



# **WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Annual Monitoring Report**

**1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025**

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### Introduction and Context

This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) covers the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The key purpose of the report is to share performance and achievements of the planning service with the local community. It is designed to show what planning is doing and the difference it is making.

The issues that are to be reported are:

- The progress that is being made regarding the preparation of its planning policy documents, specified in the Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- The extent to which the policies set out in the Adopted Local Plan are being achieved.
- The delivery of housing over time, activity relating to the Duty to Cooperate; and
- The level of contributions collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 contributions.

This monitoring report addresses these requirements. It also goes further in considering the progress that is being made in achieving the Local Plan's key strategic objectives. It also sets out the key indicators relating to planning and enforcement performance (Appendix 4).

This Report is produced in line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by Section 113 of the Localism Act 2011). Part 8 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 sets out what must be covered within the AMR. Planning Policy Guidance: Plan-making (revised March 2019) also provides advice.

Changes to the requirements for monitoring have opened up the opportunity for authorities to shape how the AMR looks. Providing that they are prepared in accordance with the UK and EU legislation the Council can now choose which targets and indicators to include within the AMR in order to tell "the local story".

One of the purposes of the AMR is to report on the effectiveness of the policies within the Council's own Local Plan. A key focus is on the delivery of homes and this AMR looks at the delivery of new homes from the base date of the new Worthing Local Plan 2020. For context it also sets out the historic delivery of homes under the previous plan the Worthing Core Strategy in (Appendix 1).

Appendix 2 sets out the housing trajectory from the base date of 2020 to the end of the plan period 2036.

This AMR also sets out the Council's latest position in terms of its five year housing land supply (Appendix 2).

Unless otherwise stated, monitoring data is provided for the period 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025. Where significant changes have occurred after the monitoring period has ended, an update is provided to ensure the reader is provided with up-to-date information.

The AMR is divided into the following chapters:

**Chapter One** – Gives an introduction and context and provides an update measures the progress made on the preparation/revision of the Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents set out in the Worthing Local Development Scheme 2025-2028 which was adopted in March 2025.

**Chapter Two** – Sets out how certain key policies of the Worthing Local Plan 2023 are performing. It sets out progress on the sites allocated in the Local Plan to deliver the vision and strategic objectives identified in the Plan.

**Appendix 1** Historic Housing Delivery 2006 - 2020.

**Appendix 2** The 5 Year Housing Land Supply Position Statement as at 01/04/2025.

**Appendix 3** 'Housing Trajectory' - provides further detailed information about the housing land supply position, including the housing trajectory.

**Appendix 4** Historic Affordable Housing Delivery.

**Appendix 5** provides detailed information on section 106 agreements, including those that have been signed in the monitoring year, as well as the amount of money received and spent. It sets out the amount of CIL received and how it has been spent.

**Appendix 6** provides key indicators relating to planning and enforcement performance

**Appendix 7** is the Biodiversity Annual Monitoring Report (1st April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025) produced by the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre

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## What area does the Local Plan cover?

The Local Plan covers most of Worthing borough. However, unlike the previous Core Strategy, it does not cover the land in the north of the borough that lies within the South Downs National Park. The National Park Authority is a planning authority in its own right and produces the Local Plan which sets planning policy for the South Downs National Park area as a whole.



## Recent changes to the Planning System

At the time of writing this AMR, the Government launched public consultation on a refreshed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which includes National Decision Making Policies (NDMPs) alongside recently updated draft guidance on the new Plan-Making System. It is intended that NDMPs will be non-statutory but will be a material consideration. Local Plans are not to duplicate, substantively restate or modify the content of national decision-making policies with Local Plans to only address matters, and include policies that are necessary and relevant to the plan being prepared. Furthermore, the Government is due to publish regulations in early 2026 which will govern local plan production under the 'new' planning system introduced by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (LURA). Whilst these regulations have yet to be published, there is a strong expectation from the Government that local planning authorities must

prepare new plans without delay. Overall, the Council can be confident that the national plan-making reforms will progress.

## **Monitoring the Local Development Scheme**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS is a public statement of the Council's programme for the preparation and production/revision for Development Plan Documents (DPD's) and Supplementary Planning Documents. A revised LDS was published in March 2025 covering the period 2025-2028 and is available on the [Council's website](#). This was published in response to the Government's requirement for all Local Planning Authorities to produce an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS), following the publication of the 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

On publication of the LDS in 2025, the Development Plan for Worthing (excluding those areas within the National Park) comprised:

- Worthing Local Plan 2023
- West Sussex Joint Minerals Plan 2018, partially revised 2021
- West Sussex Waste Local Plan 2014

### **Worthing Local Plan:**

The Worthing Local Plan was adopted in March 2023. National planning policy requires local planning authorities to review local plans at least once every five years, and that policies should then be updated if necessary. The Planning Policy team is shared with Adur District Council and is currently preparing an update to the Adur Local Plan. Therefore, it is not anticipated that Worthing Borough Council will commence preparation on any development plan documents until 2028 and will be dependent on the outcome of local government reorganisation in Sussex. Where resources allow, additional planning guidance documents may be produced.

Once the outcome of local government reorganisation is confirmed the Council will be able provide a timetable for the review of a new Local Plan. Work on the emerging Adur Local Plan has commenced, the latest Local Development Scheme (2025-2028) for Adur indicates that the plan will be progressed under the new national planning system introduced by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. Following this monitoring period, the Government published Regulations for the new plan making system which came into force on 25th March 2026.

