base date. This is in excess of the target set for this period (see MI 31).

NB The findings set out above reflect the Council's assessment of land supply at a 1 April 2013 base date. This matter has been discussed at the Examination hearings for the Local Plan: Core Strategy and revised accordingly (see the "Sustainable Urban Extension" Technical Report, Knowsley Council, 2014). Updates to the Council's assessment of land supply will be detailed in future Monitoring Reports.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 31	Indicator	Surplus / deficit of deliverable housing within five years –
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Dwellings
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS5

The NPPF (para 47) states that the local authority must: “...identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years worth of housing against their housing requirements with an additional buffer of 5% (moved forward from later in the plan period) to ensure a choice and competition in the market for land. Where there has been a persistent record of under delivery of housing, local authorities should increase the buffer to 20% [...]”.

The emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy sets a target of 450 net dwellings to be completed per annum. The phrase “persistent under-delivery” is not defined in the legislation but can be reasonably defined as a failure to deliver against a target for the previous two years, considered together.

Therefore, the Council considers that for the period from 1st April 2013, a buffer of 20% should apply when identifying a supply of deliverable sites within five years. This is due to “persistent under-delivery” being applied for the previous two years, i.e. financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Calculating the NPPF “buffer” in Knowsley, at April 2014

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Annual Housing Completions (net)	252	195	360
Provisional Annual Target	450	450	450
Annual Deficit / Surplus	-198	-255	-90
Completions - Last two years (2012/13 and 2013/14)			555
Last two years Deficit / Surplus against two year target			-345
Have we been persistently under delivering? (i.e. over two years, we have not met our target)			Yes
Buffer which applies (20% if persistent under delivery demonstrated, otherwise 5%)			20%

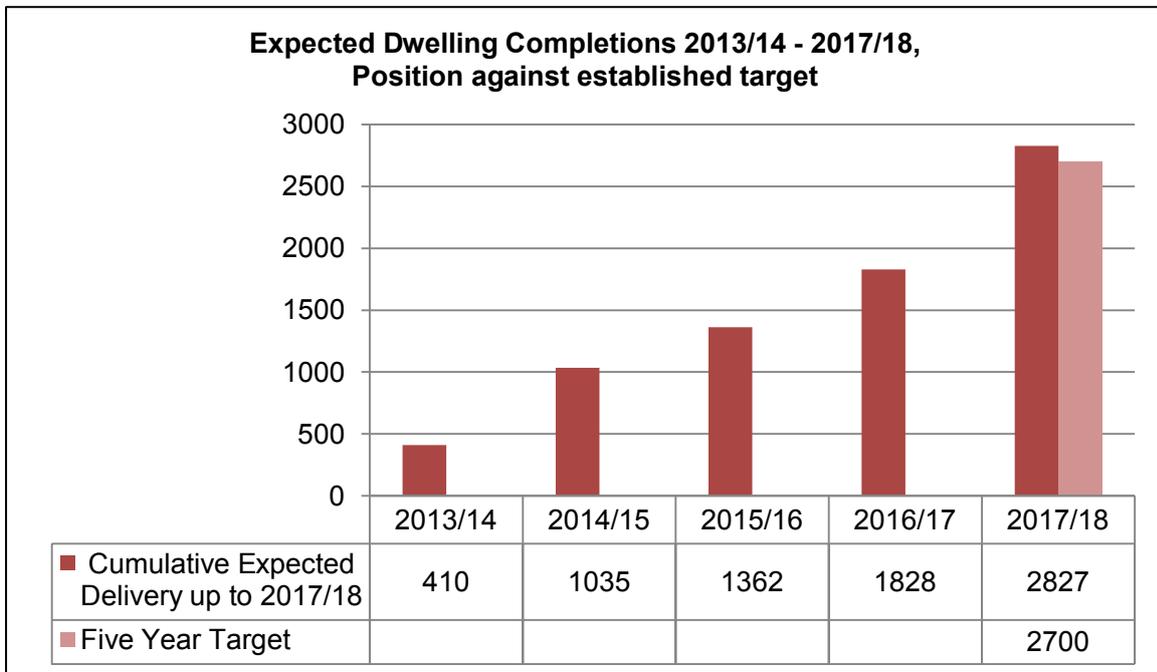
This means that the Council is seeking to identify land which is deliverable within five years to accommodate a five year supply and a 20% buffer as follows:

- An annual target of 450, multiplied by 5 = 2250, plus 20% = 2700 dwellings

If the Council’s emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy is adopted it would address a

shortfall in deliverable housing land supply by allocating Green Belt sites (referred to as Sustainable Urban Extensions) to provide additional ‘deliverable’ supply in the short-term. The latest position is set out in the Technical Report: Sustainable Urban Extensions (Knowsley MBC, July 2014). This Technical Report indicates that the proposed allocation of the Sustainable Urban Extensions would provisionally increase the ‘risk assessed’ deliverable housing land supply to 2831 dwellings at a 1 April 2013 base date.

The information presented in this section is consistent with the latest position published by the Council as part of the examination of the Local Plan. As the Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public remains ongoing, it is intended that an update to housing land supply information will be provided during 2015. The Council has identified (in its “Sustainable Urban Extension” Technical Report, 2014) that land to accommodate 2831 dwellings could be made available (subject to adoption of the Local Plan: Core Strategy) during the five year period commencing on 1st April 2013 (i.e. 2013/14 – 2017/18). This is in excess of the 2700 dwelling target established.



The Council has also identified the likely scenario for the identification of land available within five year periods in the future (assuming the Local Plan Core Strategy is adopted (as modified July, 2014)). This estimates that the Council will be able to identify sufficient land to accommodate the required number of dwellings for the next five years, i.e. for 5 years starting from every year up to 1st April 2017.

Housing Land Supply in Knowsley, 2013 - 2018

Five year period start	Period covered	Provisional target estimated to apply	Supply Available	Performance against target
1 April 2013	2013/14 - 2017/18	2700	2831	131
1 April 2014	2014/15 - 2018/19	2700	3733	1033
1 April 2015	2015/16 - 2019/20	2700	3991	1291
1 April 2016	2016/17 - 2020/21	2700	4367	1667
1 April 2017	2017/18 - 2021/22	2700	4577	1877
1 April 2018	2018/19 - 2022/23	2363	4153	1453

Source:

Sustainable Urban Extensions Technical Report (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis

The Council at 1st April 2013 was able to identify (subject to adoption of the Local Plan: Core Strategy) sufficient housing land to meet its identified requirements over the next five years.

NB The findings set out above reflect the Council's assessment of land supply at a 1 April 2013 base date. This matter has been discussed at the Examination hearings for the Local Plan: Core Strategy and revised accordingly (see Sustainable Urban Extension Technical Report). Updates to the Council's assessment of land supply will be detailed in future Monitoring Reports.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 33	Indicator	Tenure of existing housing stock
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Percentage housing stock in each tender
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS15

In 2014, there are 63,390 dwellings in Knowsley, with approximately 28% in social tenures (Department for Communities and Local Government Housing Statistics Live Tables, Department for Communities and Local Government, 2014).

In 2011 as part of the Census, the detailed breakdown of tenures of housing in Knowsley demonstrated that 61.8% of housing stock was owned outright or with a mortgage / loan, while 8.9% was let privately. 26.6% of housing was within social rented tenures (i.e. owned and operated by Registered Providers of social housing).

**NB For Knowsley, this proportion of housing should be considered as "Social Rented: Other", as the Council currently does not own any dwellings in Knowsley. This error is due to incorrect reporting from individuals within the Census.*

Source:

CLG Housing Statistics Live Tables (Number of Dwellings by Tenure and District 2014)

2011 Census (Tenure, local authorities in the United Kingdom (ONS, 2013))

Overall Performance Analysis	Knowsley retains a high proportion of dwellings within social tenures and a corresponding smaller proportion of market housing.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 34	Indicator	Choice based lettings demands in Knowsley (Property Pool Plus)
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Households
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS15

In November 2014, there were approximately 2,551 households registered as seeking accommodation on the Liverpool City Region Property Pool Plus system who currently reside in Knowsley. This is slightly reduced from the previous year, when there were over 3,600 Knowsley residents seeking accommodation.

Choice-based Lettings Housing Demand by Household Type

Household type	New	Transfer	Total	%
Single person	617	524	1141	44.73
Household with 1 child or expecting 1st child	332	214	546	21.4
Household with 2 children	183	141	324	12.70
Couple	127	105	232	9.09
Household with 4 or more children	28	68	96	3.76
Household with 3 children	62	67	129	5.06
Household with access to children	14	14	28	1.10
Two single adults	24	23	47	1.84
Three or more adults with no children	4	4	8	0.31
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	1391	1160	2551	100

Source:

Property Pool Plus, as at 13th November 2014 (Knowsley Council / Knowsley Housing Trust, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There remain a significant number of households residing in Knowsley who have registered to obtain a property via the choice based lettings system.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 35	Indicator	Persons in Knowsley registered as statutory homeless
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Persons
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS15

During quarter 1 to 3 of 2013/4, 48 cases were registered as homeless in Knowsley.

Knowsley Housing Options Service Performance 2011 – 2014

Indicator	Q1 - 3 11/12	Q1 - 3 12/13	Q1-3 13/14	Increase 12/13 to 13/14
Number of Customers accessing the service	1214	1415	1454	+39 (2.8%)
Number of cases progressing from triage to full options interview	586	700	706	+6 (0.14%)
Number of homelessness applications	125	177	162	-15 (- 8.4%)
Cases accepted as homeless	37	41	48	+7 (+2.4%)

Source:

Knowsley Housing Options Contract Monitor (Housing Options Service, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The number of cases registered as homeless in Knowsley has seen a slight increase between 2011/12 and 2013/14, despite there being a reduction in the number of homeless applications.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 36	Indicator	Housing affordability: average entry level house (i.e. lower quartile value) vs. Average lower quartile pay for a full time worker
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Ratio
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS3, CS15

The ratio of lower quartile house prices to income ratios in Knowsley has decreased slightly between 2012 and 2013, according to CLG data.

Lower Quartile House Prices to Income Ratios, 2010-2013				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Knowsley	4.25	4.37	4.33	4.14

Source: Ratio of lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings by district (CLG,2014)

NB in 2013, this indicator was monitored using Hometrack data. This is now monitored using data published by Communities and Local Government.

Overall Performance Analysis	Housing affordability for lower quartile earners in Knowsley remains a significant issue.	
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3. Regenerate and Transform**MI 38 – MI 53**

The third strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

3. Regenerate and Transform

“To regenerate and transform areas of social and economic deprivation so they become more sustainable, safer, healthier and more cohesive communities, hence narrowing the gap between the richest and poorest communities in Knowsley.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains five sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
General Regeneration	MI 38 – MI 39
Regeneration Areas – General	MI 40
Regeneration Areas – Housing	MI 41 – MI 43
Regeneration Areas – Employment	MI 44 – MI 48
Regeneration Areas – Town Centres	MI 49 – MI 53

General Regeneration (MI 38 – MI 39)

This sub-theme focuses on issues relating to Knowsley’s previously developed land, including the proportion of available of land supply for residential and employment development and recent development trends relating to previously developed land.

Regeneration Areas - General (MI 40)

This sub-theme provides an update on specific regeneration priorities and schemes within Principal Regeneration Areas (as identified in Knowsley’s Local Plan).

Regeneration Areas – Housing (MI 41 – MI 43)

This sub-theme provides an update on indicators within Principal Regeneration Areas (as identified in Knowsley’s Local Plan) relating to housing.

Regeneration Areas – Employment (MI 44 – MI 48)

This sub-theme provides an update on indicators within Principal Regeneration Areas (as identified in Knowsley's Local Plan) relative to employment in terms of delivery (land and floorspace) and land supply.

Regeneration Areas – Town Centres (MI 49 – MI 53)

This sub-theme provides an update on indicators within Principal Regeneration Areas (as identified in Knowsley's Local Plan) relative to main town centre uses in terms of delivery of floorspace and by location and land supply.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 39	Indicator	Residential and employment development on previously developed land
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Dwellings per annum, hectares per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS2

Data for residential development on previously developed land is unavailable at the present time, but is intended to be reported in future years following the adoption of the Local Plan: Core Strategy.

In terms of employment, in the four years since April 2010, the net addition of land developed for these purposes are **9.6 ha** in total (excludes take up for other purposes identified in MI6). The proportion of this total comprising previously developed land is 78% as displayed in the table below.

Employment Development on Previously Developed Land, April 2013 - March 2014			
Development Land Type	2013-14	Total 2010-14	Total Share
	ha	ha	%
Previously Developed Land	0.6	7.5	78%

Source:

Knowsley Local Plan Team Employment Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is no specific trend for this indicator. However the proportion of the total share of employment development on previously developed land during the previous four years indicates Knowsley's achievements in the context of Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework priorities.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 44	Indicator	Amount of land developed for employment uses per annum and cumulative total during plan period, including proportion within each Principal Regeneration Area
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Hectares per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS11, CS13

From April 2013 to March 2014, a total of **0.8 ha** of land was developed for employment uses, all of which was within the Principal Regeneration Areas. In the four years since April 2010, the net addition of land developed for employment uses is **9.6 ha** in total, 6.3 ha of which has been within the Principal Regeneration Areas. It should be noted that these figures exclude employment land take up for other purposes as otherwise recorded under MI6.

The proportion of this employment land development within each Principal Regeneration Area is displayed in the table below:

Employment Land Developed by Principal Regeneration Area, April 2013 - March 2014			
Principal Regeneration Area	2013-14	Total 2010-14	Total Share
	ha	ha	%
North Huyton and Stockbridge Village	0	0	0%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	0.7	8%
Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	0.8	5.6	58%
Tower Hill	0	0	0%
South Prescot	0	0	0%
Prescot Town Centre	0	0	0%
Total	0.8	6.3	66%

Source:
Knowsley Local Plan Team Employment Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is no specific trend for this indicator. However the proportion of the total share of employment development during the previous four years emphasises the strategic importance of Principal Regeneration Areas in meeting Local Plan requirements.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 45	Indicator	Amount of floorspace developed for employment uses per annum and cumulative total during plan period, including proportion within each Principal Regeneration Area
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Square metres per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS11, CS13

From April 2013 to March 2014 a total of **1 852 sq.m** of floorspace was developed for employment uses in Knowsley. In the four years since April 2010, the total addition of floorspace developed for employment uses has been **25 117 sq.m** (inclusive of total of mixed use buildings where B1, B2, B8 or Sui Generis employment uses are present).

The proportion of this floorspace development within each Principal Regeneration Area and as a cumulative during this period is displayed in the table below:

Employment Floorspace Developed by Principal Regeneration Area, April 2013 - March 2014			
Principal Regeneration Area	2013-14	Total 2010-14	Total Share
	sq.m	sq.m	%
North Huyton and Stockbridge Village	0	0	0%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	3 913	16%
Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	1 852	10 902	43%
Tower Hill	0	0	0%
South Prescott	0	0	0%
Prescot Town Centre	0	0	0%
Total	1 852	14 815	59%

Source:
Knowsley Local Plan Team Employment Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is no specific trend for this indicator. However the proportion of the total share of employment floorspace developed during the previous four years emphasises the strategic importance of Principal Regeneration Areas in meeting Knowsley's employment needs.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 46	Indicator	Total of – employment land available in Principal Regeneration Areas (PRAs), supply of deliverable employment land within five years in PRAs
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Hectares
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS11, CS13

The total existing employment land supply in Knowsley's Principal Regeneration Areas in April 2013 was **138.3 hectares**, of which **50.8 hectares** was included in the estimated deliverable supply within five years. The distribution of this supply in terms of specific Principal Regeneration Areas is included in the table below.

Employment Land Supply in Knowsley, by Principal Regeneration Area, April 2014

Principal Regeneration Area	Employment land supply at April 2014	Estimated deliverable supply within 5 years
	ha.	ha.
North Huyton and Stockbridge Village	0	0
Kirkby Town Centre	0	0
Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	114.9	48.6
Tower Hill	0	0
South Prescott	23.4	2.2
Prescot Town Centre	0	0
Total	138.3	50.8

Source:
Knowsley Local Plan Team Employment Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is no specific trend for this indicator. However the proportion of total existing employment land supply (58%) and deliverable supply (80%) located in Principal Regeneration Areas relative to the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy emphasises their strategic importance in meeting Knowsley's local employment needs.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 48	Indicator	Number of permissions granted for decentralised energy schemes within Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Planning permissions per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS11, CS22, CS23, CS27

As at April 2014, there is currently 1 extant planning permission for a decentralised energy scheme within the Parks. The proposal for gasification based energy from waste (EfW) facility at Knowsley Business Park was approved by the Council in 2009. The original planning application reference is 08/00474/FUL, to which subsequent modifications were approved via application reference 13/00372/FUL in 2013.

Site visits in April 2013 confirmed that the development had commenced with ground preparation works; however the development was not completed at the time of site visits undertaken April 2014.

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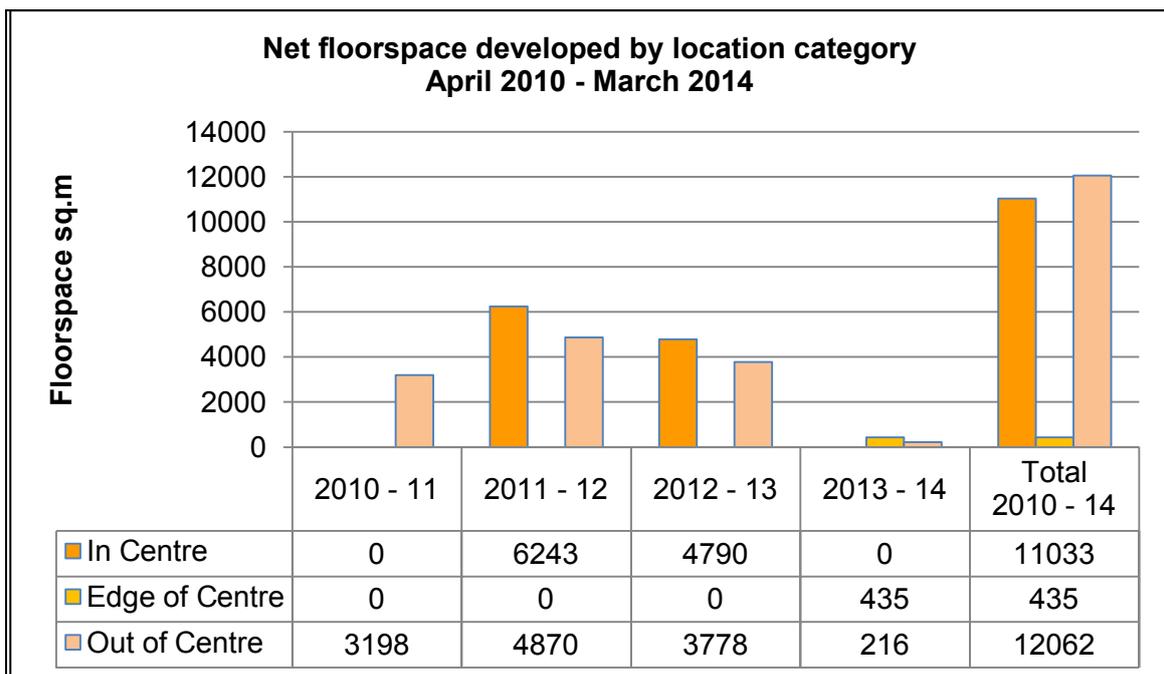
Policy Impact and Intelligence Division (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is one extant permission for a scheme involving decentralised energy generation in the Parks. This application was approved in 2009, with a further application to modify this permission approved in the 2013/14 monitoring year.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 49	Indicator	Net floorspace developed for Town Centre uses per annum and cumulative total, by: town centre, edge of centre and out of centre locations, and within Principal Regeneration Areas
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Square metres per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS10, CS12, CS14

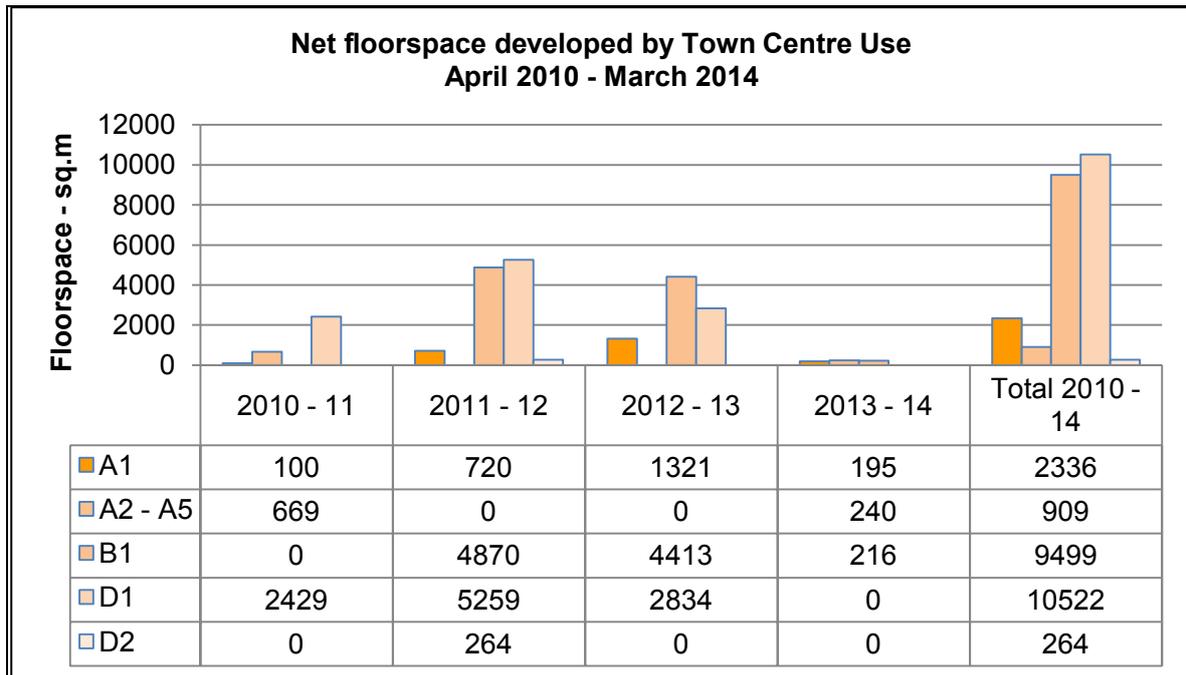
From April 2013 to March 2014 a total of **651 sq.m** of floorspace was developed for Town Centre uses. In the three years since April 2010, the total addition of floorspace developed for Town Centre uses has been **23 530 sq.m**.

