

ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2009 – 10

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE: Report on Developments since the end of the Monitoring Period (31 March 2010)

The Annual Monitoring Report provides information on progress with the Local Development Framework as at 31st March 2010. It is not required to refer to any changes to proposals or programming after this date. However, as there have been some considerable developments since the end of the monitoring period this addendum is provided for information purposes.

Following a decision by Full Council in December 2009 work on the Core Strategy was delayed to enable an updated evidence base on employment land to be undertaken. A new Local Development Scheme was then prepared, approved by the Council's Cabinet on the 14th April 2010, and submitted to the Government Office for the South East (GOSE).

A further delay to the Local Development Framework occurred as a result of the announcement of the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies on 6th July 2010. The Secretary of State used powers under S79(6) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. The 6th July decision to revoke Regional Strategies was then subject to challenge in the High Court in the Cala Homes (South) Ltd case. Consequently, the High Court overturned the decision, because the Act did not give the Secretary of State the necessary powers.

On the understanding that Regional Strategies, and thereby regional housing strategies, had been abolished Arun District Council in August 2010 set a new interim housing target of 465 houses per annum. This interim target was for the period prior to the Council establishing a new figure as part of its emerging Local Plan.

The effect of the Cala Homes decision is that the South East Plan forms part of the Development Plan and the regional housing target of 11,300 houses between 2006 and 2026 for the Arun district is reinstated.

The Government remain committed to revoking Regional Spatial Strategies through the Localism Bill. As a consequence the regionally set housing targets will also be removed and the responsibility to establish these will be returned to the local level. This is now expected to take effect from Autumn 2011. Consequently, the Council will need to identify its new housing target before progressing work on the Local Development Framework. This will inevitably result in delays and a new Local Development Scheme is to be prepared by early 2011.

The new proposal is to consult on housing and employment growth figures between November 2010 and February 2011 (details at: www.arun.gov.uk/ldf). After this the Council will analyse the results of that consultation with a final decision on the new housing and employment growth targets to be approved by Council in August 2011. Preparation of a new Local Plan (incorporating the Core Strategy, Development Management Policies, Site Allocations and Gypsy & Traveller Site Policies) will then commence. Regulation 25 consultation for the Local Plan will follow in January/February 2012 with adoption anticipated in September 2013.