## **Other documents not included in the Local Development Scheme:**

**Infrastructure Funding Statements (IFS):** The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) require authorities to publish a document (an Infrastructure Funding Statement - IFS) on their website by the 31<sup>st</sup> December each year which sets out the developer contributions (section 106) collected and spent over the previous financial years. Worthing's first statement was published by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and will subsequently be published each year in December. The current IFS was published in November 2025 (2024-2025) and historical copies of the IFS can be viewed [here](#).

**Neighbourhood Plans:** Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are intended to give communities the opportunity to come together through a local Parish Council or a Neighbourhood Forum (where there is no Parish Council - as is the case in Worthing) and state where they think new development should go. The matters to be addressed in a NP must be in line with national policies and the strategic policies in the Local Plan. The creation of NPs is a partnership between the local community and the Council who can advise and support the process. There are currently no NPs being progressed in Worthing.

**The Duty to Co-operate:** The Duty to Co-operate was introduced through the 2011 Localism Act. This places a requirement on local planning authorities as well as a number of other public bodies to work together on cross-boundary strategic issues. The Council has always consulted and engaged with relevant planning authorities and other public bodies on emerging policies at key stages.

Worthing Borough Council was part of the West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board which sought to jointly address strategic planning and development issues. The constituent authorities prepared a Local Strategic Statement (the second iteration is known as LSS2, and was updated in 2016) which sets out long term strategic objectives and spatial priorities for delivering these in the short to medium term. However, the work on LSS3 was paused when the implications of water neutrality on the partnership were fully realised, in particular the non-delivery of housing sites across three local planning authorities within the partnership area. The introduction of a new planning system and the Planning White Paper in 2020, suggesting that the duty to cooperate might be replaced also impacted on the political momentum of the partnership at that time (although the revised National Planning Policy Framework published in December 2024 in fact retained the duty to co-operate).

Local Government Review and Devolution, with the creation of a Strategic Mayoral Authority responsible for the preparation of a Spatial Development Strategy means that cross-boundary discussions and cooperation between authorities will continue as we move towards the creation of unitary authorities.

## Chapter 2: Monitoring the Worthing Local Plan

### Site Allocations WLP Policy SS2

**WLP Policy SS2 : Site Allocations** - this policy sets out the minimum number of dwellings, minimum employment floorspace and minimum commercial floorspace to be delivered in Worthing in the plan period 2020 - 2036.

**Housing** : - a minimum of 3,672 dwellings - average minimum annual target is 230 dwellings

**Employment Floorspace** (industrial and warehousing) - a minimum of 24,000sqm

**Commercial Floorspace** (retail and leisure) - a minimum of 9,200 sqm

#### Worthing Local Plan 2020 - 2036 Housing Delivery

2020 - 2021	107
2021 - 2022	247
2022 - 2023	269
2023 - 2024	341
2024 - 2025	196
<b>Total 2020 – 2025</b>	<b>1160</b>

#### **Commentary:**

For the last 5 year period (2020/21 – 2024/25) the annual average for net dwelling completions in Worthing is 232 per annum for this period. Source for data: WSCC Residential Land Availability Assessment.

**Appendix 1** sets out the historic housing delivery from 2006 to 2020 under the previous Local Plan the Worthing Core Strategy 2011 for the purpose of comparison.

**Appendix 2** sets out the 5 Year Housing Land Supply as at 01/04/2025

**Appendix 3** 'Housing Trajectory' - sets out the past and projected completions for Worthing over the Plan period 2020 to 2036.

## **Site specific policies**

Policy SS2 sets out the minimum delivery targets of the Plan for housing, employment and commercial floorspace and sets out the allocated sites that will help deliver these.

## **Site Allocations:**

This section currently refers to the progress made / being made on the site allocations in the adopted Worthing Local Plan (WLP). As stated above, the monitoring period is between April 2024 and March 2025. However, it should be noted that as this AMR has been delayed in its publication, more recent updates are provided in some instances to give a more up to date picture of the current position.

The allocated sites are listed below and each site has a site specific policy set out in the WLP which sets out the key information about the site including site constraints and sets out the key development requirements.

- A1 Beeches Avenue
- A2 Caravan Club, Titnore Way
- A3 Centenary House
- A4 Civic Centre, Stoke Abbott Road
- A5 Decoy Farm
- A6 Fulbeck Avenue
- A7 Grafon
- A8 HMRC Offices, Barrington Road
- A9 Lyndhurst Road
- A10 Martlets Way
- A11 Stagecoach, Marine Parade
- A12 Teville Gate
- A13 Union Place
- A14 Upper Brighton Road

**WLP Policy A1: Beeches Avenue****Site Area:** 2.8ha**Indicative Capacity:** 90 residential dwellings

**Commentary:** An Outline application (AWDM/0693/23) was been submitted for :  
'Outline planning application for residential development of approximately 90 dwellings, associated car parking, open spaces and landscaping, with primary access from Lyons Way and approximately six of these dwellings accessed via Beeches Avenue and improved pedestrian footpath link to Charmandean Lane; also rationalisation of car parking provision at the existing football ground.'

A resolution to grant permission, subject to a S106, was given on 20th December 2023.

The application included the provision of 40% affordable homes (36 dwellings) in accordance with WLP Policy DM3- Affordable Housing. The S106 sets out the following mix for affordable home delivery :

- 25% Staircasing Shared Ownership Housing Unit(s);
- 75% Affordable Rented Housing Units OR Social Rented Housing Units.