The following chart displays the floorspace developed for Town Centre uses per annum, by use type and in total from April 2010 onwards.



The definition of Town Centre uses is derived from the list in the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan (2006) Appendix 7, which includes a number of uses, particularly in Use Classes B1 and D1 such as certain types of office developments (i.e. business parks), health centres and educational facilities which can be suitably located outside of town centres. To illustrate how this potentially influences the results displayed above, the chart on the following page indicates the breakdown of uses by use class. The use classes referred to in the table are A1 (“Shops”); A2 to A5 (“Financial and Professional Services”, Restaurants and Cafes”;

“Drinking Establishments” and “Hot Food Takeaways”); B1 (“Business Uses”); D1 (“Non Residential Institutions”) and D2 (“Assembly and Leisure”).



There is no discernible or consistent trend in terms of delivery of amount of floorspace annually or specific uses in the previous three years, aside from the levels of growth experienced after the low levels of delivery in 2010-11, although this has reduced in 2013-14. The higher levels of Class D1 development previously experienced are considered to be potentially anomalous as they reflect the continuation of investment trends in upgrades to health centre and educational provision which also preceded 2010, with developments now largely delivered and therefore unlikely to continue at such levels in the future.

The location of development in Knowsley’s Principal Regeneration Areas during 2013/14 is identified in the table below.

**Net Town Centre Use Floorspace Developed by Principal Regeneration Areas,
April 2010 - March 2014**

Centre	2013-14	Total	Total
	sq.m	2010-14	Share
		sq.m	%
North Huyton and Stockbridge Village	0	6 243	27%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	3 569	15%
Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	0	1 297	6%
Tower Hill	0	0	0%
South Prescott	0	0	0%
Prescot Town Centre	435	435	2%
Total	435	11 544	50%

The above table indicates that the only development of Town Centre Uses in Principal Regeneration Areas occurred within Cables Retail Park which is within Prescott Town Centre Principal Regeneration Area and comprised a mix of A1 and A2-A5 uses.

Source:

Knowsley Local Plan Team Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis

This indicator has no specific target and there is no discernible or consistent trend in terms of delivery of amount of floorspace annually or specific uses in the previous three years, aside from uplifts in growth experienced after low levels of delivery in 2010-11, which have reduced to a similar level in 2013-14. Some investment has taken place at Cables Retail Park which is within the Prescott Town Centre Principal Regeneration Area as identified in the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 51	Indicator	Overall change in footfall for town centres within Principal Regeneration Areas
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Footfall per annum, percentage change
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS10, CS14

Estimated annual footfall is one of a number of indicators of the health of town centres in terms of viability and vitality. Data for the period between 2010 and 2014 is displayed in the table below for comparison purposes.

Estimated Annual Footfall in Town Centres within Principal Regeneration Areas, 2010 – 2014*

Centre	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Kirkby Town Centre	3 628 959	4 116 376	3 730 821	3 239 997
% change	N/A	+13.43%	-9.37%	-13.16%
Prescot Town Centre	2 004 475	2 164 330	2 248 580	2 283 882
% change	N/A	+7.98%	+3.89%	+1.57%

* Estimated annual total based upon forecasts derived from available monthly footfall survey data

Source:

Knowsley Town Centre Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	This indicator has an intended trend to increase footfall. The general performance against the trend is mixed; with both Kirkby Town Centre and Prescot Town Centre having an overall trend that is inconsistent year to year. A short term decline of footfall in Kirkby Town Centre is evident between 2011/12 – 2013/14 and supports that location being identified as a regeneration priority with a need for future investment.	
	It should be noted that for the purposes of footfall measurement, Prescot Town Centre excludes Cables Retail Park.	

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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 52	Indicator	Progress of Sewell Street redevelopment, Prescott Town Centre
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Scheme progress
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS14
<p>Development has not commenced at the present time.</p> <p>Planning permission ref: 09/00345/FUL was renewed by planning permission 13/00354/RPP granted on the 16th October 2013. This existing commitment would expire on the 16th October 2018, if it remains unimplemented.</p>			
Overall Performance Analysis	n/a		

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 53	Indicator	Tourist and visitor numbers in Prescot Town Centre
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Persons per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS14

The estimated number of total visitors is an indicator relating to the performance and potential success of tourism initiatives associated to the Prescot Town Centre regeneration. Data for the period between 2010 and 2014 is displayed in the table below for comparison purposes.

Estimated Total Visitors to Prescot Town Centre, 2010 – 2014*

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Visits to Prescot	2 004 475	2 164 330	2 248 580	2 283 882

* Annual total based upon forecasts derived from available monthly footfall survey data

Source:

Knowsley Town Centre Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	This indicator has an intended trend to increase visitors and Prescot Town Centre has demonstrated a marginal trend of ongoing success since 2010 and annually.	
		✓

4. Distinctive, Viable and Sustainable Town Centres

MI 54 – MI 58

The fourth strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

4. Distinctive, Viable and Sustainable Town Centres

“To promote distinctive, viable and sustainable town centres in Huyton, Kirkby and Prescot, by improving choice, variety and quality in their range of retail, leisure and other town centre uses, together with thriving district centres, including enhancement of those in Halewood and Stockbridge Village, and a more sustainable pattern of local centres.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains two sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Town Centre Development	MI 54 – MI 55
Town Centre Viability	MI 56 – MI 58

Town Centre Development (MI 54 – MI 55)

This theme focuses on the quantity of town centre uses which has been developed in Knowsley, including both the location, uses, type and the quantity of floorspace.

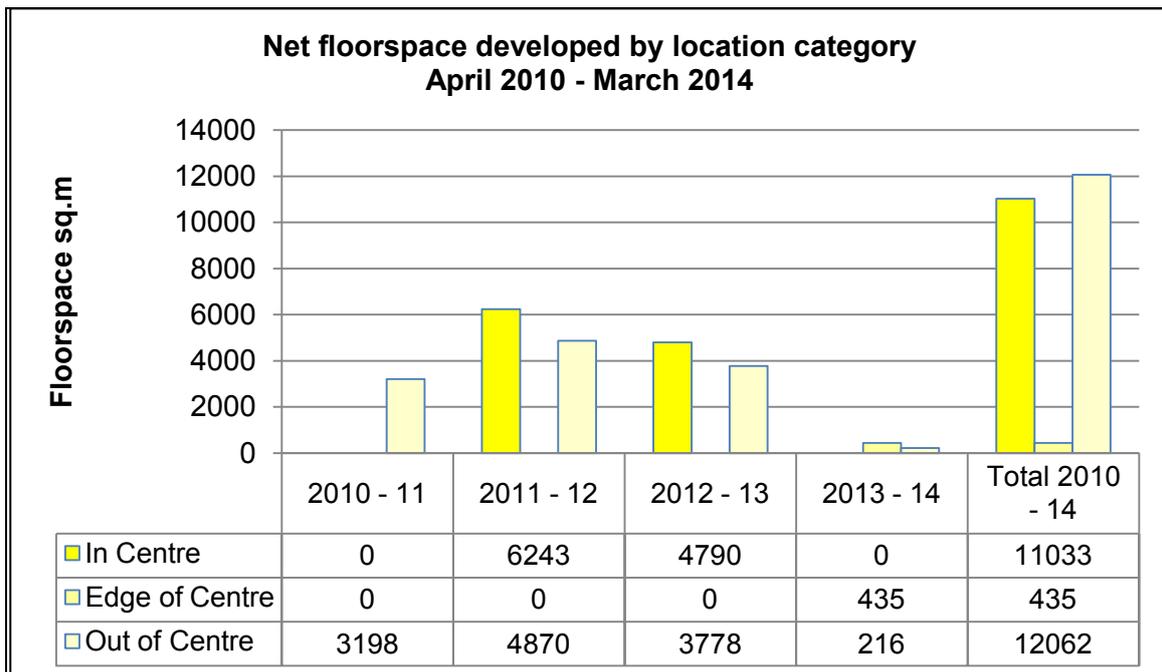
Town Centre Viability (MI 56 – MI 58)

This theme focuses on the viability and vitality of Knowsley’s retail centres considering the ongoing influence of policies through indicators of the health and function of local service provision such as vacancy levels, footfall and expenditure retention.

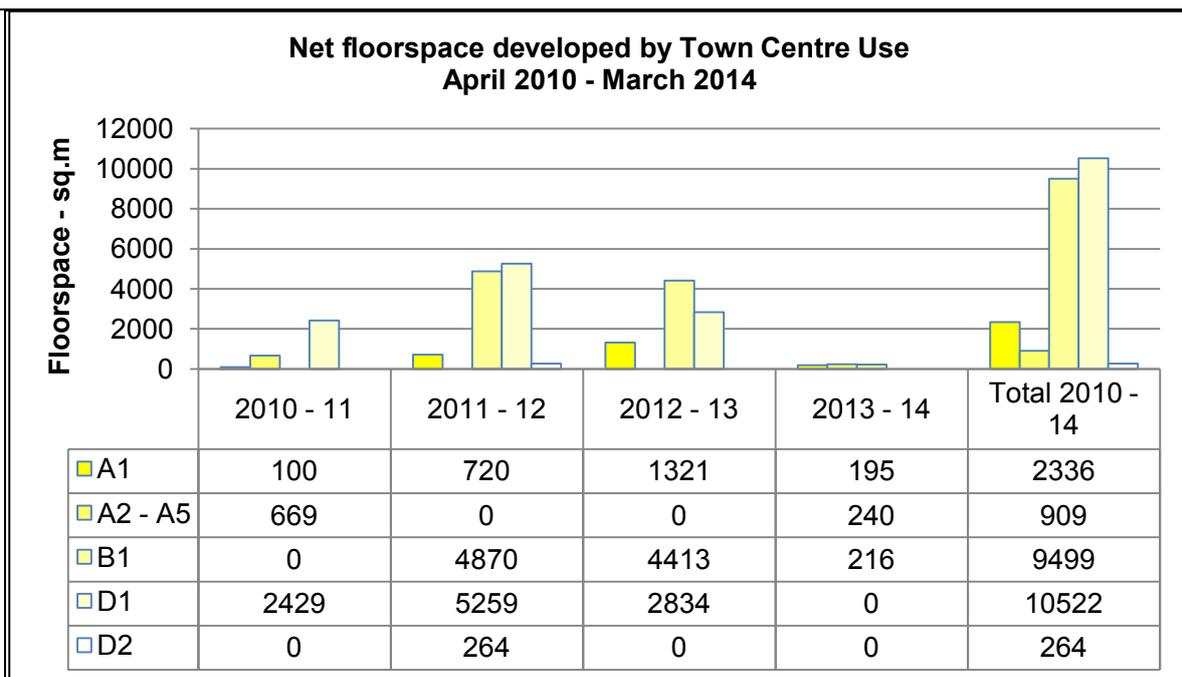
Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 54	Indicator	Net floorspace developed for Town Centre uses per annum and cumulative total, by: town centre, edge of centre and out of centre locations within Knowsley, with specific information for Huyton
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Square metres per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS4, CS6, CS10, CS14

From April 2013 to March 2014 a total of **651 sq.m** of net additional floorspace was developed for Town Centre uses. In the four years since April 2010, the total net addition of floorspace developed for Town Centre uses has been **23 530 sq.m**.

The below chart displays the floorspace developed for Town Centre uses per annum, by use type and in total from April 2010 onwards.



With regard to the above, it should be noted that the definition of Town Centre uses is derived from the list in UDP Appendix 7, which includes a number of uses, particularly in the B1 ("Business") and D1 ("non – residential institution") Use Classes such as certain types of office developments (i.e., business parks), health centres and educational facilities which are can be suitably located outside town centres. To illustrate how this potentially influences the results displayed, the chart on the following page indicates the breakdown of uses by use class.



There is no discernible or consistent trend in terms of delivery of amount of floorspace annually or specific uses in the previous four years. The higher levels of D1 ("non-residential institution) development are considered to be potentially anomalous as they reflect the continuation of investment trends in upgrades to health centre and educational provision which also preceded 2010, with developments now largely delivered and therefore unlikely to continue at such levels in the future.

The location of in-centre development is identified in the table below which includes Knowsley's Town Centres and District Centres only, as no net additional floorspace was developed in Knowsley's Local Centres.

**Net Town Centre Use Floorspace Developed by Town and District Centre,
April 2013 - March 2014**

Centre	2013-14	Total 2010-14	Total Share
	sq.m	sq.m	%
Huyton Town Centre	0	0	0%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	3 569	15%
Prescot Town Centre	0	0	0%
Halewood Centre	0	1 221	5%
Page Moss – Liverpool Road	0	0	0%
Stockbridge Village Centre	0	6 243	27%
Total	0	11 033	47%

The above table indicates that the primary development since 2010 has occurred within Kirkby Town Centre, Halewood District Centre and Stockbridge Village District Centre, all of which were identified as regeneration priorities within the Knowsley Town Centres and Shopping Study and the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy.

However no in-centre development occurred between April 2013 and March 2014.

Source:

Knowsley Local Plan Team Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

**Overall
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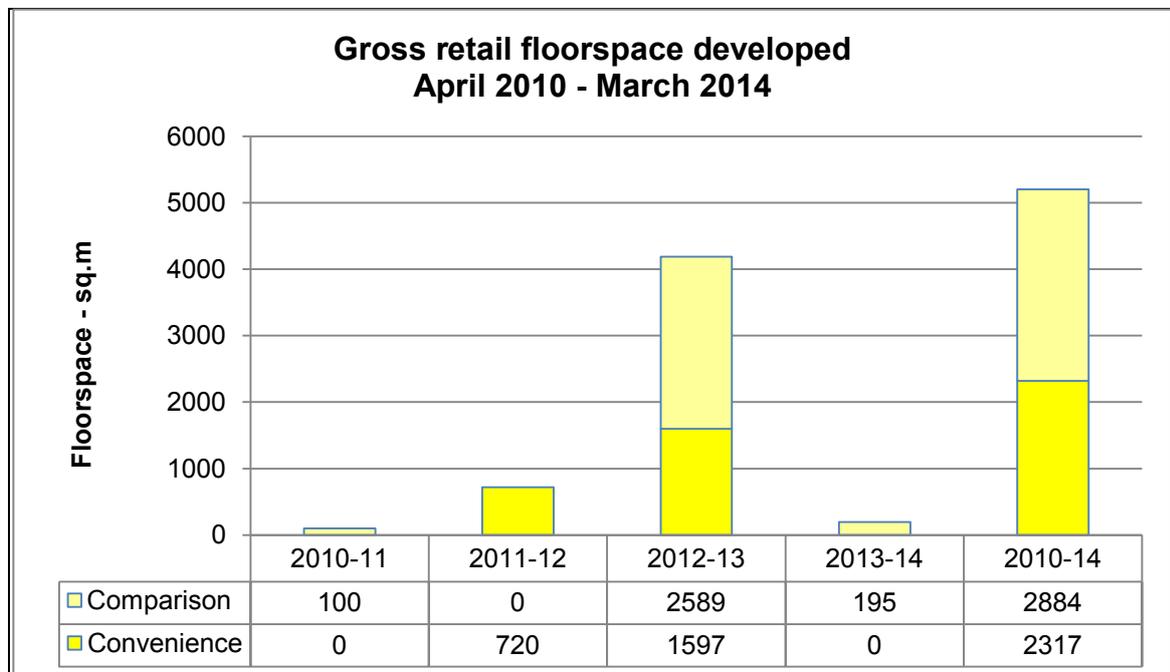
This indicator has no specific target and there is no discernible or consistent trend in terms of delivery of amount of floorspace annually or specific uses in the previous four years. Nevertheless there has been notable delivery relative to Local Plan regeneration objectives for retail and service provision in Halewood and Stockbridge Village, and small scale investment has taken place in Kirkby Town Centre.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 55	Indicator	Amount of convenience and comparison floorspace developed for retail use per centre, including: annual amount, cumulative amount over plan period with centre specific breakdown for Kirkby, Huyton, Prescot
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Square metres per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS4, CS6, CS10, CS14

From April 2013 to March 2014, a total of **195 sq.m** of floorspace was developed for retail uses overall defined as Use Class A1 and inclusive of convenience and comparison floorspace (gross figure before deductions are applied from previous losses to derive the net value for MI 54 purposes). In the four years since April 2010, the total cumulative addition of floorspace developed by the same measure has been **5 201 sq.m**.

The following chart displays the floorspace developed for retail uses per annum, by retail type (comparison and convenience) and in total from April 2010 onwards.



With regard to the above, it should be noted that aside from the 100 sq.m of comparison floorspace delivered in 2010-11 and the 195 sq.m delivered in 2013-14, all of the remaining A1 floorspace was developed in-centre. The location of in-centre development is identified in the tables below which only include Knowsley's Town

Centres and District Centres. No net additional floorspace has been developed in Knowsley's Local Centres during this period.

Gross Comparison Retail Floorspace Developed by Town and District Centre, April 2013 - March 2014

Centre	2013-14	Total 2010-14	Total Share
	sq.m	sq.m	%
Huyton Town Centre	0	0	0%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	100	4%
Prescot Town Centre	0	0	0%
Halewood Centre	0	2 489	92%
Page Moss – Liverpool Road	0	0	0%
Stockbridge Village Centre	0	0	0%
Total	0	2 589	96%

Gross Convenience Retail Floorspace Developed by Town and District Centre, April 2013 - March 2014

Centre	2013-14	Total 2010-14	Total Share
	sq.m	sq.m	%
Huyton Town Centre	0	0	0%
Kirkby Town Centre	0	0	0%
Prescot Town Centre	0	0	0%
Halewood Centre	0	1 597	69%
Page Moss – Liverpool Road	0	0	0%
Stockbridge Village Centre	0	720	31%
Total	0	2 317	100%

The above tables indicate no delivery of comparison or convenience floorspace within Knowsley's centres during 2013/14.

The current retail commitments (developments with extant planning permission) in Knowsley comprise 36 846 sq.m of net additional (gross internal) floorspace in total. The actual breakdown of this figure between comparison and convenience floorspace cannot be calculated at the present time, as a number of the commitments retain flexibility to account for end user requirements.

Source:
Knowsley Local Plan Team Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

<p>Overall Performance Analysis</p>	<p>This indicator has no specific annual target, as progress is measured against longer term needs based trends in the Local Plan and associated evidence. Although there has been no gross delivery of retail floorspace during 2013-14 within Knowsley's town and district centres, there is insufficient data to derive a longer term trend.</p>	 <p>A vertical traffic light indicator with four segments: red at the top, orange in the middle containing a black checkmark, green below that, and grey at the bottom.</p>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 58	Indicator	Overall change in footfall for Huyton town centre
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Percentage change
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS6, CS10, CS15

Estimated annual footfall is one of a number of indicators of the health of town centres in terms of viability and vitality. Data for Huyton Town Centre for the period between 2011 and 2014 is displayed in the table below for comparison purposes.

Footfall in Huyton Town Centre, 2010 - 2014				
Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Footfall	Not available	3 040 577	3 017 899	3 462 552
% change	N/A	N/A	-0.75	+14.73

Source:
Knowsley Town Centre Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	This indicator has an intended trend to increase footfall. The general performance of Huyton Town Centre against the trend is a significant increase in 2013/14 relative to both 2011/12 and 2012/13. However the limited dataset and annual variation cannot provide a robust conclusion regarding longer term trends at this stage.	
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6. Quality of Place

MI 59 – MI 63

The fifth strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

5. Quality of Place

“To promote the quality of place within Knowsley by protecting historically important features and enhancing the character, quality and diversity of Knowsley’s built environment, including town centres, key employment areas, residential neighbourhoods, green spaces, conservation areas, rural areas and villages, key gateways and transport routes.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains two sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Design Quality	MI 59
Heritage	MI 60 – MI 63

Design Quality (MI 59)

This theme focuses on the performance of development relative to design quality standards and expectations.

Heritage (MI 60 – MI 63)

This theme focuses on monitoring indicators relating to the provision and condition of Knowsley’s historic environment assets.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 60	Indicator	Number of listings – total and breakdown by Grade, listed buildings on the Heritage at Risk Register
Trend / Target	Decrease listed buildings on Heritage at Risk Register or maintain at zero	Unit	Listing entries
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS20

As at April 2014, there were 122 listings in Knowsley. 1 Grade I, 4 Grade II*, the remaining 117 are Grade II. Some of these listings included more than one building or structure. None of these were registered on the Heritage at Risk Register 2014.

Listing Entries in Knowsley

Settlement	Listings	Settlement	Listings
Kirkby	34	Cronton	8
Knowsley Village	7	Huyton	31
Prescot	24	Halewood	3
Whiston	9	Tarbock	2

NB. Please note that listing entries can include more than one individual listed building / structure.

