

## CHAPTER 3: MONITORING AND REVIEW

<b>Objections:</b>	69/1	Biwater PLC
	98/2	Countryside Agency North West

### Key Issues:

- **should the performance and key monitoring indicators refer to B8 uses?**
- **should the chapter be relocated, with more explanation of indicators and targets?**

### Inspector's Reasoning:

- 3.1 A clear intention of the UDP is to increase the number of jobs available in the Borough. A contribution would be likely to arise from B8 uses. At Revised Deposit Draft, the Council changed the relevant employment indicator to include them. That meets the objection.
- 3.2 The Council's general approach to monitoring and review is, in my view, acceptable. The clarity of the table of performance and key monitoring indicators would, however, be improved by a footnote that defines the 2 prefixes to the relevant objectives. Here, I take "KO" to refer to the UDP's Key Objectives and "SO" to the Part One spatial policies. Whatever, the table should say so. As to the location of the chapter, it is somewhat surprising as the table in the chapter introduces objectives and policies before these are specified in the plan. I consider that a more user-friendly and understandable plan would result with Chapter 3 following that on the plan strategy - this at the end of Part One (The Plan Strategy). The indicators themselves acceptably derive from, for example, plan policies and national and planning guidance but the reasoned justification should give more detail on how information on indicators will be produced. Sufficient vision is established by the plan's Key Objectives that are a reflection of the government's sustainability agenda. The plan does not specify targets for all indicators. If, as the Council suggests, the outcome is fairly obvious from the indicator, I see no reason why the plan should not state it.

### Recommendations:

- 3.3 **I recommend that the plan be modified along the following lines:**
- **A footnote should be added to the table of Performance and Key Monitoring Indicators (pages 8-10) that defines its references to "KO" and "SO".**

- **Chapter 3 should be relocated after Chapter 5, with subsequent renumbering.**
- **The reasoned justification to the chapter should indicate in more detail how information on indicators will be produced in the Annual Monitoring Report.**
- **The Council should consider the introduction of targets for all indicators in the table.**

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