Planning Permission was granted on 4 December 2025 outside the monitoring period of the AMR.

**WLP Policy A2: Caravan Club, Titnore Way****Site area;** 2.70 ha ( southern part of site)**Indicative Capacity:** 100 residential units

**Commentary:** This is a council owned site and an allocation in WLP. Originally the Council and the Caravan Club were working positively towards a new long term lease to the club for the northern section of the site (3 ha) with the remaining 2.7 ha in the south being a proposed residential allocation in the then emerging Worthing Local Plan for 100 dwellings.

Since then the Caravan Club have surrendered their lease and the Council were looking at development across the whole site. The WLP allocates the southern part of the site for residential with an indicative capacity of 100 dwellings.

During this AMR monitoring period the Council marketed the entire site for development. Outside of the monitoring period at the Joint Strategic Committee held on 9th October 2025 councillors approved the sale of the site to a developer. Completion of the sale is conditional on the buyer securing planning permission for 130 new homes on the land, of which 35 would be for affordable rent and 11 shared ownership.

**WLP Policy A3: Centenary House****Site Area:** 3.88 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 250 residential units and 10,000 sqm employment floorspace (part re-provided)

**Commentary:** West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) and Sussex Police own the site and it is an allocation in WLP. Proactive discussions are ongoing and an application (AWDM/0945/23) has been permitted that enables the site to be split allowing the release of the WSSCC land for residential purposes.

In July 2024 the Police and Crime Commissioners submitted an application for the change of use of the Northbrook College Broadwater site (AWDM/0869/24) to a Police Station which may have facilitated the development of this site, however, this has since been withdrawn.

Discussions continue with consultants to consider the options for the site.

**WLP Policy A4: Civic Centre, Stoke Abbott Road****Site Area:** 0.7ha**Indicative Capacity:** 7,000sqm Integrated Health Hub

**Commentary:** The centre now known as the Worthing Integrated Care Centre (WICC) was completed and expected to open in 2024. This is a state of the art facility and the first of its kind in Sussex bringing together a range of NHS services under one roof.

Unfortunately the opening has been set back due to a number of identified safety issues including the discovery of legionella bacteria present in the water supply and a fault with the water system.

Whilst there is no confirmed opening date the Council have confirmed that the WICC is now clear of legionella.

**WLP Policy A5: Decoy Farm****Site Area:** 7.3 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 14,000 sqm employment floorspace

**Commentary:** This council owned former landfill site is an allocation in the WLP to deliver identified employment floorspace. In 2020 the council secured £5m of government funding to clear and level the site, recover materials and cap the landfill with clay.

In 2024 planning application AWDM/1745/22 was approved for the erection of a new industrial estate comprising the erection of six buildings to provide commercial, industrial and storage or distribution floorspace (Class E (g(iii)), B2 and B8 Uses). The WLP indicates that this site could offer an opportunity to relocate existing businesses which could include Stagecoach bus depot (site A11).

In March 2026 outside the monitoring period the council decided to put the site on the market to find a developer to deliver the site. The original objective had been for the council to either develop the site itself or within a partner but rising construction costs and increased pressure on council finances led to the decision to sell. Proposals from potential buyers who may wish to refine the existing planning permission or put forward alternative ideas for how the site could be used will be considered, provided they meet local planning policy and deliver clear benefits for Worthing.

**WLP Policy A6: Fulbeck Avenue****Site Area:** 0.85 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 152 residential units

**Commentary:** A planning application (AWDM/0166/20) for 152 residential units was approved (30 Jul 2021). There were a significant number of completions during the monitoring period with the remaining units expected to be completed the following year.

However, in February 2025 the developers Boklok announced that one of the blocks of flats - Block 5 had suffered significant storm damage. Due to poor weather conditions in winter 2023/24 builders were not able to fit the roof and therefore was subject to structural damage and therefore would need to be demolished. There is no current timeframe for when it will be replaced.

**WLP Policy A7: Grafton****Site Area:** 0.76 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 150 residential units & 2500 sqm commercial

**Commentary:** This Council owned site is an allocation in WLP with a minimum capacity of 150 dwellings together with commercial floorspace opportunities. The car park was closed in May 2025 due to its deteriorating condition.

In July 2025 the council announced its intention to relaunch a search for a developer working closely with CBRE to market the site for redevelopment. In February of this year the council had received multiple enquiries and work is underway pulling together these bids for the land.

**WLP Policy A8: HMRC Offices, Barrington Road****Site Area:** 7.46 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 250 residential units and provision of care home/sheltered accommodation

**Commentary:** This former HMRC office site is an allocation in the WLP. A Reserved Matters planning application (AWDM/0605/22) for 287 units was approved on 9 November 2022. The site has commenced and during the monitoring period West Sussex County Council (WSSC) monitoring indicates that 61 dwellings have been completed.

The application originally included a 68 bed care home. Since then a new application AWDM/0786/23 for 63 extra care apartments has been approved (20 August 2024). This application had not commenced during the monitoring period.

**WLP Policy A9: Lyndhurst Road****Site Area:** 1.13 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 150 residential units

**Commentary:** A former gas holder site located to the north east of the town centre. A planning application AWDM/1459/21 was approved 4/10/22 for 209 dwellings. A new application to amend the original application to include an additional 19 dwellings - AWDM/0083/24 was approved on 11/06/2024 bringing the site total to 228 dwellings.