Listings in Kirkby

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
Railway Public House Grovers Brow	Grade 2	Dovecote Ingoe Lane	Grade 2
Langtree Cottage Grovers Brow	Grade 2	Sefton Cottage Kirkby Row	Grade 2
Carters Arms Public House Grovers Brow	Grade 2	St.Chads Church Old Hall Lane	Grade 2*
The Cottage Grovers Brow	Grade 2	Vicarage Old Halle Lane	Grade 2
The Smithy, 1 and 3 Mill Lane, Kirkby	Grade 2	Stables To North of Vicarage, Old Hall Lane	Grade 2
Kirkby War Memorial, Old Hall Lane	Grade 2	Gate Piers to South of Vicarage Old Hall Lane	Grade 2
16 North Park Road	Grade 2	Kirkby Hall Lodge Old Hall Lane	Grade 2
38 and 40 North Park Road	Grade 2	63 and 65 Ribblers Lane	Grade 2
14 and 16 South Park Road	Grade 2	81 and 83 Ribblers Lane	Grade 2
Waverley House South Park Road	Grade 2	101 and 103 Ribblers Lane	Grade 2
Whitefield House Pigeon House, Ingoe Lane	Grade 2	121 and 123 Ribblers Lane	Grade 2

Corporation Rent Office Ingoe Lane	Grade 2	118, 120 and 122 Sefton Arms Cottages	Grade 2
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Listings in Knowsley Village

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
Knowsley Hall, Knowsley Park and all curtilage props	Grade 2*	Littlewood Lodge	Grade 2
St Mary's Church Knowsley Lane	Grade 2*	Knowsley Vicarage Tithebarn Lane	Grade 2
Gellings Farm House off Randles Road	Grade 2		
School Cottages, 224, 226 Knowsley Lane	Grade 2		

Listings in Prescot

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
6 Beesley Road	Grade 2	48 to 50 St Helens Road	Grade 2
4 Church Street	Grade 2	2 Vicarage Place	Grade 2
34 Church Street	Grade 2	4 Vicarage Place	Grade 2
St Marys Church	Grade 1	6 Vicarage Place	Grade 2
2 Derby Street	Grade 2	10 Vicarage Place	Grade 2
44 to 50 Derby Street	Grade 2	14 Vicarage Place	Grade 2
52 and 54 Derby Street (Clockface)	Grade 2	Church of Our Lady Immaculate Vicarage Place	Grade 2
Stable Block, Derby Street (Clockface)	Grade 2	The Lancashire Watch Factory Albany Road	Grade 2
30 Eccleston Street	Grade 2	Detached Workshop to the rear of No. 20 Grosvenor Road	Grade 2
3 High Street	Grade 2	17 Atherton Street	Grade 2
11 High Street	Grade 2	9 Market Place with former workshop to rear	Grade 2
37 High Street	Grade 2		

Listings in Whiston

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
Barn at Fairchild's Farm Fox's Bank Lane	Grade 2	St Nicholas' Church Windy Arbor Road	Grade 2
Barn at Snapegate Fox's Bank Lane	Grade 2	Carr House Farmhouse Windy Arbor Lane	Grade 2
Old Halsnead Fox's Bank Lane	Grade 2	Carr House Barn Windy Arbor Road	Grade 2
Gate Piers to NE Lodge to Halsnead Park Fox's Bank Lane	Grade 2	Ropers Bridge, Dragon Lane	Grade 2
Sandfield Cottage Lickers Lane	Grade 2	NE Lodge to Halsnead Park Fox's Bank Lane	Grade 2

Listings in Cronton

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
Holly Farm House Chapel Lane	Grade 2	Townsend Farmhouse Hall Lane	Grade 2
Cronton Cross Hall Lane	Grade 2	Stocks Smithy Lane	Grade 2
Gate Piers and gates at Cronton Hall, Hall Lane	Grade 2	The Field, The Roundabout	Grade 2
Sunnyside Farmhouse Hall Lane	Grade 2	Wayside, Pex Hill	Grade 2

Listings in Huyton

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
Railway Bridge Archway Road	Grade 2	The Hazels Liverpool Road	Grade 2
Village Cross Bluebell Lane	Grade 2	Stables - The Hazels Liverpool Road	Grade 2
Railway Bridge Childwall Lane	Grade 2	Milestone Liverpool Road	Grade 2
Church of St Bartholomew Church Road, Roby	Grade 2	Railway Bridge Pilch Lane East	Grade 2
Railway Bridge Greystone Road	Grade 2	66 Roby Road Roby	Grade 2
Park Hall Huyton Hey Road	Grade 2	Roby Toll House Roby Road	Grade 2
Newland Huyton Hey Road including 1 Victoria Road	Grade 2	Roby Cross Roby Road	Grade 2
Huyton Hey, Huyton Hey Road	Grade 2	20 & 22 St Mary's Road	Grade 2
Church of St Michael's Huyton Lane	Grade 2*	1 & 5 Station Road	Grade 2
Monument – Church of St Michael's Huyton Lane	Grade 2	Thingwall Hall Thingwall Lane	Grade 2
Gateway 1, Church of St Michael's Huyton Lane	Grade 2	United Reform Church Victoria Road	Grade 2
Gateway 2, Church of St Michael's, Huyton Lane	Grade 2	Walled Garden Liverpool Road	Grade 2
Hurst Hall Huyton Lane	Grade 2	Greenhill, The Orchard	Grade 2

Listings in Halewood

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
St Nicholas Church, Church Road	Grade 2	Yew Tree House Farm, Higher Road	Grade 2
Foxhill House, Foxhill Lane	Grade 2		

Listings in Tarbock

Listing	Grade	Listing	Grade
Rose Cottage Greensbridge Lane	Grade 2		
Tarbock Hall Farm House Ox Lane	Grade 2		

Source:

Knowsley Council Conservation Records (Knowsley MBC, 2014)
 Heritage at Risk Registers (English Heritage, 2014)
 National Heritage List for England (English Heritage, 2014)

**Overall
Performance
Analysis**

The number of listings in Knowsley remains stable, with no structures deemed to be “at risk” in 2014.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 61	Indicator	Number of Conservation Areas (CAs), CAs with Management Plans, CAs with current character appraisals, CAs on the Heritage at Risk Register
Trend / Target	Decrease Conservation Areas on Heritage at Risk Register or maintain at zero	Unit	Conservation Areas
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS20

As at 1 April 2014, there are fifteen designated Conservation Areas in Knowsley.

Conservation Areas in Knowsley

Conservation Area Name	Date Conservation Area Appraisal Updated	Date Management Plan Updated	Considered to be "at risk" in 2012
Prescot Town Centre	2012	2012	Yes
Old Hall Lane, Kirkby	2005	n/a	No
Ingoe Lane, Kirkby	2005	n/a	No
Ribblers Lane, Kirkby	2005	n/a	No
South Park Road, Kirkby	2005	n/a	No
North Park Road, Kirkby		n/a	No
Huyton Church (St. Michael's)	2013	n/a	No
The Orchard	2013	n/a	No
Victoria Road and Huyton Church Road	2013	n/a	No
Roby	2005	n/a	No
Halewood Village	2005	n/a	No
Knowsley Village	2005	n/a	No
Tarbock Village	2005	n/a	No
Tarbock Green		n/a	No
Town End, Cronton	2005	n/a	No

The Conservation Area in Prescot Town Centre is deemed to be "at risk", although the area has been granted "Townscape Heritage Initiative" status, which means works will be undertaken to address this. The Conservation Area at South Park Road and Kirkby has been removed from the "at risk" register, due to works which have been undertaken.

Source:

Knowsley Council Conservation Records (Knowsley MBC, 2014)
 Heritage at Risk Registers (English Heritage, 2014)
 National Heritage List for England (English Heritage, 2014)

**Overall
 Performance
 Analysis**

There is one Conservation Area “at risk” in Knowsley (Prescot Town Centre), and proactive measures are being taken to address this. Area Appraisals are also being updated for selected Conservation Areas.



7. Sustainable Transport

MI 64 – MI 70

The sixth strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

6. Sustainable Transport

“To ensure new development in Knowsley encourages a reduction in the overall need to travel, and prioritises sustainable transport such as walking, cycling and public transport. This will help to ensure accessibility and linkage between housing areas and employment locations, shopping, leisure, culture, health care, education, community and sporting facilities, green spaces and other services.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains two sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Transport Schemes	MI 64 – MI 66
Accessibility	MI 67 – MI 70

Transport Schemes (MI 64 – MI 66)

This theme focuses on the performance of development relative to delivery of transport schemes and priorities in Knowsley, including those relating to the Merseyside Local Transport Plan.

Accessibility (MI 67 – MI 70)

This theme provides information on outcomes relating to Knowsley’s accessibility, with linkage to delivery of transport schemes and priorities.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 64	Indicator	Delivery of transport schemes in Knowsley – delivered by Local Transport fund, delivered by grants / external funds, delivered by specific programmes, delivered by developer contributions (financial and in kind)
Trend / Target	As per Local Transport Plan	Unit	Schemes per annum, £ per annum
Indicator Type	Core	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS2, CS7, CS8, CS27

The Merseyside Transport Partnership Annual Progress Report sets out progress against the key goals and indicators within the Local Transport Plan 3. The data below includes the specific information relating to levels of investment associated to Knowsley priorities in LTP3 following its adoption in 2011.

MTP Annual Progress Report - Knowsley Priorities in LTP3

Knowsley Priorities	2010/11 £000s	2011/12 £000s	2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s
Maintenance				
Reconstruction	n/a	1,405	830	
Resurface	n/a	330	200	
Design Fees	n/a	25	35	
Miscellaneous	n/a	175	118	
Sub Total	n/a	1,935	1,183	3,004
Other Priorities				
Road Safety	n/a	131	330	215
Supporting Public Transport	n/a	233	267	57
Moving People and Goods	n/a	230	169	
Clean, Low Emission Transport	n/a	27	77	
Equality of Opportunity Scheme	n/a	154	107	
Miscellaneous	n/a	56	154	419
Sub Total	n/a	831	1,104	691
Total	n/a	2,766	2,287	3,695
Approximate external funding (additional to total and based on previous performance)	n/a	300	951	

Source:

Merseyside Transport Partnership Annual Progress Report 2013/14

**shaded fields are categories no longer reported due to changed format of data.*

Overall Performance Analysis	The data indicates a consistent level of investment in Knowsley transport priorities within the LTP3. However an on-going trend or performance cannot reasonably be drawn from this information.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 65	Indicator	Increase in the length of well-connected walking and cycling routes
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Kilometres per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS2, CS7, CS8, CS27

The data below includes specific information relating to improvements to walking and cycle routes in Knowsley.

Length of additional well-connected walking and cycling routes					
	Pre 2011	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Overall Total
Kilometres (km) constructed	9.8 km	3.1 km	18.9 km	3.6 km	35.4 km

Source:

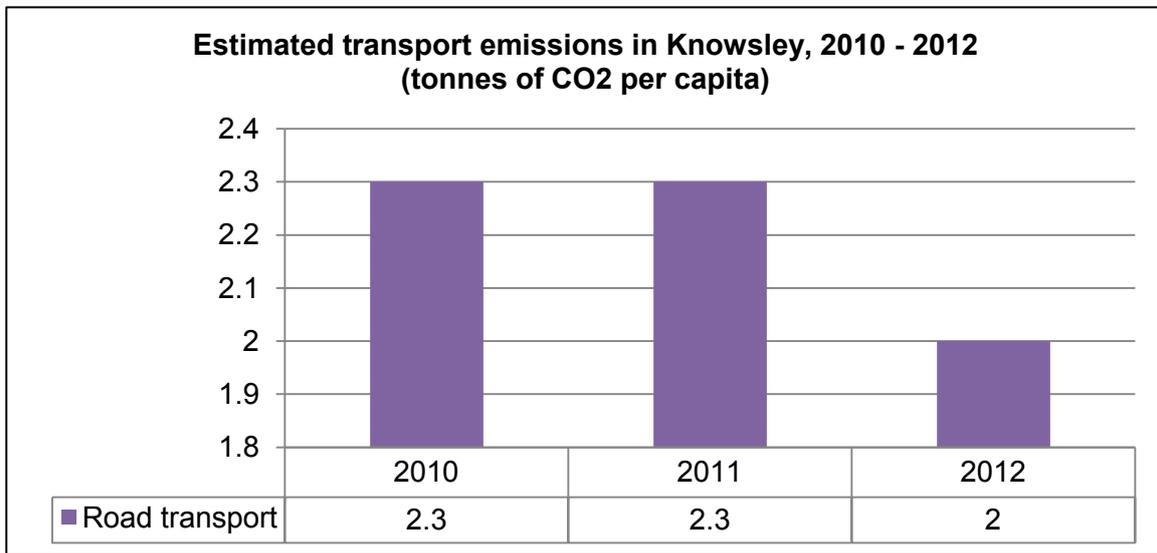
Sustainable Travel Monitoring – Highways (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The data indicates a continued level of improvement of overall well connected walking and cycling routes in Knowsley during 2013/14, although not as significant as years Pre 2011 and 2012/13.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 66	Indicator	Estimated transport emissions
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Emissions per capita
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS7

In 2012, there were 2.0 tonnes of emissions per capita attributable to road transport sources in Knowsley.

There is an 18-month time lag on this data, so information is not yet available for 2013 and 2014.



Source:

Per capita Local CO2 emission estimates; industry, domestic and transport sectors (Department of Energy and Climate Change, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Between 2010 and 2012, the level of emissions attributable to road transport sources has reduced to 2.0 tonnes per capita in Knowsley.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: red; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: orange; margin-bottom: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">✓</div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: green; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: grey; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> </div>
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7. Manage Environmental Resources

MI 71 – MI 85

The seventh strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

7. Managing Environmental Resources

“To manage environmental resources in Knowsley prudently by focusing on sustainable development, recycling and renewable technologies, minimising pollution, reducing carbon emissions and responding to the impacts of climate change.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains five sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Land Resources	MI 71 – MI 74
Flooding Water Management	MI 75 – MI 77
Sustainability / Energy	MI 78 – MI 81
Environmental Quality	MI 82 – MI 84
Waste Management	MI 85

Land Resources (MI 71 – MI 74)

This theme focuses on monitoring indicators relating to aggregate production, together with mineral safeguarding and restoration of extraction sites.

Flooding and Water Management (MI 75 – MI 77)

This theme focuses upon monitoring indicators relating to flood risk and the delivery of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).

Sustainability / Energy (MI 78 – MI 81)

This theme focuses upon monitoring indicators relating to climate change mitigation and renewable energy.

Environmental Quality (MI 82 – MI 84)

This theme relates to monitoring indicators which assess issues regarding air, noise and water quality.

Waste Management (MI 85)

This monitoring indicator supports the performance measures of the Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Local Plan.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 71	Indicator	Production of primary land won aggregates
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Tonnes per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS25

This information below is obtained from the Local Aggregates Assessment and annual survey of operators.

Production of primary land won aggregates, 2010 - 2013					
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Primary land won aggregates (tonnes)	0	0	0	0	0

Source:

Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) Monitoring System (MEAS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	For Knowsley the figure is zero, as it has been for many years and is expected to be for the foreseeable future. This is because Knowsley has no known aggregate mineral resources likely to be of commercial interest.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 74	Indicator	Mineral site restoration
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Number of sites, number of sites restored (cumulative)
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS25

The information below indicates that Knowsley has only has one operational mineral extraction site at Cronton Clay Pit.

Mineral Site Operation and Restoration, 2010 - 2014					
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of operational minerals sites	1	1	1	1	1
Number of sites restored	0	0	0	0	0

Source:

Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) Monitoring System (MEAS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	No reasonable trend can be identified, as Knowsley has only had one operational minerals site for a number of years.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 75	Indicator	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding and water grounds
Trend / Target	0 Applications	Unit	Planning applications per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS24

As indicated below, Knowsley Council has granted no planning permissions contrary to Environment Agency flood advice over the last four years.

Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency advice on Flooding and Water, 2010 - 2014

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
Planning Permissions Granted	0	0	0	0

Source:

Knowsley Development Management Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	No reasonable trend can be identified, as Knowsley has maintained a positive position of zero applications for a number of years.	
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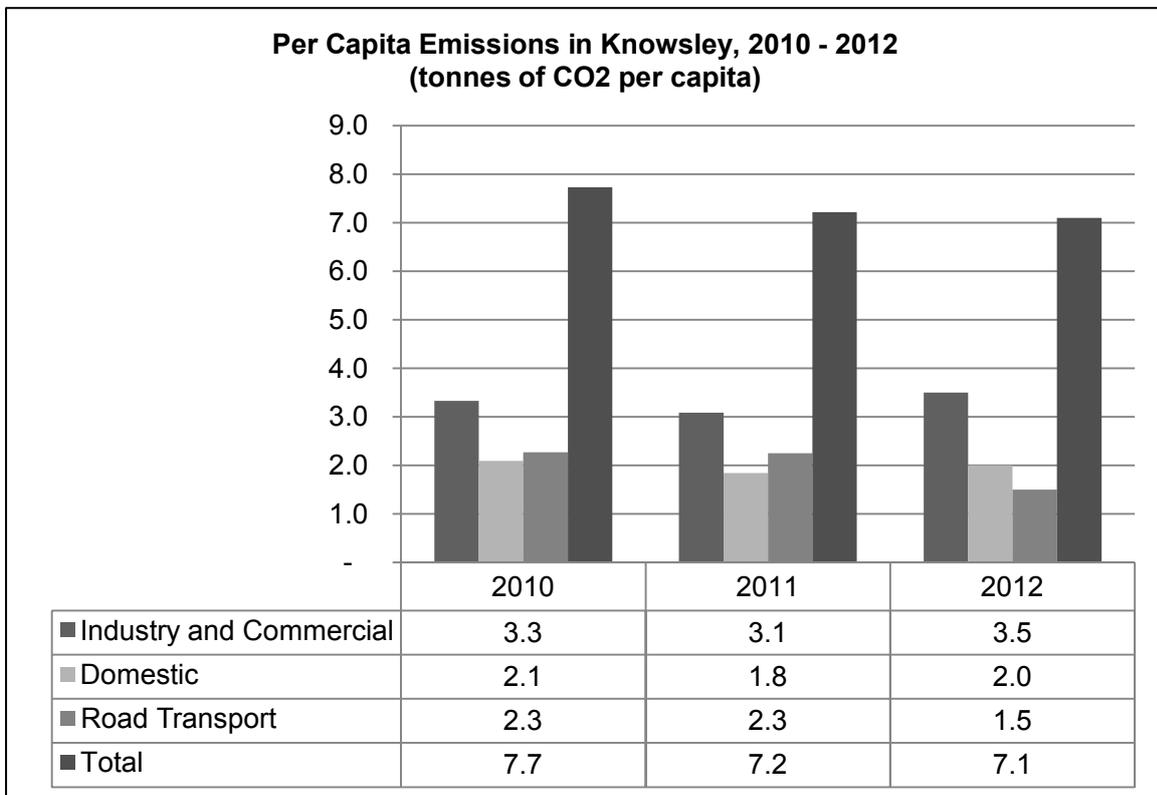
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 77	Indicator	Area of land in – Flood Zone 2, Flood Zone 3
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Hectares
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS24
<p>In November 2014, there are 382.2 hectares of land within Flood Zone 2 and 257.1 hectares of land within Flood Zone 3.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>Environment Agency Flood Maps - November 2014 Update (Environment Agency, 2014)</p>			
Overall Performance Analysis	There are currently 382.2 and 257.1 hectares of land within Flood Zones 2 and 3 respectively.		

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 78	Indicator	Per capita CO2 emissions in Knowsley
Trend / Target	As per Knowsley Climate Change Strategy	Unit	Emissions per capita
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2

In 2012, there were 7.1 tonnes of CO2 emissions per person in Knowsley. This includes 3.5 tonnes from industry and commercial, 2.0 tonnes from domestic uses and 1.5 tonnes from road transport.

There is an 18-month time lag on this data, so information is not yet available for 2013 and 2014



Source:

Per capita Local CO2 emission estimates; industry, domestic and transport sectors (Department of Energy and Climate Change, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Between 2010 and 2012, emissions per capita in Knowsley reduced from 7.7 tonnes to 7.1 tonnes. This included reductions in emissions from Road Transport.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 79	Indicator	Renewable energy generation
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Schemes, megawatts per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS11, CS22, CS23
<p>This indicator is not currently monitored. The Council is currently developing a suitable method of monitoring this indicator in light of proposed changes to Building Regulations.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the current lack of comprehensive and robust figures, there is clear evidence of significant levels of renewable and low carbon energy generation within Knowsley. Monitoring of the numbers of Photo Voltaic (PV) panels and wind turbines being installed in Knowsley for which the Government's Feed in Tariff (FiT) is being claimed provides an example of this evidence. 1,434 individual schemes have been accepted under the FiT arrangements and were installed by July 2014. These schemes are estimated to have a cumulative generation capacity of 4.47 MW.</p> <p>The availability of data at local authority level relating to the take up of the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) is currently being reviewed by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).</p> <p>As at 30 June 2014, it is estimated that between 1 and 5 schemes are been supported by the RHPP in Knowsley². There has been no uptake of the RHI programme within Knowsley. For further information see the relevant sources below. Subject to the completion of the Energos Energy from Waste (EfW) scheme at Knowsley Business Park, additional generation capacity may be achieved in future years.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>FiT Installation Report 30 June 2014 (Ofgem, 2014) available at: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/feed-tariff-installation-report-30-june-2014</p> <p>RHI and RHPP deployment data: July 2014 (DECC, 2014) available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rhi-and-rhpp-deployment-data-july-2014</p>			
Overall Performance Analysis	This indicator is not currently monitored.		

² DECC are currently unable to provide the exact number of schemes due to disclosure reasons

8. Green Infrastructure and Rural Areas

MI 86 – MI 96

The eighth strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

8. Green Infrastructure and Rural Areas

“To support and strengthen the role of Knowsley’s Green Infrastructure (in rural and urban areas), promote biodiversity, and maintain the character of rural settlements including Cronton, Tarbock and Knowsley Village.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains two sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Open and Green Spaces	MI 86 – MI 92
Biodiversity	MI 93 – MI 96

Open and Green Spaces (MI 86 – MI 92)

This theme focuses upon assessing the provision and performance in terms of the quantity, quality and accessibility of public open space within Knowsley.

Biodiversity (MI 93 – MI 96)

This theme focuses upon assessing performance against objectives relating to biodiversity, positive conservation management and environmental designations.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 86	Indicator	Supply of open space typologies, including: parks and gardens, amenity greenspace, provision for children and young people, allotments, outdoor sports provision
Trend / Target	Reduction or no increase in number of Substantial Residential Areas (SRAs) and Community Areas (CAs) in overall deficit	Unit	Hectares per 1000 population
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS8, CS21

The assessment of the quantitative supply of public open space and outdoor sports provision typologies is intended to be reviewed at least bi-annually. The most recent quantitative assessment undertaken for 2013/14 is set out below and reflects the performance against emerging standards within the Local Plan: Core Strategy policy CS21 relative to the Substantial Residential Areas identified in the Greenspace Standards and New Development SPD.

SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
1	Shevingtons Lane	4 933	Parks & Gardens	3.95	6.77	2.82
			Amenity Greenspace	2.47	8.29	5.82
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.49	0.23	-0.26
			Allotments	0.25	0.00	-0.25
Total				7.15	15.29	8.14
2	Tower Hill	3 461	Parks & Gardens	2.77	0.00	-2.77
			Amenity Greenspace	1.73	32.70	30.97
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.35	0.14	-0.21
			Allotments	0.17	0.00	-0.17
Total				5.02	32.84	27.82
3	Kirkby Park	4 087	Parks & Gardens	3.27	9.24	5.97
			Amenity Greenspace	2.04	9.61	7.57
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.41	0.64	0.23
			Allotments	0.20	0.00	-0.20
Total				5.93	19.49	13.56

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SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
4	Westvale	6 765	Parks & Gardens	5.41	16.67	11.26
			Amenity Greenspace	3.38	15.01	11.63
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.68	0.16	-0.52
			Allotments	0.34	0.72	0.38
Total				9.81	32.56	22.75
5	Northwood	7 913	Parks & Gardens	6.33	6.32	-0.01
			Amenity Greenspace	3.96	28.76	24.80
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.79	0.69	-0.10
			Allotments	0.40	0.50	0.10
Total				11.47	36.27	24.80
6	Southdene	10 565	Parks & Gardens	8.45	7.40	-1.05
			Amenity Greenspace	5.28	22.92	17.64
			Provision for Children & Young People	1.06	0.92	-0.14
			Allotments	0.53	0.00	-0.53
Total				15.32	31.24	15.92
7	Field Lane	3 282	Parks & Gardens	2.63	6.51	3.88
			Amenity Greenspace	1.64	0.46	-1.18
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.33	0.33	0.00
			Allotments	0.16	0.00	-0.16
Total				4.76	7.30	2.54
8	Knowsley Village	2 769	Parks & Gardens	2.22	1.81	-0.41
			Amenity Greenspace	1.38	3.92	2.54
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.28	0.27	-0.01
			Allotments	0.14	0.00	-0.14
Total				4.02	6.00	1.98
9	Stockbridge Village	4 963	Parks & Gardens	3.97	0.00	-3.97
			Amenity Greenspace	2.48	42.07	39.59
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.50	0.29	-0.21
			Allotments	0.25	0.00	-0.25
Total				7.20	42.36	35.16

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SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
10	Fincham	4 557	Parks & Gardens	3.65	1.38	-2.27
			Amenity Greenspace	2.28	8.68	6.40
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.46	0.86	0.40
			Allotments	0.23	0.00	-0.23
Total				6.61	10.92	4.31
11	Hillside	6 978	Parks & Gardens	5.58	1.77	-3.81
			Amenity Greenspace	3.49	5.75	2.26
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.70	0.00	-0.70
			Allotments	0.35	0.00	-0.35
Total				10.12	7.52	-2.60
12	Huyton Farm	4 678	Parks & Gardens	3.74	5.71	1.97
			Amenity Greenspace	2.34	1.18	-1.16
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.47	0.42	-0.05
			Allotments	0.23	0.00	-0.23
Total				6.78	7.31	0.53
13	Page Moss	5 313	Parks & Gardens	4.25	1.55	-2.70
			Amenity Greenspace	2.66	6.12	3.46
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.53	0.49	-0.04
			Allotments	0.27	0.00	-0.27
Total				7.70	8.16	0.46
14	Bluebell	6 450	Parks & Gardens	5.16	14.16	9.00
			Amenity Greenspace	3.23	3.15	-0.07
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.65	0.37	-0.28
			Allotments	0.32	0.23	-0.09
Total				9.35	17.91	8.56
15	Huyton Village	2 072	Parks & Gardens	1.66	4.17	2.51
			Amenity Greenspace	1.04	2.25	1.21
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.21	0.36	0.15
			Allotments	0.10	0.00	-0.10
Total				3.00	6.78	3.78

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SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
16	Whiston Lane	3 369	Parks & Gardens	2.70	6.61	3.91
			Amenity Greenspace	1.68	3.52	1.84
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.34	0.00	-0.34
			Allotments	0.17	0.86	0.69
Total				4.89	10.99	6.10
17	Swanside	4 885	Parks & Gardens	3.91	0.00	-3.91
			Amenity Greenspace	2.44	1.03	-1.41
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.49	0.06	-0.43
			Allotments	0.24	0.00	-0.24
Total				7.08	1.09	-5.99
18	Court Hey	1 970	Parks & Gardens	1.58	13.23	11.65
			Amenity Greenspace	0.98	0.41	-0.57
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.20	0.24	0.04
			Allotments	0.10	1.13	1.03
Total				2.86	15.01	12.15
19	Bowring Park	3 788	Parks & Gardens	3.03	6.40	3.37
			Amenity Greenspace	1.89	5.06	3.17
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.38	0.20	-0.18
			Allotments	0.19	0.00	-0.19
Total				5.49	11.66	6.17
20	Roscoes Wood	1 449	Parks & Gardens	1.16	0.00	-1.16
			Amenity Greenspace	0.72	3.41	2.69
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.14	0.00	-0.14
			Allotments	0.07	0.00	-0.07
Total				2.10	3.41	1.31
21	Huyton Park	2 416	Parks & Gardens	1.93	5.78	3.85
			Amenity Greenspace	1.21	0.26	-0.95
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.24	0.26	0.02
			Allotments	0.12	0.31	0.19
Total				3.50	6.61	3.11

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SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
22	St. Johns	3 163	Parks & Gardens	2.53	2.16	-0.37
			Amenity Greenspace	1.58	4.38	2.80
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.32	0.37	0.05
			Allotments	0.16	0.00	-0.16
Total				4.59	6.91	2.32
23	Huyton Quarry	493	Parks & Gardens	0.39	14.21	13.82
			Amenity Greenspace	0.25	1.11	0.86
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.05	0.19	0.14
			Allotments	0.02	0.00	-0.02
Total				0.71	15.51	14.80
24	North Prescott	2 915	Parks & Gardens	2.33	2.67	0.34
			Amenity Greenspace	1.46	1.54	0.08
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.29	0.18	-0.11
			Allotments	0.15	0.00	-0.15
Total				4.23	4.39	0.16
25	South Prescott	1 989	Parks & Gardens	1.59	6.95	5.36
			Amenity Greenspace	0.99	2.79	1.80
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.20	0.37	0.17
			Allotments	0.10	0.00	-0.10
Total				2.88	10.11	7.23
26	East Prescott	4 332	Parks & Gardens	3.47	2.21	-1.26
			Amenity Greenspace	2.17	5.82	3.65
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.43	0.14	-0.29
			Allotments	0.22	0.00	-0.22
Total				6.28	8.17	1.89
27	Cross Lane	7 298	Parks & Gardens	5.84	28.64	22.80
			Amenity Greenspace	3.65	7.99	4.34
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.73	0.21	-0.52
			Allotments	0.36	0.56	0.20
Total				10.58	37.40	26.82

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SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
28	Milton Avenue	1 525	Parks & Gardens	1.22	0.00	-1.22
			Amenity Greenspace	0.76	0.91	0.15
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.15	0.00	-0.15
			Allotments	0.08	0.00	-0.08
Total				2.21	0.91	-1.30
29	Windy Arbor	1 654	Parks & Gardens	1.32	37.15	35.83
			Amenity Greenspace	0.83	0.99	0.16
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.17	0.00	-0.17
			Allotments	0.08	0.00	-0.08
Total				2.40	38.14	35.74
30	Lickers Lane	5 061	Parks & Gardens	4.05	1.24	-2.81
			Amenity Greenspace	2.53	8.38	5.85
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.51	0.30	-0.21
			Allotments	0.25	0.00	-0.25
Total				7.34	9.92	2.58
31	Cronton Village	1 119	Parks & Gardens	0.90	1.75	0.85
			Amenity Greenspace	0.56	0.38	-0.18
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.11	0.16	0.05
			Allotments	0.06	0.00	-0.06
Total				1.62	2.29	0.67
32	Macketts Lane	4 186	Parks & Gardens	3.35	9.96	6.61
			Amenity Greenspace	2.09	8.90	6.81
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.42	0.74	0.32
			Allotments	0.21	0.00	-0.21
Total				6.07	19.60	13.53
33	Okell Drive	3 065	Parks & Gardens	2.45	8.23	5.78
			Amenity Greenspace	1.53	5.46	3.93
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.31	0.07	-0.24
			Allotments	0.15	0.00	-0.15
Total				4.44	13.76	9.32

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SRA	Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
34	Court Farm	1 240	Parks & Gardens	0.99	0.00	-0.99
			Amenity Greenspace	0.62	0.86	0.24
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.12	0.00	-0.12
			Allotments	0.06	0.00	-0.06
Total				1.80	0.86	-0.94
35	Halewood Village	3 013	Parks & Gardens	2.41	8.23	5.82
			Amenity Greenspace	1.51	7.16	5.65
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.30	0.46	0.16
			Allotments	0.15	0.00	-0.15
Total				4.37	15.85	11.34
36	Wood Road	2 802	Parks & Gardens	2.24	12.25	10.01
			Amenity Greenspace	1.40	0.92	-0.48
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.28	0.52	0.24
			Allotments	0.14	0.00	-0.14
Total				4.06	13.69	11.48
37	Baileys Lane	2 552	Parks & Gardens	2.04	0.00	-2.04
			Amenity Greenspace	1.28	1.01	-0.27
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.26	0.35	0.09
			Allotments	0.13	0.00	-0.13
Total				3.70	1.36	-2.34
38	Torrington Drive	3 162	Parks & Gardens	2.53	14.86	12.33
			Amenity Greenspace	1.58	3.70	2.12
			Provision for Children & Young People	0.32	0.30	-0.02
			Allotments	0.16	0.24	0.08
Total				4.58	19.10	14.52

Source:

Knowsley Local Plan Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

The data available for outdoor sports provision (excluding Golf Courses) which is available for community use for 2013/14 is set out below and reflects the performance against emerging standards within the Local Plan: Core Strategy policy CS21 against

the Community Areas identified within the Greenspace Standards and New Development SPD.

Area	Population	Typology	Required (ha)	Provision / Amount (ha)	Surplus / Deficit (ha)
Knowsley	145 893	Outdoor Sport Provision (excluding Golf Courses)	155.93	177.94	22.01
Kirkby	41 554	Outdoor Sport Provision (excluding Golf Courses)	44.03	45.07	1.04
Huyton	58 875	Outdoor Sport Provision (excluding Golf Courses)	60.64	76.12	15.48
Prescot, Whiston & Cronton Village	25 540	Outdoor Sport Provision (excluding Golf Courses)	28.09	31.87	3.78
Halewood	20 323	Outdoor Sport Provision (excluding Golf Courses)	23.17	24.88	1.71

Source:
Knowsley Local Plan Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The general performance of individual Substantial Residential Areas (SRAs) and Community Areas (CAs) relative to public open space and outdoor sports provision standards is positive. There are overall quantity surpluses of public open spaces in 33 of 38 SRAs in Knowsley, and an overall surplus of outdoor sports provision in each Community Area. This is an improvement since 2012/13 due to the implementation of the standards within the emerging Local Plan (policy CS21).	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 88	Indicator	Percentage of open space – considered to be good quality or excellent quality, awarded Green Flag status
Trend / Target	Maintain or increase	Unit	Percentage, number of awards
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS21

The most recent qualitative assessments in March 2014 covered three of Knowsley's public open space typologies (park and gardens, provision for children and young people and allotments) and identified that **87%** of existing sites are considered to be excellent or good quality.

The following table provides a comparison of the annual change in the proportion of public open spaces rated as excellent or good since 2010. Further information concerning the scoring categorisation and criteria is in the Knowsley Greenspace Audit.

Greenspace Quality Scores, 2010 - 2014

Public Open Space with Quality Score	Year			
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Excellent	38%	51%	56%	58%
Good	23%	34%	30%	29%
Total	61%	85%	86%	87%

Source:

Knowsley Council Environmental Sustainability Service (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

With regard to the above, the Council does not intend to record quality scores for amenity greenspace. This is because the data for this typology is influenced by the effect of the better quality of these spaces being improved to park and garden status.

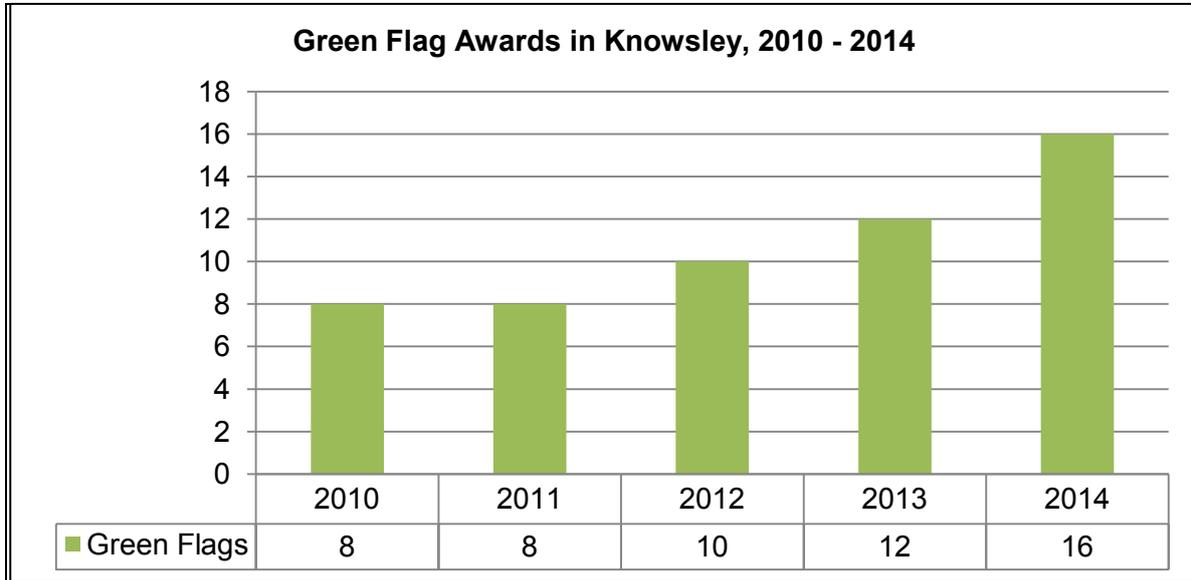
In 2014, 16 parks and gardens in Knowsley were awarded Green Flag status (an increase of 4 since 2012/13). These are listed below, with new awards for 2013/14 highlighted with an asterisk:

Green Flag Parks in Knowsley

Park Name	Park Name
Court Farm Woods*	Knowsley Cemetery
Court Hey Park	McGoldrick Park
Eaton Street Recreation Ground	Millbrook Park Millennium Green
Halewood Park	Sawpit Park
Henley Park	St Chad's Gardens
Jubilee Park	Ten Acre Pits*
KGV Playing Fields (Huyton)	The Pasture
Little Wood*	Webster Park*

*New

Green Flag Awards in Knowsley, 2010 - 2014



Source:

Green Flag Awards (Keep Britain Tidy, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis

There is a positive trend of improvement of the quality of Knowsley's public open spaces since 2010 relative to this monitoring indicator.

The number of Green Flag Awards in Knowsley has increased from 2010 onwards, reaching a peak of 16 awards in 2014.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 89	Indicator	Number of greenspace quality improvement schemes delivered
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Schemes per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS21

This indicator is intended to assess progress relating to continued qualitative improvements to public open space in Knowsley. This is noting the priorities within the Council's Green Space Strategy, as evidenced by the Greenspace Audit and Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy, and supported by contributions received in accordance with the Greenspace Standards and New Development SPD.

The data below indicates the number of schemes implemented each year since 2011. The number of improvement schemes is not regarded as a performance measure by the Council due to variation in the scale of each project. Site specific details of improvements and how these influence the overall quality of greenspace provision will be provided within bi-annual reviews of the Greenspace Audit.

Greenspace Quality Improvement Schemes in Knowsley, 2010 - 2014*

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of greenspace quality improvement schemes delivered	23	24	21	27

* only projects valued £0.010 and above included

Source:

Knowsley Council Environmental Sustainability Service (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The data indicates a consistent number of improvement schemes implemented within Knowsley's greenspaces. However an on-going trend or performance cannot reasonably be drawn from this information.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 90	Indicator	Resident satisfaction with parks and open spaces
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Percentage residents satisfied / very satisfied
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS19, CS21

This indicator is intended to supplement the quality assessments undertaken by the Council relating to public open space in Knowsley. This is noting the priorities within the Council's Green Space Strategy, as evidenced by the Greenspace Audit and Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy, and supported by contributions received in accordance with the Greenspace Standards and New Development SPD.

Resident Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces, 2010 - 2014

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
% residents satisfied with parks and open spaces	Not collected	67%	82%	62%
% residents satisfied with play facilities	Not collected	53%	73%	53%

Source:

Knowsley Council Environmental Sustainability Service (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Resident satisfaction with both open spaces and play facilities has decreased between 2013 and 2014. However the collation of data over a longer period is required to assess whether this indicates a potential trend.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 91	Indicator	Number of applications approved with contributions towards open space provision: on-site, off-site and financial contributions collected for open space
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Planning applications per annum, £ per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS21, CS27

This indicator assesses the extent to which financial payments from new development are contributing in accordance with the Greenspace Standards and New Development SPD to the priorities within the Council's Green Space Strategy, as evidenced by the Greenspace Audit and Playing Pitch Assessment & Strategy.

Contributions Collected Towards Open Space Provision, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Planning Permissions Approved - Total	488	467	493	431
Contributions towards on site open space provision	0	0	0	0
Contributions towards off site open space provision.	19	37	25	16
Funds agreed	£256,516.14	£420,555.38	£734,864.87	£886,365.14
Funds collected	£232 700.46	£223 443.47	£466 939.65	£215,304.96

Source:

Knowsley Council Development Management (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is no specific target for this indicator and no consistency in the number of planning permissions approved or which are subject to financial contributions. However there is a trend of an increase in the value of contributions agreed per annum. The total amounts of money collected have varied over the past 4 years with a significant uplift in 2012/13, which has been maintained and increased in 2013/14.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 92	Indicator	Number and location of Local Green Spaces designated
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Designations per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS21, CS27

The National Planning Policy Framework published in March 2012 introduced the definition of Local Green Spaces. From April 2013 - March 2014, no requests for designation or formal designations of Local Green Spaces were made in Knowsley as indicated in the table below.

Number of Local Green Spaces Designated, 2010 - 2014

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Local Green Spaces Designated	N/A	N/A	0	0

Source:

Policy Impact and Intelligence (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is no specific target for this indicator and no requests for designation or formal designations of Local Green Spaces have been made in Knowsley to date.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 93	Indicator	Progress against Biodiversity Action Plan targets
Trend / Target	Increase (or no change) in proportion of sites in positive conservation management	Unit	Progress against targets
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS8, CS21

The National Planning Policy Framework published in March 2012, includes objectives relating to biodiversity in terms of minimising impacts and enhancement where possible. The following table indicates the findings of the most recent monitoring cycle in 2013/14, and includes for comparison purposes data for the previous year.

Single Data List - Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management is being or has been implemented

Local Sites - positive conservation in 5 years prior to 31/3/2014	Total number of Local Sites	%
30	70	43

Local Sites known to be in positive conservation management in Knowsley 2013/14

	Number of sites in positive management	Total number of sites assessed	Proportion of sites in positive management (%)
Local Wildlife Site	30	64	46.9
Local Geological Sites	Not assessed	6	N/A
Combined Local Sites	30	70	43

Local Sites known to be in positive conservation management in Knowsley 2012/13

	Number of sites in positive management	Total number of sites assessed	Proportion of sites in positive management (%)
Local Wildlife Site	28	64	43.7
Local Geological Sites	Not assessed	6	N/A
Combined Local Sites	28	70	40

Source:

Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service Monitoring System (MEAS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis

A comparison between the data for 2012/13 and the most recent data for 2013/14 identifies an encouraging short term trend of an increase in the number and proportion of sites in positive conservation management.



Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 95	Indicator	Proportion of Local Wildlife Sites where monitoring and/or positive conservation management has been or is being implemented
Trend / Target	Increase (or no change) in proportion of Local Wildlife Sites	Unit	Sites, percentage
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS21

The National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012) includes objectives relating to biodiversity in terms of minimising impacts and enhancement where possible. The data below indicates the change in areas of local wildlife sites where monitoring and conservation management has or is being implemented with comparative information from 2010 - 2014 where available.

Monitoring and Conservation Management in Local Wildlife Sites, 2010 - 2014					
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of Local Wildlife Sites	64	64	65	65	64
Proportion where monitoring taking place (%)	17.1	21.8	21.5	21.5	21.5
Proportion where conservation management has been / is being implemented (%)	24.6	31.8	43.7	43.7	46.9

Source:

MEAS Monitoring System (MEAS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The available information relating to monitoring and conservation management in Local Wildlife Sites suggests a short term trend of overall increase.	
	Longer term trends are required to assess the performance of policy approaches to biodiversity, noting that the historic situation does not reflect an appropriate timescale beyond the publication of the NPPF and the Local Plan: Core Strategy is yet to be adopted.	

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 96	Indicator	Number of: Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Ramsar sites, Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites, Local Nature Reserve
Trend / Target	Increase or no change	Unit	Sites
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS8, CS21, CS27

The National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012) includes objectives relating to biodiversity in terms of minimising impacts and enhancement where possible. The data below indicates changes in the number of different types of environmental designations within Knowsley since 2010.

Total Environmental Designations in Knowsley, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	0	0	0	0
Special Areas of Conservation	0	0	0	0
Special Protection Areas	0	0	0	0
Ramsar Sites	0	0	0	0
Local Wildlife Sites	64	65	65	64
Local Geological Sites	6	6	6	6
Local Nature Reserves	1	1	1	1

Source:

MEAS Monitoring System (MEAS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Available information indicates that the total number of environmental designations is unlikely to vary significantly from year to year. However there has been the removal of designation from a single Local Wildlife Site in 2013/14.	
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9. Promoting Health and Wellbeing

MI 97 – MI 110

The ninth strategic objective within the emerging Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy is:

9. Promoting Health and Wellbeing

“To address existing health inequalities and encourage enhancements to the health and wellbeing of Knowsley’s residents by ensuring a health promoting environment and provision of healthy lifestyle options for those living and working in the Borough.”

