

Monitoring etc

13.1 Evidence that the plans policies put implementation at a serious risk.

The rate at which housing has been built has never come close to what is required in this Local Plan. After 5 years, Vale has fallen further and further behind the pace necessary to realise the housing figures in this plan. The required rate of housebuilding is not achievable, making the targets unachievable.

13.2 Monitoring.

CP47 on pg 131 refers the reader to Appendix G to see the Monitoring Framework. Appendix G isn't the monitoring Framework, but instead is the list of saved policies. (CP47 policy block also has a verb agreement grammar issue in the numbered items.)

In order to assess whether the Monitoring Framework is sufficient, an assessor could ask to see the current monitoring reports. (Are these reports available?) After 5 years of housebuilding, what progress has being made?

Past experience reveals Vale are not skilled at metrics gathering and timely reporting regarding planning performance. For example, we suspect Vale are behind the pace of housebuilding necessary to meet the Plan's ambitious targets. Let's ask for the reports that review and decide on actions to be taken to accelerate housing delivery; where are they and what do they tell us of Vale's performance for the past 5 years?

This Local Plan says (on p 89 in the Appendices) that if there is persistent underdelivery there will be a Local Plan review. If the rate of housebuilding in the past 5 years has not been up to the rate needed for this Local Plan to achieve its targets, then *this* Local Plan needs a review, doesn't it? What remedial steps have Vale put in place to accelerate the rate of housbuilding and with what effect?