The site has been cleared and WSSC monitoring indicates that the site has technically commenced as of June 2025.

**WLP Policy A10: Martlets Way****Site Area:** 4.18 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 10,000 sqm employment & 28 residential units

**Commentary:** An allocation in WLP A10, which includes 28 residential units. A hybrid application (AWDM/0131/23) seeking full planning permission for the construction of 28 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and an outline planning permission for up to 6,500 sq m of employment floorspace (E(g)(iii) class (light industrial, former BI(c)), and/or B8 uses (storage and distribution) with all matters reserved apart from access details was submitted in January 2023. This is still live as it is yet to be determined.

**WLP Policy A11: Stagecoach, Marine Parade****Site Area:** 0.69ha**Indicative Capacity:** 60 residential units & 2000 sqm commercial

**Commentary:** An allocation in the WLP (A11) with a minimum capacity of 60 dwellings and the provision of commercial floorspace. The site is located on a prominent position on the seafront, just to the north east of the pier.

The site is dependent on the relocation of the existing bus station and discussions are ongoing. This long-term objective is to provide a mix use development that helps to integrate the seafront and town centre.

**WLP Policy A12: Teville Gate****Site Area:** 1.47 ha**Indicative Capacity:** 250 residential units & 4000 sqm commercial

**Commentary:** This highly sustainable site is an allocation in the WLP with a minimum capacity of 250 dwellings and the potential for 4000sqms of commercial floorspace.

A Planning Application (AWDM/0325/19) had been submitted for 378 homes/83 bed hotel/food store (1,853sqms) a gym, and retail/café/restaurant uses for which permission was approved at committee subject to the negotiation of a legal agreement but the legal agreement was never signed.

In March 2024 the council announced a deal worth £5.1m agreed with Homes England to deliver at least 250 homes. Homes England purchased the site (now cleared) but leased it back to the council whilst it carries preparatory work to bring forward a more realistic development scheme. This challenging brownfield site is a key regeneration site that has the potential to have a transformational impact on the town once delivered.

<p><b>WLP Policy A13: Union Place</b></p> <p><b>Site Area:</b> 1.12 ha</p> <p><b>Indicative Capacity:</b> 150 residential units &amp; 700 sqm commercial</p>
<p><b>Commentary:</b> The site is an allocation in the WLP for a minimum of 150 units. The council originally acquired the site and entered into a land-pool agreement with government owned regeneration specialist LCR. In 2022 the council partnered with Roffey Homes, a local developer to build Union Gardens - a new community of 216 highly-sustainable flats.</p> <p>A planning application (AWDM/1618/23) including 216 residential units was permitted on 12 August 2024. In 2025 the council changed its approach to the site by offering Roffey Homes the opportunity to purchase the land and implement the planning permission. Contracts have been exchanged and site clearance and preparation has recently commenced.</p>

<p><b>WLP Policy A14: Upper Brighton Road</b></p> <p><b>Site Area:</b> 7.50 ha (Parcel A = 6.18 ha Parcel B = 1.32 ha)</p> <p><b>Indicative Capacity:</b> 123 residential units (Parcel A = 105 Parcel B = 18 )</p>
<p><b>Commentary:</b> This allocation in WLP has the opportunity to deliver a minimum capacity of 123 dwellings. No planning application has yet been submitted but discussions with the developer indicate an application to be submitted late 2025/ early 2026.</p>

**Worthing Housing Delivery Test**

The last Worthing Borough Council Action Plan was 2023 (published June 2024) based on the 2023 measurement (published June 2025) based on the fifth Housing Delivery Test published December 2023 covering the three monitoring periods 2019 – 2022. It sets out useful information on housing delivery (commitments, completions and affordable housing secured) in Worthing.

The Housing Delivery Test (HDT) was introduced by the Government in 2018 to ensure that local authorities and other stakeholders are held accountable for their role in ensuring new homes are delivered.

The HDT assesses the number of homes built in local authority areas over the previous three years and compares these against local housing requirements. Local planning authorities that fail to meet delivery targets are required to take appropriate action to address under delivery.

The sixth Housing Delivery Test was published in December 2024, and covers the period from 2020/21 to 2022/23. The results for Worthing is as follows:

Worthing Borough Council scored 107%:

Worthing has passed the HDT and as such there are no consequences to action and therefore no Action Plan is required.

At the time of publishing this AMR, the Government has not published the seventh Housing Delivery Test Result to cover the period 2021/22 to 2023/24.

### **Affordable Housing Provision**

#### **WLP Policy DM3: Affordable Housing**

**Aim:** To deliver affordable housing in line with policy

#### **Commentary:**

WSSC monitoring data shows affordable housing completions totalling 23 units were delivered in this monitoring year at the following locations:

- AWDM/0072/21 - 22 Clifton Road - 13 dwellings
- AWDM/1714/19 - Parcel to Northwest - Land To The South And East And West Of The Coach And Horses Arundel Road Worthing - 10 dwellings

WLP Policy DM3 seeks provision of the following percentages of affordable housing on sites of 10 or more dwellings:

- i) Sites on previously developed land involving the development of flats there will be a requirement for 20% affordable housing;
- ii) For all housing schemes on previously developed land there would be a requirement for 30%;
- iii) For all development on greenfield sites there would be a requirement for 40%.