The following section of this Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which this objective is being met and contains two sub-themes as follows:

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Population	MI 97 – MI 106
Health and Risk	MI 107 – MI 110

Population (MI 97 – MI 106)

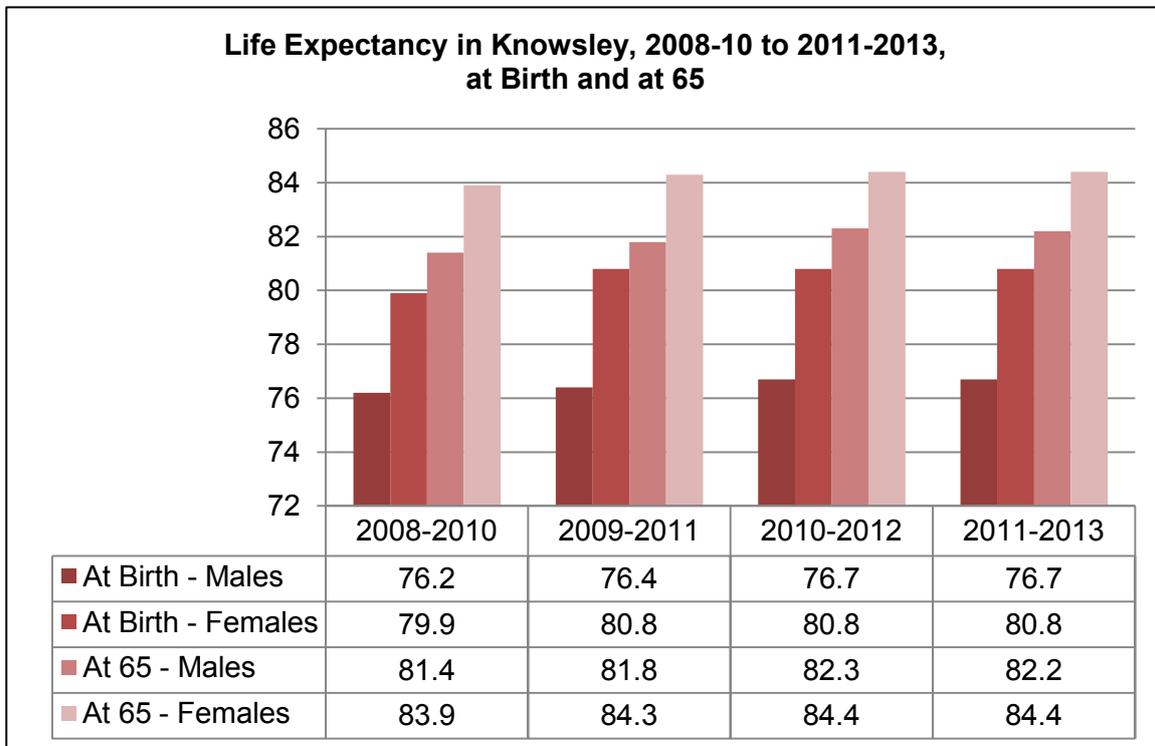
This theme focuses upon monitoring indicators relating to levels of deprivation, life expectancy, healthy life expectancy, poverty, income, educational attainment and employment levels.

Health and Risk (MI 107 – MI 110)

This theme focuses upon monitoring indicators relating to quality of life, participation in active lifestyles and risk factors such as levels of crime and traffic safety.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 98	Indicator	Life expectancy – all residents
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Years
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2

For the period 2010 – 2021, the life expectancy at birth for males in Knowsley was 76.6 years and for females was 80.7 years. Expectancies for those who had reached an age of 65 by this period were 82.2 years for males, and 84.3 years for females.



Source:

Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by local areas in England and Wales, 2011-13 (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Life expectancy in Knowsley has increased over the period from 2008-10 to 2011-13. This includes increases for life expectancy at birth and at age 65, for both males and females.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: red; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: orange; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: green; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: grey; border: 1px solid black; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">✓</div> </div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 99	Indicator	Healthy life expectancy
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Years
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2

For the period 2010 – 2012, the healthy life expectancy at birth for males in Knowsley was 56.9 years (or 74.2% of life expectancy) and for females was 57.5 years (or 71.2% of life expectancy).

Healthy Life Expectancy in Knowsley, 2010-12 at Birth

Year	Knowsley 2010-12	North West 2010-12	England 2010-12
At Birth - Males	56.9 years	61.3 years	63.4 years
Proportion of Life (%)	74.2%	78.8%	80.0%
At Birth - Females	57.5 years	61.8 years	64.1 years
Proportion of Life (%)	71.2%	75.6%	77.2%

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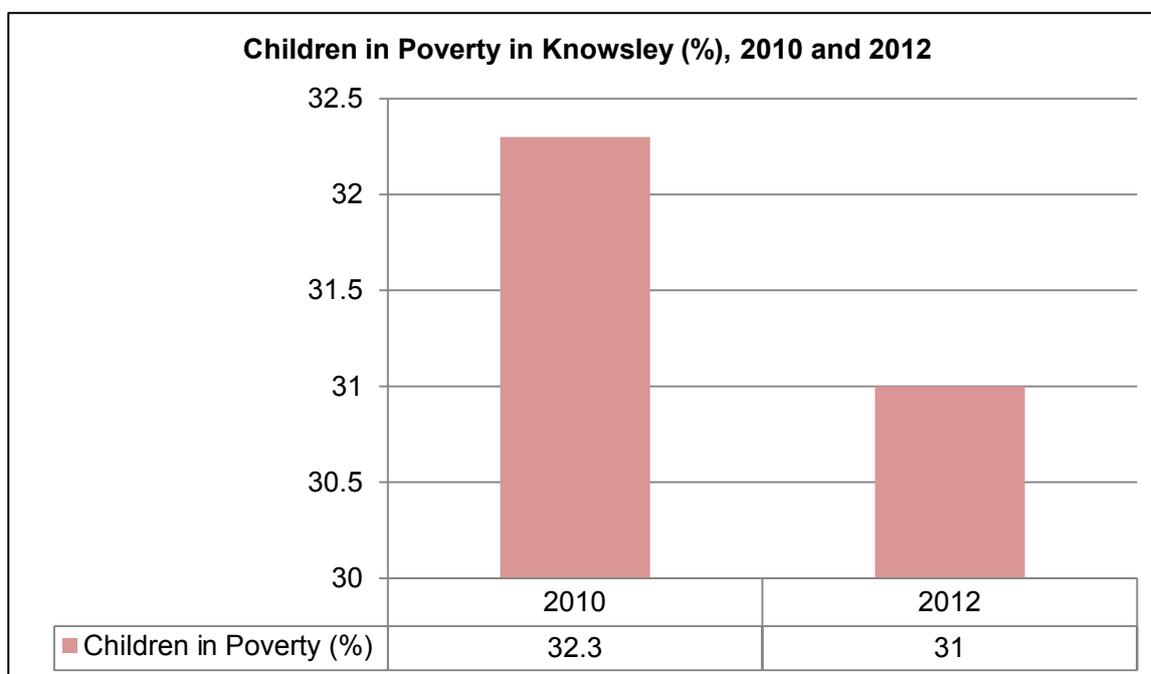
Healthy life expectancy at birth by upper tier authority in England, 2010-12 (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The figures for healthy life expectancy of persons born in Knowsley between 2010 and 2012 demonstrated significant underperformance relative to regional and national averages for both males and females. This includes expected healthy life expectancy in terms of years (which is longer on average for females) and proportion of life (which is longer on average for males). Comparison of longer term trends will be required to assess indicators of improvement or decline locally.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 101	Indicator	Percentage of children living in poverty under 16 years of age
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Percentage population
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2

Child poverty is defined as: ‘the proportion of children living in families in receipt of out-of-work (means-tested) benefits or in receipt of tax credits where their reported income is less than 60 per cent of median income’.

In 2010, it was calculated that 32.3% of children in Knowsley were living in poverty. In 2012, it was estimated that this had decreased to 31% of children.



NB. This indicator has been updated from the Local Plan: Monitoring Report for 2013, using the recognised HMRC data.

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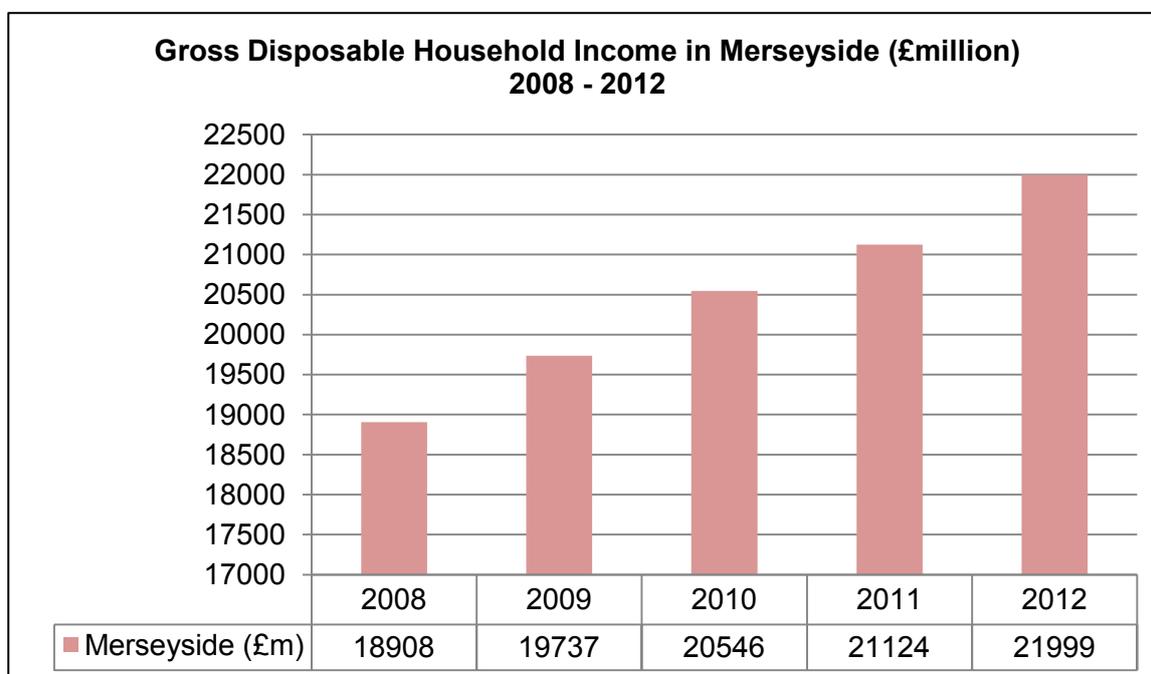
Children in low-income families local measure: 2012 snapshot as at 31 August 2012 (HMRC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is limited recent recorded data available for child poverty in Knowsley. The estimated level has decreased slightly between 2010 and 2012.	✗
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 102	Indicator	Average household income
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	£ per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

Data is not currently available for average household income at the Local Authority level. This means that the nearest proxy is the Gross Disposable Household Income data held at the Merseyside level.

In 2012, Gross Disposable Household Income in Merseyside totalled £22bn. No data is available for 2013 or 2014, as the published data is reported with a two year delay.



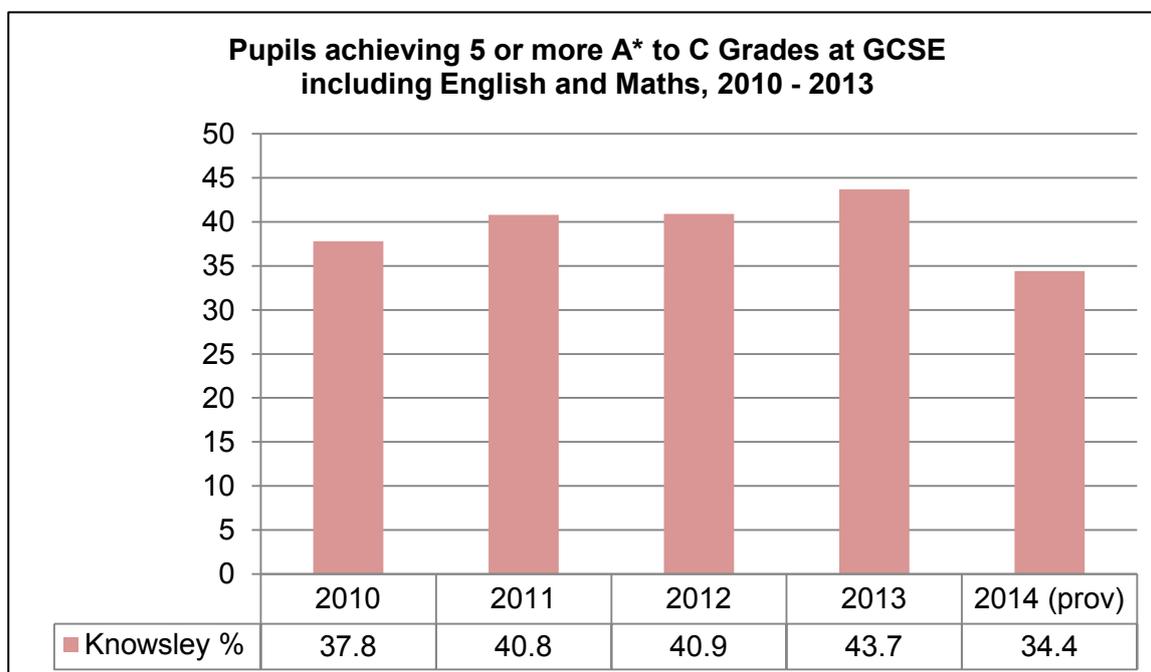
Source:

Regional Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI) at current basic prices (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The required data is not available at the Local Authority level, but the general trend reflects steady annual growth in household income in Merseyside between 2008 and 2012. The Council will consider alternative sources of information to report on this indicator at a local level.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 103	Indicator	Pupils at the end of KS4 achieving 5 or more A* - Cs including English and Maths
Trend / Target	Increase	Unit	Percentage
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

In 2013, 43.7% of Pupils at Knowsley schools achieved 5 or more GCSEs at A* to C level including English and Maths. Provisional figures for the 2014 year group indicated that this level had decreased to 34.4%.



Source:

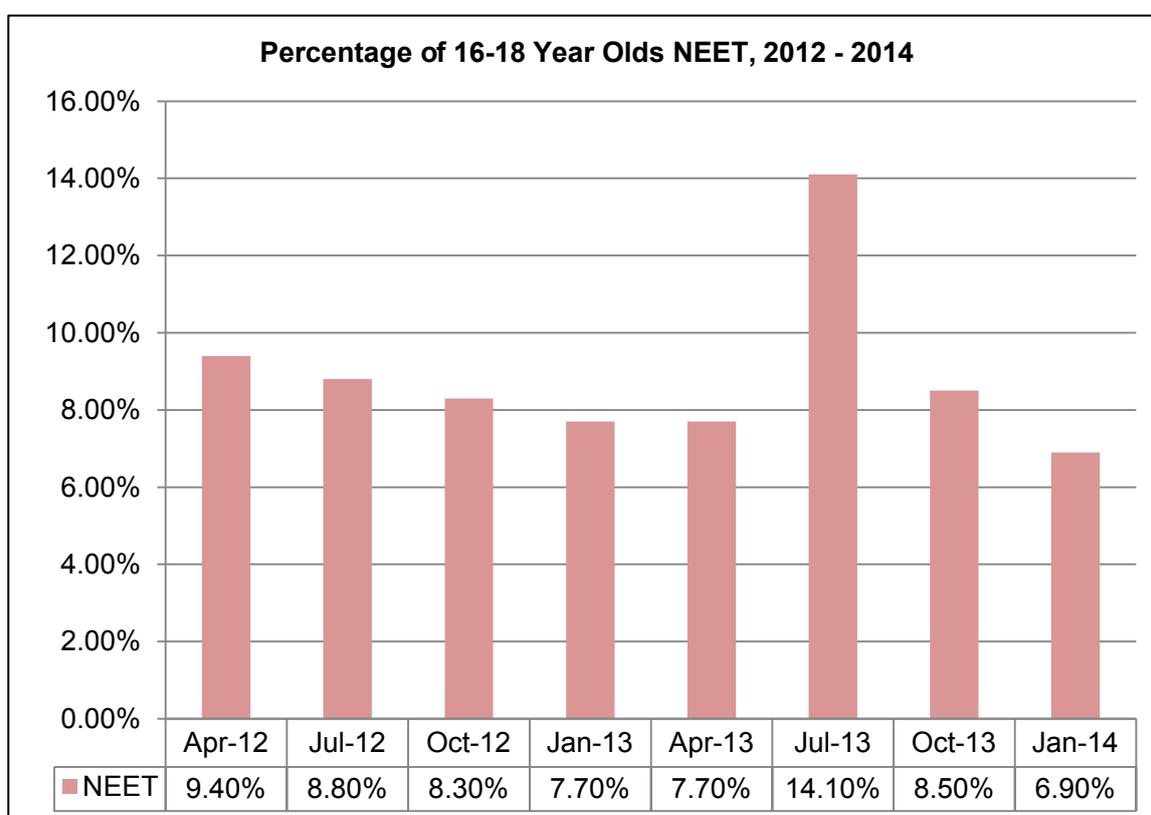
GCSE Attainment Records, Policy Impact and Intelligence Division (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more A* to C grades at GCSE level in Knowsley improved between 2010 and 2013, but dropped in 2014. Attainment levels in Knowsley remain significantly below the national average.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: red; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: orange; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: green; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: grey;"></div> </div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 104	Indicator	16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Percentage
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS4

In January 2014, 6.9% of 16-18 year olds in Knowsley were not in education, employment or training (NEET).

There is no comparable data available for the period 2010 – 2011.



Source:

Knowsley Connexions (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	Levels of NEET in Knowsley have declined overall, over the period April 2012 to January 2014.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: red; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: orange; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: green; margin-bottom: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">✓</div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: grey; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> </div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 105	Indicator	Total number of crimes
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Number of crimes
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS19

In the year ending 31 March 2014, there were 8,844 registered crimes in Knowsley. The highest number of crimes was attributable to categories of criminal damage and arson, and drug offences.

Crimes in Knowsley, 2010 - 2014

Year Ending	31 March 2010	31 March 2011	31 March 2012	31 March 2013	31 March 2014
All other theft offences	662	909	983	733	909
Bicycle theft	134	96	150	133	107
Criminal damage and arson	2943	2297	2257	1969	1999
Domestic burglary	868	740	605	546	472
Drug offences	2293	1855	1601	1335	1323
Fraud offences to 2012/13	317	268	324	385	0
Homicide	3	1	2	1	5
Miscellaneous crimes against society	114	112	87	72	110
Non-domestic burglary	577	508	646	451	508
Possession of weapons offences	117	95	84	67	79
Public order offences	664	471	411	390	306
Robbery	176	101	110	85	84
Sexual offences	57	86	68	111	134
Shoplifting	735	755	635	617	825
Theft from the person	78	64	75	80	66
Vehicle offences	1178	1002	951	1032	808
Violence with injury	530	507	503	575	633
Violence without injury	386	375	291	353	476
Total	11832	10242	9783	8935	8844

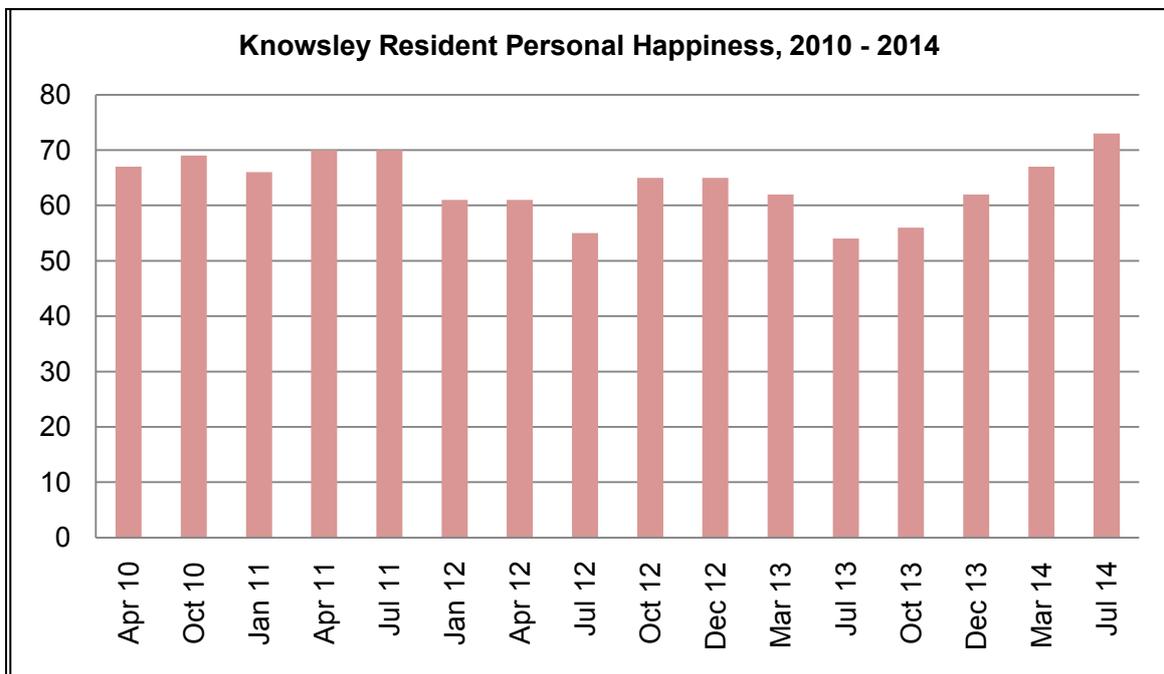
Source:

Crime Survey for England and Wales - Crime Statistics (ONS, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The overall number of crimes in Knowsley has decreased significantly over the period up to the 2013/14 financial year.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 106	Indicator	Perceptions relating to quality of life
Trend / Target	Increase %	Unit	Percentage residents – perception of place, community and own wellbeing
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS1 – CS4, CS6 – CS8, CS19, CS20

The reported personal happiness of Knowsley residents is recorded through the quarterly Tracker Survey. The data below comprises the period 2010 - 2014.



Source:

Knowsley Council Tracker Survey (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The proportion of respondents expressing that they are happy or very happy has remained around 60 to 70% for the period between 2010 and 2014. Longer term trends will be required to understand overall performance.	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: red; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: orange; margin-bottom: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">✓</div> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: green; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: grey; margin-bottom: 2px;"></div> </div>
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 107	Indicator	Number of residents who die from: lung cancer, liver disease, respiratory problems and heart disease
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Persons per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2

This indicator measures causes of Knowsley resident deaths by four common types of mortality, which are often linked to measures of deprivation. The data demonstrates an overall decline in the number of deaths from 2010 to 2012, with a slight increase in 2013.

Causes of Knowsley Resident Deaths , 2010 - 2013

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013
Lung cancer	144	149	109	135
Liver disease	46	38	19	24
Respiratory problems	242	228	243	286
Heart Disease	406	335	349	349
Total	838	750	720	794

Source:

Public Health Intelligence Team (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There was an overall reduction in cumulative resident deaths across the four assessed causes between 2010 and 2012, with a slight increase in 2013. However information concerning longer term trends will be required to assess performance and identify any potential actions to facilitate improvements.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 108	Indicator	Proportion of physically active and inactive adult residents
Trend / Target	Increase %	Unit	Percentage adults
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS7, CS8, CS21

The indicator measures the percentage of adults (aged 16 and over) participating in at least 30 minutes of sport at moderate intensity at least once a week. The results are taken from the National Active People Survey (Sport England) dataset in 2014, which most recently reported the data for 2012/13.