The amount of affordable housing provision varies considerably year on year and very much depends on the size of sites coming forward, together with viability issues.

In addition to affordable housing completions, Worthing Borough Council also publishes information regarding affordable housing secured through s106s and spent on affordable housing by WBC which can be found within the Council's [Infrastructure Funding Statement](#).

Furthermore, it should be noted that affordable housing is sought only on developments of 10 dwellings or more.

## Appendix I: 5 Historic Housing Delivery

Historically there has not been a strong relationship between housing targets set for Worthing within regional Plans and the need / demand for new dwellings in the borough. This is because previous targets took account of the development physical and environmental constraints faced by Worthing and were therefore strongly influenced by the capacity of the borough to accommodate new homes.

For the previous Local Plan the Core Strategy it was the South East Plan that set out the housing distribution for the Region and for Worthing this translated to a requirement to make provision for an additional 200 dwellings (net) per year (4,000 new homes between 2006-2026).

### Historic Housing Delivery 2006 - 2020

Year	Net Additional Dwellings
2006 – 2007	266
2007 – 2008	260
2008 – 2009	380
2009 – 2010	252
2010 – 2011	241
2011 – 2012	143
2012 – 2013	172
2013 – 2014	245
2014 – 2015	351
2015 – 2016	484
2016 – 2017	347
2017 – 2018	482
2018 – 2019	293
2019 - 2020	396
Total net dwellings	4312

## Appendix 2: 5 Year Housing Land Supply as at 01/04/2025

	Worthing Local Plan	Dwellings (net)	Annual Average
a	Worthing Local Plan target 2020-2036	3672	230
b	Completed (net) 2020 - 2025	1160	
c	Number of years in plan period = 11		
d	Requirement 2025-2036 (a (3672) minus b (1160))	2512	228
e	Five year target with no adjustment (230 x 5)	1150	
f	Shortfall of housing provision from 2020 (230 x 5 year = 1150) minus completions (b) (1160) = + 10	0	
g	Five year target including shortfall (e +f)	1150	
h	20% Buffer (1150/100 x 20)	230	
i	Requirement for five years 2025 – 2030 with 20% buffer (g + h)	<b>1380</b>	<b>276</b>

	Supply:		
j	Commitments (large and small) at 1 April 2025 (net) (5 years) (Large = 1282 + Small = 102) 1384	1384	
k	Local Plan Allocations (without Planning Permission)	260	
l	SHLAA sites (excludes Local Plan allocations) (net figure) (5 years)	146	
m	Windfall allowance (59 x 2 years)	118	
n	Total Commitments (j+k+l+m) ( )	<b>1908</b>	
o	Surplus/deficit (n-i) ( )	+600	

Based on the conclusion of the sites as set out above there is a 5 year supply of 1908/276 = **6.9 years.**

### The Housing Trajectory as at 1st April 2025

The Housing Trajectory illustrates the past and projected completion rates in Worthing over the Plan period 2020 -2036 and provides an overview of the Council's land supply position. The trajectory includes projected annual completion rates for committed sites, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) sites, sites identified in the Worthing Local Plan 2023 as strategic allocations.. A windfall allowance has also been included. Historic small sites housing delivery data has been used to calculate a windfall allowance of xx dwellings per year from 2028/29 to the end of the Plan period.

The adopted Worthing Local Plan 2020 anticipates an average annual delivery of 230 dwellings over the plan period 2020-2036. The 'planned' rate, row shaded in green in the table, is the annualised net requirement needed to meet the housing delivery target. The red row 'monitor' indicates how many dwellings above or below the planned rate the overall housing delivery strategy is.

The revised National Planning Policy Framework introduced the Housing Delivery Test against which housing delivery will now be measured. The Housing Delivery Test measures housing delivery over the last three years against the adopted housing requirement for the same period.

Worthing Trajectory Worthing Local Plan Target 230 dwellings 2020 - 2036 as at 1/04/2025

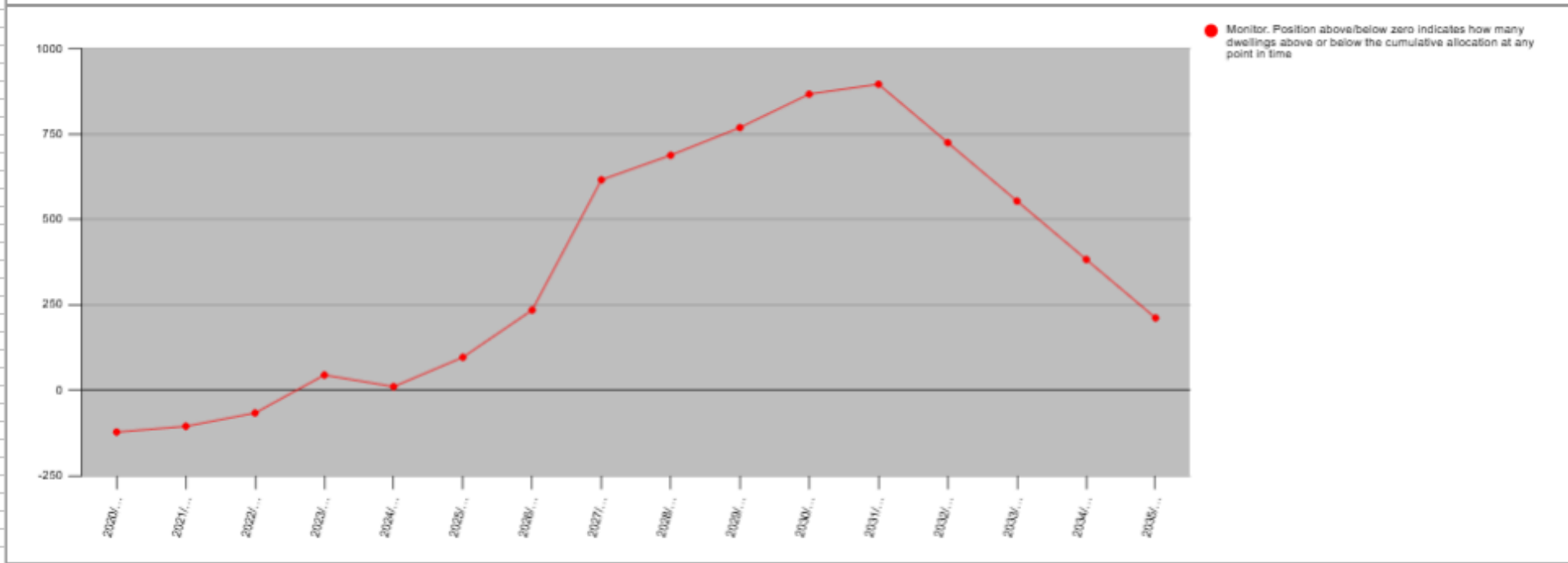
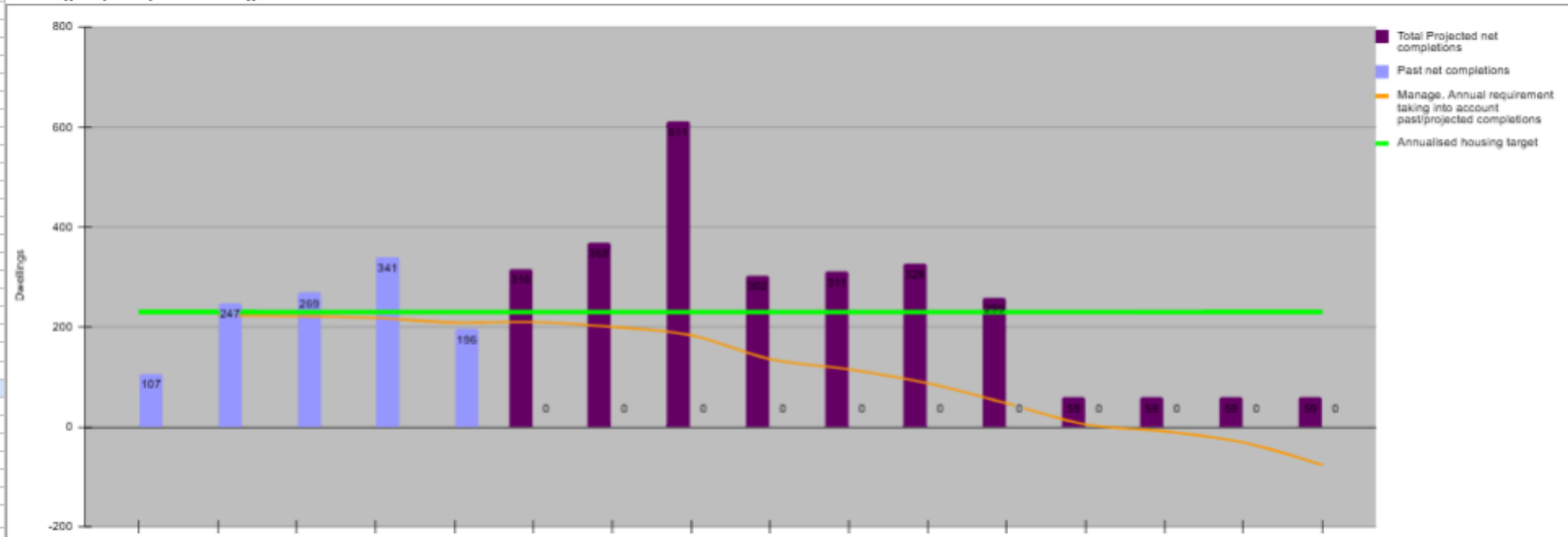
	Projected Completions																Totals
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	
Gross Completions at 1 April 2025 (large and small sites)	122	266	302	373	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1281
Commitments at 1 April 2025 (large and small sites with planning permission)(Including allocations with permission)	0	0	0	0	0	323	368	516	133	54	23	0	0	0	0	0	1417
Allowance for small windfall sites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	472
A1 - Beeches Avenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
A2 - Caravan Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	20	20	0	0	0	0	100
A3 - Centenary House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	50	50	50	0	250
A7 - Grafton Site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	50	0	0	0	150
A10 - Martlets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28
A11 - Stagecoach Site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	60
A12 - Teville Gate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	50	50	50	0	250
A14 - Upper Brighton Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	13	0	0	0	0	0	123
Total Local Plan Allocations (remaining)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	110	120	241	200	150	100	100	0	1051
SHLAA sites(excludes allocations) at 1st April 2025 (net)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	78	5	0	0	0	0	0	151
Total Projected Completions/Commitments	0	0	0	0	0	323	368	614	302	311	328	259	209	159	159	59	3091
Projected Losses						7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Past net completions	107	247	269	341	196	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1160
Total Projected net completions						316	368	611	302	311	328	259	59	59	59	59	3081
Cumulative net completions	107	354	623	964	1160	1476	1844	2455	2757	3068	3396	3655	3714	3773	3832	3891	
Annualised housing target	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	3680
Monitor. Position above/below zero indicates how many dwellings above or below the cumulative allocation at any point in time	-123	-106	-87	44	10	96	234	615	687	768	866	895	724	553	382	211	
Manage. Annual requirement taking into account past/projected completions	#REF!	223	222	218	209	210	200	184	136	115	87	47	5	-9	-31	-76	

Notes

Source: Residential Land Availability Survey, WSCC. To view source data search West Sussex County Council Planning Data for Housing and Residential Land in West Sussex.