Knowsley Physically Active and Inactive Adult Residents, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
% Physically Active Adults	30.7%	33.9%	52.2%	N/A
% Physically Inactive Adults	69.3%	66.1%	32.8%	N/A

Source:

Active People Survey (Sport England, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	In general, Knowsley residents who responded to the national survey indicate a positive trend in terms of active participation in sport at moderate intensity from 2011/12 to 2012/13. However levels of moderate physical activity in England and the North West region are generally higher than in Knowsley and at 53.3% and 56.6% respectively were again in 2012/13. Information concerning longer term trends will be required to assess performance and identify any potential actions to facilitate improvements.	
		✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 109	Indicator	Utilisation of green space for exercise / health reasons
Trend / Target	Increase %	Unit	Percentage population
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS8, CS22

The reported utilisation of greenspace for exercise and health reasons by Knowsley resident is recorded through an annual survey by Public Health England. The available data is presented below from 2010 onwards.

Utilisation of greenspace for exercise and health reasons by Knowsley resident respondent (at upper confidence level)

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Yes	1.6%	7.2%	14.7%	13.8%
No	98.4%	92.8%	85.3%	86.2%

Source:

PHOF Indicator 1.16 - percentage of people using outdoor places for health / exercise reasons (Public Health England, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	In general, the findings of this national survey indicate a low utilisation by Knowsley residents of greenspace for exercise and health reasons, despite a short term trend of improvement from 2010/11 onwards. Notwithstanding this positive trend, the proportion of residents who use greenspace for exercise and health reasons remains significantly below the national average of 17.1% of residents during the same period.	
	In view of the above, there is a need for a better understanding of longer term trends to draw robust conclusions regarding the reasons for comparatively poor performance against this measure, assess the realistic potential for improvement and associated actions required. This is noting the “disconnect” with the overall outcomes of MI 86 - MI 90 which identify positive trends in qualitative improvements and satisfaction levels with greenspaces, together with limited deficits in terms of quantity of provision and accessibility to residents.	✓

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 110	Indicator	Number of: people killed or seriously injured in traffic accidents; children killed or seriously injured in traffic accidents
Trend / Target	Decrease	Unit	Persons per annum
Indicator Type	Contextual	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS7

The data below provides an indication of the recent trends relating to the impacts of traffic accidents in Knowsley since 2010. The most recent data available relates to the last full year – 2013.

Impacts of Traffic Accidents in Knowsley, 2010 - 2013

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of people killed or seriously injured	55	41	66	59
Number of children killed or seriously injured	5	4	8	8
Number of people / children with slight injuries	459	381	432	344

Source:

Sustainable Travel Monitoring – Highways (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	The most recent data in 2013 reflects a reduction in total impacts from 2012 and the lowest total since 2010. However the figure still remains higher than 2011 in terms of number of people and children killed or seriously injured.	✓
	Notwithstanding the above, longer term trends are required to draw definitive conclusions on performance against these measures.	✓

10. Planning Process

MI 111 – MI 115

The emerging Knowsley Local Plan contains no strategic objective linked to indicators relating to the planning process. This data does however provide contextual information on the development management function which will support delivery of the Plan.

Sub Theme	Monitoring Framework Reference
Miscellaneous	MI 111 – MI 115

Miscellaneous (MI 111 – MI 115)

This theme focuses upon monitoring indicators relating to speed of planning application determination, number and outcome of appeals, together with issues relating to developer contributions and economic viability.

Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 111	Indicator	Planning application determination rate, for applications determined in 8 weeks, 13 weeks
Trend / Target	See Table	Unit	Percentage applications
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	SD1

The information on the determination of planning applications suggests that the local and national targets for both major (within 13 weeks) and minor (within 8 weeks) were achieved in 2013/14.

Planning Application Determination Rates, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Local Target	National Target
Minor / Small Scale Applications Total	454	438	456	392		
% Minor / Small Scale Applications determined within 8 weeks	77%	73%	83%	94%	70%	65%
Major Applications Total	34	29	37	39		
% Major Applications determined within 13 weeks	44%	38%	60%	72%	60%	60%

Source: Knowsley Development Management Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	There is a positive trend of improvement in the speed of determination of both major and minor planning applications since 2010/2011. The achievement of the target for determination of major applications within 13 weeks was finally achieved in 2012/13 and continued in 2013/14.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 112	Indicator	Number of appeals upheld and policy reasons for this
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Planning applications per annum, percentage per annum
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS2, CS19

Information is provided below on the number of appeals decided, with a breakdown of those dismissed and upheld on an annual basis over the last three years. The indicator is contextual due to the variation in development proposals making comparison of performance extremely difficult. However it is evident that in the most recent year – 2013/14, 75% of appeals determined were dismissed.

Planning Appeals in Knowsley, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Planning appeals	18	14	12	12
Appeals dismissed	10	4	9	9
Appeals upheld	7	5	3	3

Source: Knowsley Development Management Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	No reasonable assessment of performance can be derived due to the variables associated to each appeal. However there is a positive trend in the proportion of all appeals which were dismissed in 2012/13 and 2013/14 (75%) compared to 2011/12 (44%).	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 113	Indicator	Number of schemes contributing in-kind and financial developer contributions, and quantity of funds collected
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Schemes, £
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS1, CS7, CS15, CS27

This indicator assesses the extent to which contributions have been secured to make development acceptable. The indicator is contextual due to the variation in development proposals making comparison of performance extremely difficult.

Developer Contributions in Knowsley, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Schemes including In-kind Contributions	0	0	0	0
Financial Contributions received	20	41	26	26
Total Financial Contributions collected	£232,700.46	£223,443.47	£578,555.22	£244,170.90

Source: Knowsley Development Management Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	No reasonable assessment of performance can be derived due to the variables associated with each development proposal.	
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Monitoring Framework Reference	MI 114	Indicator	Instances of developer contributions being reduced / removed on economic viability grounds
Trend / Target	n/a	Unit	Schemes
Indicator Type	Intermediate	Policy Coverage	CS15, CS27

This indicator shows the extent to which contributions have been reduced or removed on the grounds of economic viability. The indicator is contextual due to the variation in development proposals making comparison of performance extremely difficult, but provides an early understanding of the effect of publication of guidance on this matter in the National Planning Policy Framework in March 2012. This is noting that the only instances where removals or reductions have been recorded were in 2012/13 and 2013/14. These cases affected 7 (or 22%) in 2012/13 and 2 (or 2%) in 2013/14 of the total number of schemes including financial contributions.

Developer Contributions and Economic Viability, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Schemes including In-kind Contributions	0	0	0	0
Proposals requiring Financial Contributions	20	41	32	120
Instances of Contributions Removed or Reduced on Economic Viability Grounds	0	0	7	2

Source: Knowsley Development Management Monitoring System (Knowsley MBC, 2014)

Overall Performance Analysis	No reasonable assessment of performance can be derived due to the variables associated with each development proposal.	
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4.0 PROGRESS IN PREPARING LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

4.0 General approach

4.0.1 The Knowsley Local Plan will comprise several documents as follows:

- The **Local Plan: Core Strategy** will set the broad strategic framework for the growth and development of Knowsley up to 2028 and beyond;
- The **Local Plan: Site Allocations and Development Policies** will identify proposed site allocations for new housing, employment and other forms of development and more detailed policies;
- The **Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan** sets the planning strategy for the sustainable management of all waste streams across the sub region together with site allocations to maximise the potential for driving waste up the waste hierarchy. The Waste Local Plan was adopted in 2013 having been prepared by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service on behalf of 6 authorities in the Liverpool City Region.

4.0.2 At the end of 2014 the "saved" policies" in the **Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan (2006)** still form a key part of the adopted "development plan" for Knowsley. The "saved" policies in this Plan which concerned waste management (policies MW4, MW5 and MW6) ceased to have effect in 2013 following the adoption of the Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan. The remaining "saved" policies will be replaced by the policies of the Local Plan: Core Strategy and Local Plan: Site Allocations and Development Policies as these are adopted.

4.0.3 The **Local Plan Policies map** (formerly known as the "Proposals Map") will be maintained and updated when required as a separate document and sets out on an Ordnance Survey base, all existing site allocations and designations covering the whole Borough. The Council is also preparing various Supplementary Planning Documents which will provide further detail where required on specific topics.

Figure 2.1 – Planning Policy in Knowsley, Knowsley Local Plan



4.0.4 Further details about the proposed structure of the Local Plan are set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS). In July 2013 the Council published a fourth revision to the LDS which can be viewed on line at www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan together with a “real time” update of progress in preparing the Local Plan documents.

4.0.5 The LDS:

- lists all documents that will form part of the Local Plan and their specific roles;
- outlines the timetable showing when each stage of production will take place;
- describes the relationship between the documents that are to be produced; and
- outlines how progress will be monitored.

4.0.6 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, requires Monitoring Reports to assess progress on the implementation of the LDS.

4.1 Progress in 2013/14 on the Local Plan

4.1.1 In 2013/14 the primary focus of activity has been on the Local Plan: Core Strategy.

- 4.1.2 The Council submitted the **Local Plan: Core Strategy** to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in July 2013. It is currently (as at December 2014) undergoing its examination in public by a Government Planning Inspector and is expected to be adopted during 2015. This timescale is behind that set in the 2013 LDS. The delays compared to the timescales set out in the LDS can be attributed to the need for additional work to assess a large number of responses to earlier consultation on the Strategy, to fill the policy gaps left by the revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy (in May 2013), to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework and to consult on modifications during the Examination in Public process.
- 4.1.3 The **Local Plan: Site Allocations and Development Policies** document has been delayed until sufficient progress has been made on the Core Strategy. Work will now commence on this document following the adoption of the Local Plan: Core Strategy.
- 4.1.4 The **Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan** was adopted by Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral Councils in July 2013.
- 4.1.5 Table 3.1 compares the target milestones contained in the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) with the date that each stage was achieved or is now likely to be achieved.

Table 3.1 Local Plan Current Progress

Document Title	Stage	Target date (Knowsley LDS January 2012)	Target date Knowsley LDS (July 2013)	Actual Date
Core Strategy	Public participation: Issues and Options	November 2009 - January 2010	-	27 November 2009 to 22 January 2010
	Public Participation: Preferred Options	June 2011 - September 2011	-	27 June 2011 to 5 September 2011
	Publication	August - September 2012	-	8 November 2012 to 21 December 2012
	Submission To Secretary of State	November 2012	-	19 July 2013
	Examination in public hearings	March 2013	November 2013	5 - 21 November 2013 & 22 - 23 July 2014

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Document Title	Stage	Target date (Knowsley LDS January 2012)	Target date Knowsley LDS (July 2013)	Actual Date
	Adoption	July 2013	June 2014	-
Site Allocations and Development Policies	Public Participation: Preferred Options	July 2013 - September 2013	June 2014	-
	Publication	June - July 2014	-	-
	Submission To Secretary of State	September 2014	April 2015	-
	Examination in public	December 2014	September 2015	-
	Adoption	March 2015	December 2015	-
Merseyside and Halton Waste Joint Local Plan	Public participation: Issues and Options Report	March - April 2007	-	March - April 2007
	Public participation: preferred options and proposals	May - June 2010	-	24 May 2010 to 4 July 2010
	Date for Publication	November 2011 - January 2012	-	November 2011
	Submission To Secretary of State	February 2012	-	February 2012
	Examination in public	May 2012	-	June 2012.
	Publication of Modifications	-	-	November 2012 - January 2013
	Adoption	December 2012	September 2013	18 July 2013

4.2 Supplementary Planning Documents

4.2.1 Supplementary planning documents (SPDs) do not have “development plan” status. They can cover a range of issues and their role is to provide greater detail and guidance to supplement the policies in Local Plan documents (with which they must comply). Knowsley Council has adopted a number of SPDs and proposes to prepare a number of new SPDs.

4.2.2 The range of adopted SPDs in Knowsley is described in the Council’s published Local Development Scheme (2013) and includes:

- the **North Huyton Action Area SPD** (adopted in February 2007)
- the **Tower Hill (Kirkby) Action Area SPD** (adopted in April 2007)
- the **Greenspace Standards and New Development SPD** (adopted in November 2007)
- the **Householder Development SPD** (adopted in November 2007)
- the **Ensuring a Choice of Travel SPD** (adopted in September 2010)

4.2.3 The Council intends to prepare **new Supplementary Planning Documents** to support the policies within its Local Plan documents. The Knowsley Local Development Scheme (2013) gives further details of the currently adopted SPDs (listed above) but does not list Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) that the Council proposes to prepare or the timescales for their preparation. Further details about the schedule for the preparation of new Supplementary Planning Documents are available within the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy document (in the supporting text under each policy) and on the Council’s website at www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan.

4.3 Neighbourhood Plans

4.3.1 The Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 provided a new statutory regime for neighbourhood planning. Neighbourhood planning can be taken forward by town or parish councils or by new style "neighbourhood forums". The legislation will allow these bodies to prepare neighbourhood plans or development orders to influence the future of their areas. Neighbourhood plans or orders must be generally consistent with the strategic policies of the Local Plan which aim to deliver the overall planning and development strategy for the area.

4.3.2 Any proposal to create a neighbourhood plan would need to be led by local communities rather than the Council. The Council would (in the event of any proposals for neighbourhood plans coming forward) have a duty to support their preparation. This could include: sharing evidence on planning issues; helping with consultation events; providing advice on the processes to follow; and facilitating communication with local partners where this is required.

4.3.3 Any neighbourhood plan that is produced would require public consultation and independent examination prior to its adoption. At December 2014, the Council has not received any formal requests to support neighbourhood planning, however updates will be available on the Council’s website at

www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan and in future revisions to the Local Development Scheme.

4.4 Community Infrastructure Levy

4.4.1 The Planning Act 2008 introduced powers for local authorities to charge a Community Infrastructure Levy (or "CIL"). This offers a new method of collecting "in kind" or financial contributions from developers to help fund new infrastructure provision. If the Council were to decide to charge a CIL it would need to prepare and adopt a charging schedule. This would set out standard tariffs (which can be different for different types of development or in different parts of the Borough) to be paid by developers to the Council and where appropriate key partners to support the provision of supporting and strategic infrastructure.

4.4.2 The Council decided in June 2014 not to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the short term although this decision will be kept under annual review as part of future Monitoring Reports. Any updates regarding the Council's approach to CIL will be available on the Council's website at www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan and in future revisions to the Local Development Scheme.

4.5 Duty to Co-operate

4.5.1 The planning legislation requires that the Monitoring Report should describe what activities the Council has undertaken under the "duty to cooperate" with neighbouring authorities and other public bodies. Appendix 3 to this Report provides an update on this matter relating to 2013/2014.

4.6 Unimplemented Policies

4.6.1 In 2009, Knowsley Council "saved" the majority of its UDP policies and supporting Proposals Map (now known as the "Policies Map") for continued use. Under the Saving Direction, four policies were deleted, as follows:

- Policy H1: Strategic Housing Land Requirements
- Policy S3: Huyton Town Centre
- Policy S8: Location of Development for Town Centre Uses
- Policy T4: Major Highway Schemes

4.6.2 In addition, on adoption of the Joint Waste Local Plan in 2013, several new site allocations were added to the Proposals Map and three further policies in the UDP were deleted, as follows:

- Policy MW4: Waste Management Strategy
- Policy MW5: Waste Management and Treatment Facilities
- Policy MW6: Landfill and Land Raising

4.6.3 The Council continues to review the weight to be attributed to the remaining UDP policies as part of the statutory development plan, and hence through

the decision making process on planning applications. Paragraph 215 of the NPPF explains that “due weight should be given to relevant policies in existing plans according to their degree of consistency with this framework (the closer the policies in the plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given)”. The Council continues to comply with this through the development management process, giving varying degrees of weight to the UDP policies dependent on their consistency with the content of the NPPF.

- 4.6.4 In addition to this, the Council continues to review progress against the objectives of the remaining UDP policies, for example with regard to whether any specific projects they mention have now been completed. An example of this is Policy S6: The Raven Court (Halewood) Action Area, as the regeneration of this district centre has now been completed.
- 4.6.5 In compliance with paragraph 216 of the NPPF, the Council also gives varying weight in planning decisions to the emerging Local Plan policies it is preparing. The degree of weight given depends on the stage of preparation of the Plan, as well as the extent to which there are unresolved objections to the content of the Plan. In addition, consideration is given to the degree of consistency of emerging Local Plan policies with the policies in the NPPF. In practice, this means that the Council gives varying degrees of weight to the emerging Core Strategy policies. Greater weight can be given following the submission of the Plan in July 2013, but this is dependent on the extent of outstanding representations objecting to the policy content. For some Core Strategy policies, the level of objection at the current time is high, meaning that only very limited weight can be attributed. However, the Council has ensured that all Core Strategy policies are compliant with the content of the NPPF, so weight attributable should not be limited in this regard. Further detail on this matter is set out in the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy Soundness Self-Assessment (Knowsley MBC, 2013).
- 4.6.6 It is the Council’s intention to delete further saved UDP policies on adoption of the Core Strategy. In addition, on adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Policies Local Plan, all remaining UDP policies will be deleted, and the Policies Map (formerly known as “Proposals Map”) also revised.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Population trends in Knowsley

- 5.1.1 Although the Local Plan will only be one of a number of factors impacting upon population levels, population trends nevertheless form an important overall indicator of the Plan's success.
- 5.1.2 In 2013, the estimated population of Knowsley was 146,086 (2013 Annual Mid-year Population Estimates, Office of National Statistics, 2014). This is about 3% lower than the population in the 2001 Census. The age structure of the population had also altered over the same period, with the number of people in older age ranges having increased.
- 5.1.2 The population estimates published following the 2011 Census are lower than those suggested by the official mid-year estimates up to 2010. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has indicated that, in some areas (including Knowsley), the population was over-estimated in the 2001 Census and in subsequent mid-year estimates. This was largely due to a significant underestimate of the amount of out-migration particularly among younger working age groups. These mid-year estimates have now been recalculated by the ONS.
- 5.1.3 The 2012-based Sub-national Population Projections (Office for National Statistics, 2014) indicate that Knowsley's population will only increase marginally to 146,900 by 2022. This projected increase is driven by natural change (i.e. more births than deaths) with a degree of offsetting as a result of migration. The net impact on the population from migration is negative, as approximately 3,500 more persons are expected to migrate out of the Borough between 2012 and 2022 than are expected to migrate in. Evidence suggests that out-migration is concentrated in persons of working age.
- 5.1.4 The number of persons who are aged over 65 (estimated at 23,700 for 2012) is projected to increase to just over 28,200 by 2022.

5.2 Progress in achieving the Strategic Objectives of the Local Plan: Core Strategy

- 5.2.1 The section below summarises to what extent key objectives and policies of the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy are being delivered. More detailed information is provided in chapter 3 of the Monitoring Report.

Sustainable Economic and Employment Growth

- 5.2.2 During 2013/14, four developments including new buildings for employment (comprising business, industrial, storage and distribution uses within Use Classes B1, B2 or B8) were completed, with a total combined land area of 0.8 ha and floorspace area of 1,852 m². This quantum of employment

development remains lower than the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy target of 9.1 hectares of employment development to be delivered per annum.

- 5.2.3 In April 2013, the Borough contained a total of 238.7 ha of land suitable for employment purposes, the vast majority of which was suitable for all employment types. As part of the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy's Examination in Public, the Inspector indicated that there is a need for appropriate discounting of the total supply to reflect deliverability, consequently the minimum delivery forecast is 157.27 ha which is less than the 164 ha land to meet employment land needs up to 2028. The emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy addresses this requirement (together with the need to provide a satisfactory range and quality of sites) by proposing to allocate a number of Green Belt locations for different types of employment linked to key economic sectors within the Liverpool City Region. As the Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public remains on-going, it is intended that an update to employment land supply information will be undertaken during 2015.
- 5.2.4 In 2013, there were 3,060 businesses located in Knowsley, representing a slight increase on figures for 2011 (UK Business: Activity, Size and Location, Office for National Statistics, 2014). In March 2014, the number of economically active residents in Knowsley was estimated at 73,300. Of these residents, 66,000 were in employment, with 59,100 employees and 6,700 self-employed. 10,200 residents were unemployed. Of these unemployed residents, the number of persons claiming Job Seeker's Allowance was 3,295, which represented a reduction of 2,005 since June 2013.

Well balanced housing market

- 5.2.5 Between April 2013 and March 2014, 358 new dwellings were completed. Taking account of demolitions and gains and losses through conversions and changes of use of existing buildings, the "net" delivery of new dwellings was 360 (Knowsley Local Plan Team Housing Monitoring System, Knowsley Council, 2014). This represents an increase compared to the delivery seen in 2010/11, 2011/12 and in 2012/13. However, the overall rate of delivery still falls below the target of 450 net dwelling completions, which is proposed to be set through the emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy and which has on the basis of evidence submitted to date been found sound by the Inspector.
- 5.2.6 The Council's housing land supply has been subject to detailed consideration and representations as part of the Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public. The Inspector's Interim Findings in January 2014 identified on the basis of evidence submitted up to that point that there was as at a base date of 1st April 2013 insufficient provision to ensure a five year 'deliverable' supply of housing sites in Knowsley's current urban area to meet needs up to 31 March 2018. The supply of land which the Inspector identified to be 'deliverable' for housing development up to 2018, as at 1st April 2013 (the base date for the latest Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) was 2,309 dwellings, when subject to a revised risk assessment as discussed

during the hearings. This was considered to be a shortfall of 391 dwellings³ against the 0-5 year target (5 times 450 dwellings plus 20% 'buffer' as required by NPPF) of 2,700 dwellings. The Council's emerging Local Plan: Core Strategy proposes to address this shortfall by allocating Green Belt sites to provide additional supply in the short-term and provide sufficient available land to meet the full requirement of 8,100 dwellings over the period between 2010 and 2028. The latest position is set out in the Technical Report: Sustainable Urban Extensions (Knowsley MBC, July 2014). As the Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public remains on-going, it is intended that an update to housing land supply information will be provided during 2015.

- 5.2.7 In 2014, there are 63,390 dwellings in Knowsley, with approximately 28% in social tenures (Department for Communities and Local Government Housing Statistics Live Tables, Department for Communities and Local Government, 2013). It is estimated that 2,109 (or 3.3%) of the housing stock is vacant (Knowsley Council Tax Records, Knowsley Council, 2014).
- 5.2.8 Interim Household Projections published by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in 2013 indicate that the number of households in Knowsley would rise by 2,400 between 2011 and 2021 if past trends continue. It is expected that the DCLG will publish updated household growth projections in the near future.
- 5.2.9 The ratio of lower quartile house prices to income ratios in Knowsley has decreased slightly between 2012 and 2013 from 4.33 to 4.14 (Ratio of lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings by district, CLG, 2014). The average price for an entry level dwelling in Knowsley is estimated to be around seven times the average lower quartile earnings for a resident working full-time (Hometrack Intelligence, 2013). This confirms the on-going need for a proportion of the new dwelling supply to be affordable.