Large Sites: 5 units or more. Small sites: under 5 units.

### Housing Trajectory for Worthing



● Monitor. Position above/below zero indicates how many dwellings above or below the cumulative allocation at any point in time

## Appendix 4 : Historic Affordable Housing Delivery

### Historic Affordable Housing Delivery in Worthing 2006 - 2025

Monitoring Year	Social Housing*units completed
2006/07	51 (gross)
2007/08	44 gross)
2008/09	88 (gross)
2009/10	81 (gross)
2010/11	78 (gross)
2011/12	6 (gross)
2012/13	51 (gross)
2013/14	9 (gross)
2014/15	61 (gross)
2015/16	50 (net
2016/17	78 (net)
2017/18	59 (net)
2018/19	58 (net)
2019/20	57 (net)
2020/21	11 (net)
2021/22	47 (net)
2022/23	40 (net)
2023/24	66(net)
2024/25	23 (net)

\*It should be noted that over this period the Local Plan policy thresholds that triggered an affordable/social housing requirement may have changed and the definition of what constitutes affordable/social housing. It should also be noted that these figures do not represent the full affordable housing delivery but those included as part of planning permissions and recorded by West Sussex County Council monitoring data.

## Appendix 5: S106 Monitoring and CIL

### Planning Obligations (s106)

Development should make appropriate provision of services, facilities and infrastructure to meet its own needs. This means that where sufficient capacity does not exist (and subject to CIL considerations / restrictions) the development should contribute what is necessary either on-site or by making a financial contribution towards provision elsewhere. These site specific developer contributions are secured by applying a Planning Obligation, either a Section 106 Agreement or Unilateral Undertaking, which is prepared and concluded as part of the planning application process.

Regulation 121A of the CIL Regulations (as amended) now requires Worthing Borough Council (WBC) to produce an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) which includes a report relating to the previous financial year section 106 planning obligations. The IFS must be published annually by 31st December. **More detail on the information provided below can be found in the Worthing IFS here;**

[www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/planning-policy/worthing/worthing-developer-contributions/developer-contributions-data-worthing/](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/planning-policy/worthing/worthing-developer-contributions/developer-contributions-data-worthing/)

Most planning contributions are paid to Worthing Borough Council. However education, libraries, fire and some transport contributions are paid to and are spent by West Sussex County Council (WSCC). This information can be found in the WSCC Infrastructure Funding Statement at:

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/information-for-developers/section-106-planning-obligations/#infrastructure-funding-statement](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/information-for-developers/section-106-planning-obligations/#infrastructure-funding-statement)

### Money Collected

The table below details the planning contributions paid to WBC between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25.

Table 11: Contributions received

Planning Application	Amount Received	Purpose
AWDM/1882/16	£147,657.96	Open Space & Leisure
AWDM/0833/21	£421,567.86	Affordable Housing
AWDM/1906/22	£23,143.20	Affordable Housing
AWDM/2026/22	£30,174.18	Air Quality
AWDM/0786/23	£1,619.18	S106 Monitoring Fee

### Money Spent

The table below details the planning contributions spent by WBC between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25. A total of £1,029,075.23 planning contributions was spent by WBC in the 2024/2025 financial year on infrastructure projects in Worthing (including transferring to another organisation to spend). Included in this expenditure was £570,000 on Affordable Housing provision. An additional £292,880.30 was transferred across to WSCC to be spent.

Table 12: Contributions spent

Planning Application	Amount Spent	Scheme
WB/98/00988/FULL	£10,900.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/03/01370/FULL	£571.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/04/00854/FULL	£9,830.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/05/0148/FULL	£2,340.00	Chesswood Road Crossing

		Improvements (WSCC)
WB/05/0393/FULL	£3,750.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/05/0713/FULL	£9,480.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/05/1286/OUT	£9,620.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/06/0530/FULL	£38.00	Railway Approach (WSCC)
	£5,100.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/06/0545/FULL	£8,182.00	Palatine SEN Primary School School Safety Zone (WSCC)
WB/06/0728/FULL	£14,365.00	Cross Street (WSCC)
WB/06/0751/OUT	£8,808.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/06/1348/FULL	£6,858.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/07/0086/FULL	£3,380.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/07/0135/FULL	£13,905.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/07/0487/FULL	£6,240.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/07/0944/FULL	£9,100.00	Bike Share Scheme
WB/07/1009/FULL	£2,438.00	Railway Approach (WSCC)
WB/07/1424/FULL	£43,841.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/07/1434/FULL	£1,867.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/07/1451/FULL	£2,400.00	Railway Approach (WSCC)
WB/08/0097/FULL	£2,880.00	Railway Approach (WSCC)
WB/08/0229/FULL	£1,950.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/08/0368/FULL	£12,400.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/08/0373/OUT	£6,882.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/08/0377/FULL	£7,960.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/08/0928/FULL	£9,600.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/08/0931/FULL	£920.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/09/0046/FULL	£1,960.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/09/0346/FULL	£5,280.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/09/0732/FULL	£2,000.30	A2032 Littlehampton Road / The Boulevard roundabout (WSCC)
WB/09/0756/FULL	£14,080.00	A2032 Littlehampton Road / The Boulevard roundabout (WSCC)
WB/10/0308/FULL	£2,610.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/10/0383/FULL	£11,205.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/10/0753/FULL	£17,086.00	Railway Approach (WSCC)
WB/10/0858/FULL	£6,435.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
WB/10/1069/FULL	£2,970.00	Chesswood Road Crossing