Regenerate and Transform

- 5.2.10 Progress has continued to be made on important regeneration projects in 2013/14, including investment in Knowsley Industrial Park, planning applications for continued development at North Huyton and Kirkby Town Centre, and the granting of Townscape Heritage Initiative Status in Prescott Town Centre.

Distinctive, Viable and Sustainable Town Centres

- 5.2.11 Huyton, Prescott and Kirkby continue to provide a range of shopping, leisure and other uses for local residents. The Town Centres and Shopping Study (Roger Tym Associates, 2010) showed that the Borough's three town centres suffer from high levels of "leakage" of expenditure from their catchment areas to other centres in the Liverpool City Region. By March 2014, significant new town centre developments have been completed in the form of the new Health

³ This figure excludes consideration of backlog of delivery against Local Plan requirements since 2010.

Centre in Kirkby and the Halewood Centre, and other developments are well under way (most notably in Kirkby).

Quality of Place

5.2.12 Of Knowsley's designated historic assets, only Prescott Town Centre Conservation Area is identified by English Heritage as being "at risk" (English Heritage – Heritage at Risk Register, 2014). However, the Council expects this status to be removed following the securing of Townscape Heritage Initiative funding for Prescott Town Centre, featuring a five-year programme which will involve building refurbishments and reinstatement of architectural detailing together with an educational programme and community activities.

Sustainable Transport

5.2.13 Significant investment has been made in 2013/14 to maintain Knowsley's transport system and support initiatives connected with road safety, public transport, moving people and goods, promoting low emission technologies and equality of opportunity. 3.6 km of new well connected walking and cycling routes were provided in 2013/14. Between 2010 and 2012, the level of emissions attributable to road transport sources remained stable at 2.0 tonnes per capita in Knowsley.

Manage Environmental Resources

5.2.14 In 2012, there were 7.1 tonnes of CO² emissions per person in Knowsley. This includes 3.5 tonnes from industry and commercial, 2.0 tonnes from domestic uses, and 1.5 tonnes from road transport. The total represents a reduction on the figure of 7.7 tonnes per person in 2010.

5.2.15 In November 2014, there are 382.2 hectares of land within Flood Zone 2 and 257.1 hectares of land within Flood Zone 3 within Knowsley. (Environment Agency, 2014)

Green Infrastructure and Rural Areas

5.2.16 The Borough's natural environment and network of green spaces continue to be one of its greatest assets. Sixteen open spaces are now managed to Green Flag Award standard (an increase of four sites since 2012/13). However as set out in the Green Spaces Audit (Knowsley Council, 2012), challenges remain as some spaces are of relatively poor quality, however there is a consistent trend of annual improvement in accordance with priorities in the Green Space Strategy 2010 - 2014. Knowsley's second Green Space Strategy: The Natural Approach to a Thriving Borough (2015 - 2020) is currently under preparation and seeks to realise the potential for greenspace assets within the borough and links to the wider Liverpool City Region.

5.2.17 54% of the Borough's land area is currently designated as Green Belt although this could reduce to 49% if the need to release some Green Belt land to meet future needs for housing and employment development is confirmed

as part of the Local Plan: Core Strategy. The Borough contains 64 Local Wildlife Sites, six Local Geological Sites, and one Local Nature Reserve. .

Promoting Health and Wellbeing

5.2.18 Knowsley continues to suffer high levels of deprivation. The 2011 Census results set out deprivation at the household level for local authorities based on four dimensions (employment, education, health and disability and housing). Nearly 70% of Knowsley households had at least one dimension of deprivation, with nearly 40% having two or more dimensions. Although average life expectancy in Knowsley has increased between 2010 and 2012, it is still among the lowest in the country (Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by local areas in England and Wales, 2010-12, ONS, 2013).

5.3 Progress on the Local Plan

5.3.1 The adopted development plan for Knowsley (as at December 2014) includes:

- The 75 "saved" policies of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, 2006 (saved by the Secretary of State from June 2009)
- The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (adopted July 2013)

5.3.2 In July 2013, the Council submitted the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for Examination. Provided the Inspector finds this document to be legally compliant and sound the Council could adopt it as part of the Development Plan in 2015, replacing many of the saved Unitary Development Plan policies. The Council then proposes to start work on the Local Plan: Site Allocations and Development Policies, which will replace the remaining Unitary Development Plan Policies.

5.3.3 As the Core Strategy has reached an advanced stage of preparation, it can be afforded some weight in planning decisions. In addition, when the Council determines planning applications it can continue to attribute a appropriate weight to "saved" policies in the adopted Unitary Development Plan, 2006. Under national policy the degree of weight that can be attributed to individual UDP policies in decisions on planning applications varies according to how consistent or otherwise the policies are with the much more recently published National Planning Policy Framework, 2013. A report assessing the UDP policies in terms of their consistency or otherwise with the NPPF was presented to the Council's Planning Committee in February 2014.

5.3.4 Although this Monitoring Report assesses the performance of the emerging policies within the Local Plan Core Strategy, it also assesses (in Appendix 2) how effectively remaining "saved" Unitary Development Plan policies are being implemented.

- 5.3.5 A separate Monitoring Report relating to the Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan has been produced on a sub-regional basis and is cross-referred to in Section 2 (under Indicator MI 85) of this Monitoring Report.
- 5.3.6 As reported in previous Monitoring Reports, the Council has adopted five Supplementary Planning Documents providing further guidance on specific topics. A programme of further Supplementary Planning Documents is planned to supplement the policies being introduced through the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy.
- 5.3.7 The Council decided in June 2014 not to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the short term although this decision will be kept under annual review as part of future Monitoring Reports.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 - MONITORING FRAMEWORK INDICATORS – JULY 2013

(updated by Proposed Modifications to the Local Plan Core Strategy – September 2014)

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
1. Sustainable Economic and Employment Growth						
Employment Land Delivery	MI 1	Land developed for employment uses per annum - by type: - total - net additional	Hectares per annum	9.1 ha per annum	Core	CS1, CS4
Employment Land Delivery	MI 2	Amount of floorspace developed for employment uses per annum - by type	Square metres per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS4
Employment Land Delivery	MI 3	Performance against employment land targets: annual target, plan period target	Hectares per annum, hectares per plan period	9.1 ha per annum (multiples dependent on point within plan period)	Core	CS4

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Employment Land Supply	MI 4	Employment land available:- total (land) - supply of deliverable employment land within five years – total (estimated floorspace) based upon deliverable employment land supply – proportion of supply within Principal Regeneration Areas	Hectares (Land), estimated floorspace and % in PRA	At least 45.5 ha land (deliverable in five years)	Core	CS1, CS4, CS5, CS9, CS10, CS11. CS12, CS13, CS14
Employment Land Supply	MI 5	Surplus / deficit of deliverable employment land within five years - position against "trigger" policy CS5	Hectares	n/a	Core	CS4, CS5
Employment Land Supply	MI 6	Employment land removed from supply due to: - expiry of planning permissions - lost to other uses	Proportion of permissions granted per annum and hectares per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS4, CS5
Economic Investment	MI 7	Total number of active businesses	Businesses	Increase	Intermediate	CS2, CS4
Economic Investment	MI 8	Business density	Active businesses per 10,000 population	Increase	Intermediate	CS2, CS4
Economic Investment	MI 9	Number of: - new businesses in the Borough - business births, deaths and survival per annum	Businesses per annum	Increase / decrease	Intermediate	CS2, CS4

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Economic Investment	MI 10	Planning permissions granted for: - businesses in rural areas - tourism facilities / businesses	Planning permissions per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS4
Economic Investment	MI 11	Percentage residents in employment in target sectors (financial services, manufacturing, transport & comms, hotels and restaurants)	Percentage of residents in employment by target sector	n/a	Contextual	CS4
Local Employment	MI 12	Total employee jobs in Knowsley by occupation and annual change	Employee Jobs, percentage split by occupation	Increase	Contextual	CS4
Local Employment	MI 13	Average job density	Average jobs per resident economically active population	n/a	Contextual	CS4
Local Employment	MI 14	Number of: - Knowsley residents in employment - and commuter flows to / from neighbouring districts	Persons, percentage employed residents, commuter flows	Increase	Intermediate	CS2, CS4
Local Employment	MI 15	Number of Knowsley residents claiming job seekers allowance for: 6 months or more, 12 months or more	Persons per 6 months, persons per 12 months	Decrease	Contextual	CS4

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Local Employment	MI 16	Economically active people on out of work benefits	Persons	Decrease	Contextual	CS4
Local Employment	MI 17	Average gross weekly earnings (median) of Knowsley residents for full time and part time employment	£ per week	n/a	Contextual	CS4
2. Well Balanced Housing Market						
Housing Delivery	MI 18	Gross completions of new build dwellings by house type and number of bedrooms	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Core	CS1, CS3, CS17
Housing Delivery	MI 19	Number of: - net completions of dwellings, accounting for demolitions, conversions, changes of use - net additional dwellings - in previous years	Dwellings per annum	450 per annum	Core	CS3
Housing Delivery	MI 20	Performance against housing targets: annual target, plan period target	Dwellings per annum, dwellings per plan period	450 dwellings per annum (multiples dependent on point within plan period)	Core	CS3

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Housing Delivery	MI 21	Proportional split of new residential development by township area	Dwellings per township area per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS1, CS3
Housing Delivery	MI 22	Net completions of affordable housing by tenure, accounting for demolitions, conversions, changes of use	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS3, CS15
Housing Delivery	MI 23	Gross number of: - affordable housing completions by tenure - affordable homes delivered through Registered Provider programmes	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS1, CS3, CS15, CS27
Housing Delivery	MI 24	Gross number of affordable homes delivered through market housing schemes: on site / in kind; financial contribution	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS3, CS15, CS27
Housing Delivery	MI 25	Average density of new dwellings completed	Dwellings per hectare	n/a	Intermediate	CS3, CS17
Housing Delivery	MI 26	Number of: - empty homes in the Borough - empty homes by tenure – empty homes by length of vacancy	Dwellings	Decrease	Contextual	CS3, CS15

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Housing Delivery	MI 27	Empty homes brought back into use (by the Council or partners)	Dwellings per annum	Increase	Contextual	CS3, CS15
Housing Delivery	MI 28	Gross additional specialist and/or support housing units	Dwellings per annum, units per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS3, CS16
Housing Delivery	MI 29	Number of: - consented pitches for Gypsy and Travellers, for Travelling Show People - net additional pitches delivered: for Gypsies and Travellers, for Travelling Showpeople - cumulative amount of pitches over the plan period: for Gypsies and Travellers, for Travelling Showpeople	Pitches, pitches per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS3, CS18, CS27
Housing Supply	MI 30	Total of: - housing land available - supply of deliverable housing within five years - Of which: - market dwellings – affordable dwellings – specialist and supporting dwellings - within each Principal Regeneration Area	Dwellings	At least 2250 dwellings deliverable within 5 years (with appropriate buffer as per NPPF)	Core	CS3, CS5
Housing Supply	MI 31	Surplus / deficit of deliverable housing within five years - Borough position against "trigger" policy CS5	Dwellings	n/a	Core	CS3, CS5
Housing Supply	MI 32	New homes removed from supply due to:- expiry of planning permissions -	Proportion of permissions	n/a	Intermediate	CS3, CS4, CS5

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
		residential land being lost to other uses	granted per annum, dwellings per annum			
Housing Supply	MI 33	Tenure of existing housing stock	Percentage housing stock in each tender	n/a	Intermediate	CS3, CS15
Housing Need	MI 34	Choice based letting demands in Knowsley (Property Pool Plus)	Households	Decrease	Contextual	CS3, CS15
Housing Need	MI 35	Persons in Knowsley registered as statutory homeless	Persons	Decrease	Contextual	CS3, CS15
Housing Need	MI 36	Housing affordability: Average prices for entry level house (i.e. lower quartile value) vs. Average lower quartile pay for a full time worker	Ratio	n/a	Contextual	CS3, CS15
Housing Quality	MI 37	Households in fuel poverty	Households	Decrease	Contextual	CS3, CS17, CS19, CS22

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
3. Regenerate and Transform						
General Regeneration	MI 38	Amount of previously developed land that is available for employment or residential development within 5 years	Hectares	Decrease	Intermediate	CS1, CS2
General Regeneration	MI 39	Residential and employment development on previously developed land	Dwelling per annum, hectares per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS1, CS2
Regeneration Areas - General	MI 40	Completion of schemes in Principal Regeneration Areas (all): - public realm improvements - neighbourhood management initiatives - public transport schemes - highway schemes	Schemes per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS9, CS10, CS11, CS12, CS13, CS14, CS27
Regeneration Areas - Housing	MI 41	Net additional dwellings per annum and cumulative total during plan period, in Principal Regeneration Areas, including: North Huyton and Stockbridge Village, Tower Hill, South Prescot	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Core	CS1, CS9, CS12, CS13

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Regeneration Areas - Housing	MI 42	Gross completions of new build dwellings by house type and number of bedrooms in Principal Regeneration Areas, including: North Huyton and Stockbridge Village, Tower Hill, South Prescott	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS9, CS12, CS13
Regeneration Areas - Housing	MI 43	Gross number of affordable homes delivered in Principal Regeneration Areas including: North Huyton and Stockbridge Village, Tower Hill, South Prescott	Dwellings per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS9, CS12, CS13
Regeneration Areas - Employment	MI 44	Amount of land developed for employment uses per annum and cumulative total during plan period, including proportion within individual Principal Regeneration Areas	Hectares per annum	n/a	Core	CS1, CS11, CS13
Regeneration Areas - Employment	MI 45	Amount of floorspace developed for employment uses per annum and cumulative total for plan period, including proportion within individual Principal Regeneration Areas	Square metres per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS13
Regeneration Areas - Employment	MI 46	Total of: - employment land available in Principal Regeneration Areas - supply of deliverable employment land within five years in Principal Regeneration Areas	Hectares	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS13

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Regeneration Areas - Employment	MI 47	Total Combined Heat and Power (CHP) energy generation capacity per annum within Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	Mega watts	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS22, CS23, CS27
Regeneration Areas - Employment	MI 48	Number of permissions granted for decentralised energy schemes within Knowsley Industrial and Business Parks	Planning permissions per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS22, CS23, CS27
Regeneration Areas - Town Centres	MI 49	Net floorspace developed for Town Centre uses per annum and cumulative total, by: town centre, edge of centre and out of centre locations, and within Principal Regeneration Areas	Square metres per annum	n/a	Core	CS1, CS10, CS12, CS14
Regeneration Areas - Town Centres	MI 50	Total retail / service units within retail centres and proportion of vacancy.	Units, percentage change	n/a	Intermediate	CS9, CS10, CS11, CS12, CS13, CS14
Regeneration Areas - Town Centres	MI 51	Overall change in footfall for town centres within Principal Regeneration Areas	Footfall per annum, percentage change	n/a	Contextual	CS10, CS14
Regeneration Areas - Town Centres	MI 52	Progress of Sewell Street redevelopment, Prescott Town Centre	Scheme progress	n/a	Intermediate	CS14

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Regeneration Areas - Town Centres	MI 53	Tourist and visitor numbers in Prescott Town Centre	Persons per annum	Increase	Contextual	CS14
4. Distinctive, Viable and Sustainable Town Centres						
Town Centre Development	MI 54	Net floorspace developed for Town Centre uses per annum and cumulative total, by: town centre, edge of centre and out of centre locations within Knowsley, within additional town centre specific information for town centres: Huyton (for Kirkby / Prescott see MI 49)	Square metres per annum	n/a	Core	CS1, CS4, CS6, CS10, CS14
Town Centre Development	MI 55	Amount of convenience and comparison floorspace developed for retail use per centre, including: annual amount, cumulative amount over plan period with town centre specific breakdown for Kirkby, Huyton, Prescott	Square metres per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS4, CS6, CS10, CS14
Town Centre Vitality	MI 56	Number and percentage of vacant retail units within individual: town centres, district centres, local centres	Shop fronts, percentage of total vacant	Decrease	Intermediate	CS6

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Town Centre Vitality	MI 57	Retail expenditure retention for convenience and comparison goods in town centres, including: Kirkby, Huyton, Prescot	Percentage retention	Increase	Intermediate	CS6, CS10, CS14
Town Centre Vitality	MI 58	Overall change in footfall for Huyton town centres, (for Kirkby, Prescot see MI 51)	Percentage change	Increase	Intermediate	CS6, CS10, CS15
5. Quality of Place						
Design Quality	MI 59	Performance against design standards:- new homes meeting Building for Life criteria (by standard) - new homes meeting Lifetime Homes standards - proportion of residential developments achieving Code for Sustainable Homes requirements (by Level) - new commercial developments meeting BREEAM standards (by Standard)	Dwellings per annum, developments per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS17, CS18, CS22, CS27
Heritage	MI 60	Number of: - listings - total and breakdown by Grade I, Grade II* and Grade II - Listed Buildings on the Heritage at Risk Register	Listing entries	Decrease of Listed Buildings on the Heritage at Risk register or maintain at 0	Contextual	CS20

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Heritage	MI 61	Number of: - Conservation Areas - Conservation Areas with management plans - Conservation Areas with current character appraisals - Conservation Areas on the Heritage at Risk Register	Conservation Areas	Decrease of Conservation Areas on the Heritage at Risk register or maintain at 0	Contextual	CS20
Heritage	MI 62	Number of: - Historic Parks and Gardens - Historic Parks and Gardens on the Heritage at Risk Register	Historic Parks and Gardens	n/a	Contextual	CS20
Heritage	MI 63	Number of designated Ancient Monuments	Ancient Monuments	n/a	Contextual	CS20
6. Sustainable Transport						
Transport Schemes	MI 64	Delivery of transport schemes in Knowsley: - delivered by Local Transport fund - delivered by grants / external funds - delivered by specific programmes - delivered by developer contributions (financial and in kind)	Schemes per annum / £ per annum	As per LTP	Core	CS1, CS2, CS7, CS8, CS27
Transport Schemes	MI 65	Increase the length of well-connected walking and cycle routes	Kilometres per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS1, CS2, CS7, CS8, CS27
Transport Schemes	MI 66	Estimated transport emissions	Emissions per capita	Decrease	Contextual	CS2, CS7

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Accessibility	MI 67	Travel to work modal shares	Proportion of journeys	n/a	Contextual	CS1, CS2, CS7
Accessibility	MI 68	Vehicle ownership	Vehicles per household	n/a	Contextual	CS2, CS7
Accessibility	MI 69	Public transport patronage in Merseyside	Journeys per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS1, CS2, CS7, CS27
Accessibility	MI 70	Access by public transport, cycle and walking to – education, employment, health and food based upon distances within the Ensuring a Choice of Travel SPD.	Dwellings per annum, percentage per annum	As per LTP	Core	CS1, CS2, CS3, CS7, CS18, CS27
7. Manage Environmental Resources						
Land resources	MI 71	Production of primary land won aggregates by mineral planning authority	Tonnes per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS25
Land resources	MI 72	Production of secondary and recycled aggregates by mineral planning authority	Tonnes per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS25
Land resources	MI 73	Mineral Safeguarding Areas	Amount of land area safeguarded	n/a	Contextual	CS2, CS25
Land resources	MI 74	Mineral site restoration	Number of sites, number of sites	n/a	Contextual	CS2, CS26

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
			restored (cumulative)			
Flooding and Water Management	MI 75	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding and water quality grounds	Planning applications per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS8, CS24
Flooding and Water Management	MI 76	Number of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) assets delivered	Assets per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS8, CS34
Flooding and Water Management	MI 77	Area of land in: - Flood Zone 2 - Flood Zone 3	Hectares	n/a	Contextual	CS24
Sustainability / Energy	MI 78	Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA Area	Emissions per capita	As per Knowsley Climate Change Strategy	Contextual	CS2
Sustainability / Energy	MI 79	Renewable energy generation: capacity with planning permission	Schemes, mega watts	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS22, CS23
Sustainability / Energy	MI 80	Number of applications approved with contributions towards Community Energy Fund and financial contributions collected	Planning applications per annum / £ per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS22, CS27
Sustainability / Energy	MI 81	Total number of permissions granted for decentralised, renewable and low carbon energy schemes	Planning applications per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS11, CS22, CS23

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Environmental Quality	MI 82	Number, total area of and population living within Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs)	AQMAs, square metres, persons	Maintain at 0 AQMAs	Contextual	CS2, CS7
Environmental Quality	MI 83	Number of noise complaints upheld by the Council	Complaints upheld per annum	Decrease	Intermediate	CS2, CS7
Environmental Quality	MI 84	River water quality:- Biological - Chemical	n/a	Increase	Contextual	CS7
Waste Management	MI 85	See Indicators within the Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Local Plan	n/a	n/a	Core	CS26
8. Green Infrastructure and Rural Areas						
Open and Green Spaces	MI 86	Supply of open space typologies, including: Parks and gardens, Amenity greenspace, Provision for C&YP, Allotments, Outdoor Sports Provision	Hectares per 1000 population	n/a	Intermediate	CS2, CS8, CS21
Open and Green Spaces	MI 87	Number of Substantial Residential Areas with accessibility deficits relating to one or more typologies of open space	Number of SRAs	n/a	Intermediate	CS8, CS21

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Open and Green Spaces	MI 88	Percentage of open space: - considered to be good quality or excellent quality - awarded Green Flag status (or equivalent)	Percentage, number of awards	Maintain or increase	Contextual	CS8, CS21
Open and Green Spaces	MI 89	Number of greenspace quality improvement schemes delivered	Schemes per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS8, CS21
Open and Green Spaces	MI 90	Resident satisfaction with parks and open spaces	Percentage residents satisfied / very satisfied	Increase	Contextual	CS8, CS19, CS21
Open and Green Spaces	MI 91	Number of applications approved with contributions towards open space provision: on-site, off-site, and financial contributions collected for open space	Planning applications per annum / £ per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS8, CS21, CS26, CS27
Open and Green Spaces	MI 92	Number and location of Local Green Spaces designated	Designations per annum	n/a	Contextual	CS8, CS21, CS27
Biodiversity	MI 93	Progress against Biodiversity Action Plan targets	Progress against targets		Contextual	CS2, CS8, CS21

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Biodiversity	MI 94	Change in areas of biodiversity importance	Changes in areas	n/a	Contextual	CS2, CS8
Biodiversity	MI 95	Proportion of local wildlife sites where monitoring and/or positive conservation management has been or is being implemented	Sites, percentage	n/a	Contextual	CS8, CS21
Biodiversity	MI 96	Number of sites of: Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Ramsar Sites, Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites, Local Nature Reserves	Sites	n/a	Contextual	CS8, CS21, CS27
9. Promoting Health and Wellbeing in Knowsley						
Population	MI 97	Population who live in SOAs ranked in the upper ten percent most deprived nationally (including specific information for Principal Regeneration Areas)	Percentage	Decrease	Contextual	CS1, CS2
Population	MI 98	Life expectancy - all residents	Years	n/a	Contextual	CS2
Population	MI 99	Healthy life expectancy	Years	n/a	Contextual	CS2

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Population	MI100	Differences in life expectancy and health expectancy between communities	Years	n/a	Contextual	CS2
Population	MI101	Percentage of children living in poverty under 16 years of age	Percentage	Decrease	Contextual	CS2
Population	MI102	Average household income	£ per annum	Increase	Contextual	CS2, CS4
Population	MI103	Pupils at the end of KS4 achieving 5 or more A* - Cs including English and Maths	Percentage	Increase	Contextual	CS3, CS4
Population	MI104	16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)	Percentage	Decrease	Contextual	CS2, CS4
Population	MI105	Total number of crimes	Number of crimes	Decrease	Contextual	CS2, CS19
Population	MI106	Perceptions relating to quality of life	Percentage residents - perception of place, community and own wellbeing	n/a	Contextual	CS1, CS2, CS3, CS4, CS6, CS7, CS8, CS19, CS20

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Health and Risk	MI107	Number of residents who die from; lung cancer, liver disease, respiratory problems and heart disease	Persons per annum for each cause	Decrease	Contextual	CS2
Health and Risk	MI108	Proportion of physically active and inactive adults	Percentage adults	n/a	Contextual	CS2, CS7, CS8, CS21
Health and Risk	MI109	Utilisation of green space for exercise/health reasons	Percentage population	n/a	Contextual	CS2, CS8, CS22
Health and Risk	MI110	Number of: - people killed/seriously injured in traffic accidents - children killed/seriously injured in traffic accidents	Persons per annum	Decrease	Contextual	CS2, CS7
10. Planning Process						
Miscellaneous	MI111	Planning application approvals rate, for applications to be determined in 8 weeks, 13 weeks	Percentage	100%	Intermediate	SD1
Miscellaneous	MI112	Number of appeals upheld and policy reason for this (refer to policy content)	Planning applications per annum, percentage per annum	n/a	Intermediate	CS2, CS19

Strategic Objective / Theme	Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Unit	Trend / target	Indicator Type	Policy Coverage
Miscellaneous	MI113	Number of schemes contributing in-kind and financial developer contributions, and quantity of funds collected	Schemes, £	n/a	Intermediate	CS1, CS7, CS15, CS27
Miscellaneous	MI114	Instances of developer contributions being reduced / removed based on economic viability grounds	Schemes	n/a	Intermediate	CS15, CS27
Miscellaneous	MI115	Delivery of major infrastructure schemes as set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan Priority List	Schemes per annum	As per IDP	Core	CS2, CS7, CS27

APPENDIX 2 – MONITORING OF KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2006)

The table below identifies which of the indicators in chapter 3 of this Monitoring Report are used to measure progress against specific elements of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan (UDP), 2006.

UDP Indicators	Relevant Indicators in this Monitoring Report	Other Relevant Documents (where applicable)
Chapter 5 – Housing		
Housing trajectory showing: i. net additional dwellings over the previous five year period or since 1st April 2002 (the start of the UDP Plan period) whichever is the longer	M1 19,	Housing Position Statement, KMBC 2013
Housing trajectory showing: ii. net additional dwellings for the current year	MI 18, MI 19	-
Housing trajectory showing: iii. projected net additional dwellings for the following five years and up to 2016	MI 30, MI 31	-
Housing trajectory showing: iv. the annual net additional dwelling requirement	MI 30, MI 31,	Housing Position Statement, KMBC 2013
Housing trajectory showing: v. annual average number of net additional dwellings needed to meet overall housing requirements, having regard to previous year's performance. <i>NB. Target has been removed through deletion of Policy H1</i>	MI 30, MI 31,	Housing Position Statement, KMBC 2013

Percentage of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land (TARGET: 65%).	MI 39	-
Percentage of new dwellings completed at: i. less than 30 dwellings per hectare	MI 25	-
Percentage of new dwellings completed at: ii. between 30 and 50 dwellings per hectare	MI 25	-
Percentage of new dwellings completed at: iii. Above 50 dwellings per hectare	MI 25	-
Affordable housing completions.	MI 22, MI 23	-
Chapter 6 – Economic Development		
Amount of floorspace developed for employment by type.	MI 2	-
Amount of floorspace developed for employment, by type, which is in employment or regeneration areas defined in the UDP.	MI 44	-
Amount of floorspace by employment type which is on previously developed land.	MI 39	-
Employment land available by type.	MI 4	-
Losses of employment land in i. employment/regeneration areas	MI 6	-
Losses of employment land in ii. the whole of Knowsley.	MI 6	-

Amount of employment land lost to residential development.	MI 6	-
Chapter 7 – Town Centres and Shopping		
Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development.	MI 1, MI 2 – Office MI 54 – Town Centre Uses	-
Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development in town centres.	MI 54	-
Chapter 8 - Transport		
Amount of completed non-residential development within Use Classes Order A, B and D complying with car parking standards to be set out in the local development framework.	To be added following adoption of the Local Plan: Core Strategy	-
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, hospital, primary school, secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre(s).	MI 70	-
Chapter 10 – Urban Greenspace, Sport and Recreation		
Amount of eligible open spaces managed to green flag award standard.	MI 88	-
Chapter 12 – Minerals, Waste and Energy		
Production of primary land won aggregates.	MI 71	-
Production of secondary/recycled aggregates.	MI 72	-
Capacity of new waste management facilities by type.	MI 85	Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan

		Monitoring Report
Amount of municipal waste arising, and managed by management type, and the percentage each management type represents of the waste managed.	MI 85	Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan Monitoring Report
Renewable energy capacity installed by type.	MI 79, MI 81	-
Chapter 13 – Environmental Protection and Nature Conservation		
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality.	MI 75	-
Change in areas and populations of biodiversity importance, including: i. change in priority habitats and species (by type);	MI 94	-
Change in areas and populations of biodiversity importance, including: ii. change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional or sub-regional significance.	MI 96	-

APPENDIX 3 - DUTY TO COOPERATE UPDATE

Summary of on-going engagement with key stakeholders and partners

- 1.1 The Localism Act (2011) introduced a legal “duty to co-operate”, under which local planning authorities, county councils in England and public bodies must engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁴ and Planning Practice Guidance⁵ provide advice on how the duty should be implemented and that this requires active and sustained engagement.
- 1.2 Other public bodies, in addition to local planning authorities, are subject to the duty to cooperate by being prescribed in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended by The National Treatment Agency (Abolition) and the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2013. These bodies which are relevant to Knowsley are:
- the Environment Agency
 - the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as English Heritage)
 - Natural England
 - the Civil Aviation Authority
 - the Homes and Communities Agency
 - each clinical commissioning group established under section 14D of the National Health Service Act 2006
 - the National Health Service Commissioning Board
 - the Office of Rail Regulation
 - each Integrated Transport Authority
 - each highway authority within the meaning of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980 (including the Secretary of State, where the Secretary of State is the highways authority)
 - the Marine Management Organisation.
- 1.3 These organisations are required to cooperate with local planning authorities and play a key role in delivering local aspirations, and cooperation between them and local planning authorities is vital to make Local Plans as effective as possible on strategic cross boundary matters. The bodies should be proportionate in how they do this and tailor the degree of cooperation according to where they can maximise the effectiveness of plans.
- 1.4 Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Nature Partnerships are not subject to the requirements of the duty. Local planning authorities and the public bodies that are subject to the duty must cooperate with Local Enterprise

⁴ National Planning Policy Framework (CLG, 2012)

⁵ Planning Practice Guidance (CLG, 2014) - online resource available:

<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/duty-to-cooperate/>

Partnerships and Local Nature Partnerships and have regard to their activities in so far as they are relevant to local plan making.

- 1.5 Local planning authorities are required to give details of action they have taken under the duty to cooperate to their communities in their Monitoring Report (Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, regulation 34(6)). This includes actions to both secure the effective cooperation of others and respond constructively to requests for cooperation and highlight the outcomes of cooperation.
- 1.6 The Liverpool City Region authorities have a strong history of co-operative working on strategic planning matters. It is anticipated that this will continue in the future, with strategic governance provided by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- 1.7 To support the duty to cooperate activities, officers from the different Councils within the Liverpool City Region and neighbouring areas regularly meet with each other. The Merseyside District Planning Officers (DPOs) and Planning Policy Managers (PPMs) groups comprise officers from Liverpool CC, Halton BC, Sefton MBC, Wirral MBC, West Lancs BC, St.Helens MBC, MEAS, and Merseytravel. DPOs and PPMs meet about once every 6 weeks to discuss strategic cross boundary matters in the sub-region, including the preparation of Local Plans and joint working on evidence.
- 1.8 Officers from Knowsley Council have also met individually with officers from other districts, the Environment Agency, electricity providers, and other bodies to discuss “duty to cooperate” issues and in some cases to undertake joint training and development concerning these.
- 1.9 The purpose of this section of the Monitoring Report is to demonstrate Knowsley’s on-going compliance with this requirement during 2013/14, including additional correspondence following the publication of the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy Duty to Co-operate Statement in July 2013. The detail for 2013/14 is provided below.

Merseyside and Halton Joint Local Plan

- 1.10 The Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Local Plan is a joint development plan document prepared by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral Councils. The Plan provides a strategy and range of site allocations which will promote sustainable management of waste across the City Region. The Waste Local Plan was adopted by all six constituent authorities in July 2013.

Consultations and “duty to cooperate” requests

- 1.11 Between July 2013 and June 2014 Knowsley Council has been involved in a number of formal consultations concerning its own Local Plan: Core Strategy and the Local Plan documents of neighbouring districts. It has also been

involved in a number of formal “duty to cooperate” requests in which other authorities have formally requested information (mainly concerning cross boundary waste movements). Information on these activities between July 2013 and June 2014 is set out in table A3.1.

Joint Evidence Base studies and other joint working

- 1.12 As shown in the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy Duty to Co-operate Statement in July 2013, Knowsley Council has undertaken a wide range of joint evidence base studies with neighbouring districts in recent years. Activity between July 2013 and June 2014 has focussed particularly on a Joint Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment and the Liverpool City Region Ecological Framework (see table A3.2 below). Preliminary discussions have also continued with neighbouring districts concerning the potential for a Strategic Housing Market Assessment and/or Employment Land Review to be undertaken across the Liverpool City Region and neighbouring areas in the next two years.

Table A3.1: Consultations and Duty to Co-operate requests (July 2013 - June 2014)

Date	Authority	Correspondence Title	Further detail	Response	Partners Involved	Outcome
08 July 2013	Sefton MBC	A Local Plan for Sefton: Preferred Option	Consultation on the Local Plan: Preferred Option document.	Yes	N/A	Letter sent to Sefton MBC on 28 August 2013 providing views on matters of cross boundary influence including spatial strategy and strategic approach to Green Belt release, including site specific information.
10 July 2013	Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council, Poole Borough Council	Dorset Waste Plan - Waste Movements to Knowsley	Duty to Cooperate letter, enquiring about accuracy of waste data, whether waste sites are still operational, whether waste movements can continue, whether there is continued capacity at waste sites.	No	N/A	Duty to co-operate letter noted – no response provided as MEAS did not identify any issues with the continued movement of this waste.
23 July 2013	Kent County Council	Kent Minerals & Waste Plan - Duty to Cooperate- Waste Management Facilities	Duty to Cooperate letter, enquiring about whether waste sites were permanent or temporary, when facilities were expected to close,	Yes - by MEAS	Halton, Liverpool, Sefton, St.Helens	Duty to cooperate letter noted – written response sent by MEAS on 12 August 2013 confirming that the Local Authorities do not anticipate any issues

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			and asking about some missing data.			with Kent hazardous waste being handled by existing facilities in the five districts, particularly given that none of the facilities are allocated in the WLP; the WLP has taken account of all hazardous waste movements (including cross-boundary) in its needs assessment; and the relatively small tonnages of waste involved.
24 July 2013	St. Helens MBC	St.Helens Local Plan Consultation – Various	Consultation on the St.Helens Allocations and Sustainable Development Local Plan, including call for sites and Green Belt Review methodology, Bold Forest Park AAP, Statement of Community Involvement, and SPD	No		Consultation noted - no written response provided as no specific issues identified relating to cross boundary matters given the Local Plan information related to scoping only.

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07 August 2013	Cornwall County Council	Waste Planning: Hazardous Waste Capacity in Knowsley	Duty to Cooperate letter, enquiring about retention of capacity for hazardous waste facility, whether planning permission is temporary and when such a permission would expire.	Yes - by MEAS	St.Helens	Duty to cooperate letter noted – written response sent by MEAS on 22 August 2013 providing information in accordance with request and stating that the Local Authorities do not anticipate any capacity issues at this time.
08 August 2013	North East Lincolnshire Regeneration Partnership	Duty to Cooperate - Waste Movements from North East Lincolnshire	Duty to Cooperate letter, enquiring about accuracy of waste data, whether waste sites are still operational, whether waste flows can continue, whether there is continued capacity, any safeguarded specific sites for waste use.	Yes - by MEAS	Sefton, Liverpool	Duty to cooperate letter noted – written response sent by MEAS on 28 August 2013 providing information in accordance with request and confirming no planning reasons why similar waste movements to those that occurred in 2011 cannot continue to happen in the future.
03 September 2013	Cheshire West and Chester BC	Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan: Consultation on Draft Local Plan (Part One) Strategic Policies	Consultation on the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan (Part One)	No		Consultation noted - no written response provided as no specific issues identified relating to cross boundary matters or joint working between Knowsley and

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						Cheshire West and Chester BC, however joint response provided by MEAS on behalf of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St.Helens and Wirral Councils on 01 November 2013.
25 September 2013	West Lancs BC	Consultation on the West Lancashire Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule	Consultation on the Draft West Lancashire CIL Charging Schedule	No		Consultation noted - no written response provided as CIL – Draft Charging Schedule presented no specific issues relating to cross boundary matters or joint working between Knowsley and West Lancashire BC.
10 October 2013	Cheshire West and Chester BC	Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan - Duty to Cooperate	Letter regarding Duty to Cooperate with respect to the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan (Part One)	Yes		Duty to co-operate letter noted - written response provided on 04 December 2013 confirming duty to cooperate obligations have been met and not identified any further issues specifically affecting Knowsley additional to the sub-

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						regional comments provided by MEAS on 01 November 2013.
14 November 2013	West Lancs BC	West Lancashire Provision for Traveller Sites DPD: Duty to Co-operate	Letter regarding Duty to Cooperate issues emerging as part of the preparation of the West Lancashire Provision for Traveller Sites DPD.	Yes		Duty to co-operate letter noted - written response provided on 02 December 2013 agreeing with the assessment of cross-boundary issues set out, but advising that it was premature to assume that all authorities will be able to meet their own needs for permanent sites within their own boundaries before the emerging Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, West Lancashire and Wirral Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment was finalised.
04 December 2013	Kirklees Borough Council	Duty to Co-operate – hazardous and non-hazardous waste	Duty to Cooperate letter, enquiring about accuracy of waste data, whether there any planning reasons	Yes - by MEAS	Halton, Liverpool, Sefton, St.Helens	Duty to cooperate letter noted - written response sent by MEAS on 9 January 2014 providing information in

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		movements out of Kirklees	that the movement of waste cannot continue, whether there is continued capacity to accept waste movements, whether sites have been safeguarded for continued waste use.			accordance with request and stating that the Local Authorities at current levels cannot foresee any planning reasons why waste from Kirklees cannot continue to be imported over the plan period, but cannot guarantee that any future increases in imports can necessarily be accommodated.
04 December 2013	Liverpool CC	Shaping the Liverpool Local Plan: Regulation 18 Consultation	Consultation on the Liverpool Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation document. This outlined the potential scope of the Local Plan, including the issues it would address and the evidence it would draw from.	Yes		Consultation noted - written response provided on 25 April 2014 expressing support for the preparation of Liverpool Local Plan in line with the broad proposals set out in the “Shaping the Liverpool Local Plan” consultation document and identifying areas of continued co-operation, involvement and / or joint working on strategic matters.

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11 December 2013	Cumbria County Council, Lake District National Park Authority	Waste Plan for Cumbria - the Duty to Co-operate	Duty to Cooperate letter, enquiring about accuracy of waste data, whether sites are still operational, whether sites can still receive waste from the area, are there any ambitions to manage additional waste streams, whether there are any known capacity issues at existing facilities, whether there are any planning issues to prevent an increase in capacity	Yes - by MEAS	Liverpool, St.Helens	Duty to cooperate letter noted - written response sent by MEAS on 30 January 2014 providing information in accordance with request and stating waste imported from outside of the sub-region is determined by commercial contracts and outside the influence of planning. Therefore cannot guarantee that any future increases in waste exported from Cumbria could necessarily be accommodated at existing locations, and in particular Lyme and Wood Pits Landfill.
15 January 2014	Warrington BC	Consultation on Proposed Modifications to the Warrington Local Plan Core Strategy	Consultation on proposed Modifications to the Warrington Local Plan Core Strategy	No		Consultation noted - no written response provided as no specific issues identified relating to cross boundary matters as a result of modifications proposed.

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10 February 2014	Halton BC	Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan: Scoping Document	Consultation on the Halton DALP Scoping Document, which sets out the broad policy areas to be covered by the Plan, and the evidence that Halton Council intends to use in this process. The Plan will eventually set out site allocations and development management policies for Halton.	Yes		Consultation noted – written response provided on 02 April 2014 relating to the issue of proposed Green Belt review and release in the Widnes/Hale area of Halton, and the need to ensure that any resultant impacts on Knowsley’s communities to be addressed, both in terms of cross-boundary issues and of shared housing market areas. Further co-operation on this matter encouraged.
13 February 2014	West Berkshire Council	Duty to Co-operate on the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Issues and Options document	Enquiring about accuracy of waste data, whether minerals/waste movements can continue, whether there is sufficient capacity to continue to accept movements, how unknown data has been accounted for, whether cross-	Yes - by MEAS	Sefton, Liverpool, St.Helens	Duty to cooperate letter noted - written response sent by MEAS on 30 January 2014 providing information in accordance with request and confirming that capacity is sufficient to continue to accept waste movements similar to those enclosed from West

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			boundary movements are a strategic matter, whether sites have been safeguarded for continued use.			Berkshire.
01 May 2014	Cheshire West and Chester BC	Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan (Part Two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies - Issues Consultation	Consultation on the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan (Part Two): Land Allocations and Detailed Policies	No		Consultation noted - no written response provided as no specific issues identified relating to cross boundary matters or joint working between Knowsley and Cheshire West and Chester BC.
15 May 2014	Knowsley MBC	Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy – duty to cooperate	Notification to relevant bodies of Knowsley’s broad intentions with respect to the proposed modifications to the Core Strategy following receipt of Inspectors Interim Findings. Included update with respect to the progress of the Examination of the Core Strategy,	Yes – from English Heritage only	Halton Borough Council, Liverpool City Council, St Helens Council, Sefton Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Warrington Borough Council, West Lancashire	Proposed modifications to the Local Plan: Core Strategy were subject to further hearings in July 2014, and subject to an 8 week consultation between 19 September 2014 and 14 November 2014. This included additional modifications arising from the hearings In the spirit of on-going cooperation with respect

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			<p>including the Inspector’s Interim Findings. The letter also outlined the issues which the Council considered necessary to address through the modifications process, which were considered to be of particular interest to the Duty to Cooperate bodies. Finally, the letter set out the expected next steps associated with the Plan preparation process, explaining that bodies would retain the opportunity to formally comment on the modifications during a consultation period to follow in 2014.</p>		<p>Borough Council, Wirral Council, Lancashire County Council, Environment Agency, English Heritage, Natural England, Civil Aviation Authority, Homes and Communities Agency, NHS Knowsley, Office of Rail Regulation, Merseytravel, Marine Management Organisation, Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership, Liverpool City Region Local Nature Partnership,</p>	<p>to the preparation of the Core Strategy, the Council continued to involve the prescribed Duty to Cooperate bodies, and other interested parties, in the subsequent stages of Plan preparation, including notification of the consultation.</p>

Date	Authority	Correspondence Title	Further detail	Response	Partners Involved	Outcome
					Knowsley Clinical Commissioning Group, Natural Resources Wales	
16 June 2014	Sefton MBC	Local Plan Additional Sites Consultation	Consultation on additional sites promoted by landowners / developers in response to the Preferred Option consultation on the Sefton Local Plan.	Yes		Consultation noted – written response provided on 08 August 2014 endorsing that the spatial strategy outlined in the Sefton Local Plan Preferred Option Report is based on sound co-operation on strategic cross boundary issues with Knowsley. Advised that future sub-regional assessment of housing and employment needs, together with any further review of Green Belt that is necessitated by this, should be undertaken on a consistent basis across the whole Liverpool City Region and would

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						<p>inform future reviews of individual Local Plans. Knowsley considers this is an appropriate and pragmatic approach taking into account the different stages that the local authorities across the City Region have currently reached in preparing their Local Plans. To delay Sefton's Local Plan until the sub-regional studies are undertaken (which would appear to be the logical conclusion arising out of some of the representations) may not be helpful and could indeed undermine the meeting of objectively assessed development needs.</p>

Table A3.2: Sub-regional joint working in 2013-14

Dates	Authority	Title of work	Partners Involved	Implications for Duty to Cooperate
2013-2014 (Various)	LCR Authorities (excluding Halton) and West Lancs	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	Knowsley MBC, Liverpool CC, St.Helens MBC, Sefton MBC, Wirral MBC and West Lancs BC	Common approach to evidence gathering across the sub- region for needs assessment for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople, through joint commission of consultants.
22/11/2013, 16/12/2013 & 17/01/2014	MEAS + LCR Authorities	LCR Ecological Framework Policy Response	Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, Halton Council, Knowsley Council, Liverpool City Council, Sefton Council, Wirral Council	Developed a consistent approach to policies relating to ecology and to mitigation and compensation as part of development through cross boundary working and identification of Nature Improvement Areas with recommendations returned to DPOs.

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