		Improvements (WSCC)
AWDM/0363/11	£30,684.93	Business Support Package
AWDM/1060/11	£13,230.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
AWDM/0161/13	£7,400.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
AWDM/0281/13	£2,119.00	Chesswood Road Crossing Improvements (WSCC)
AWDM/0124/15	£4,100.00	Heene Road Access Gate
AWDM/1633/16	£570,000.00	21 self-contained affordable flats at Skywave House
AWDM/1979/19	£25,000.00	Waterwise Play Area
	£92,650.82	Cornerways GP Surgery (NHS)
AWDM/1624/22	£3,000.00	S106 Admin
AWDM/0786/23	£1,619.18	S106 Admin

### Money Allocated

The table below indicates the money from planning contributions that has been allocated, but not spent, by WBC between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25 for funding infrastructure. A summary of the infrastructure projects and amount of money allocated to it are set out in table 16 of the IFS.

Table 13: Contributions allocated

Category	Transport	Open Spaces	Affordable Housing	Flooding	Misc.
Money Allocated	£0	£13,320.00	£0	£0	£0

### Money Available to Spend

The table below indicates the money from planning contributions that was available to spend (i.e. has been received but not allocated) by Worthing Borough Council at the end of the 2024/25 financial year:

Table 14: Contributions available

Category	Transport	Open Spaces	Affordable Housing	Air Quality	Misc.
Money Available	£372,686.24	£272,889.39	£2,014,359.27	£88,929.17	£18,315.07

Often when Section 106 funding comes in smaller amounts we combine these contributions over time to invest in larger projects with greater impact in the community.

### Agreements Signed

During 2024/2025, eight planning applications contained a signed section 106 (of these, two were a deed of variation). If implemented the following contributions (set out on table below) will be collected/implemented to support and mitigate the impacts of development.

Table 15: New agreements signed in 2024/25

Planning Application	Site Address	Date of s106	Amount of Contribution	Purpose of Contribution
AWDM/0083/24	Land At Former Gas Works Site, Park Road	06/06/2024	£451,260.00	Affordable Housing in lieu payment
			District Heating Network	Connection to the Heat Network

AWDM/1618/23	Union Place Car Park, Union Place	09/08/2024	£1,004,004.00	Affordable Housing in lieu payment
			£3,600.00	S106 Monitoring Fee
			Conditional Contribution	Open space and recreation facilities in the Worthing Central Ward or adjoining wards
			43 Affordable Housing units	23 Intermediate Housing units and 20 Affordable Rented units
			Open Space on-site	Remediation Consultant Contribution
			Car Club	Up to four car club vehicles and membership for at least one year
			Travel Vouchers	For first occupier of each unit
			District Heating Network	Connection to the Heat Network
AWDM/0786/23	Site Of Former Hm Revenues And Customs And Land South Of Hm Revenues And Customs, Barrington Road	20/08/2024	£240,000.00	Affordable Housing in lieu payment
			Conditional Contribution	Affordable Housing in lieu payment
			£1,500.00	S106 Monitoring Fee
			£987.00	Air Quality Monitoring
			Conditional Contribution	Viability Reappraisal
			Car Club	One car club vehicle and parking space on site
AWDM/1483/23	148 - 152 Montague Street	20/09/2024	£32,082.00	Affordable Housing in lieu payment
AWDM/0447/24	Greater Brighton Metropolitan College, Littlehampton Road	14/11/2024	£1,100.00	S106 Monitoring Fee
			£2,160.00	Biodiversity Net Gain Land Monitoring
			Conditional Contributions	Biodiversity Net Gain Land Monitoring
			BNG Monitoring Reports	On the first (1st), second (2nd), fifth (5th), tenth (10th), fifteenth (15th), twentieth (20th) and thirtieth (30th) anniversaries of the date six months from Occupation of the Development

Other site or development specific requirements, including net proceeds of sale, occupancy restrictions, provision of street furniture, schedule of specific works, highways and general estate management matters are not listed within the table above.

Further information about the applications above can be viewed on the Adur and Worthing website by entering the planning application into the search function at the following link:

<https://planning.adur-worthing.gov.uk/online-applications/>

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Regulation 121A of the CIL Regulations (as amended) now requires Worthing Borough Council to produce an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS). The purpose of the IFS is to provide information on the infrastructure projects the Council intends may be wholly or partly funded by CIL, to report on CIL in relation to the previous financial year, and to report on planning obligations, in relation to the previous financial year. **From December 2020, the CIL collecting authority is required to publish the IFS on the Council's website here;**

[www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/planning-policy/worthing/worthing-developer-contributions/developer-contributions-data-worthing/](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/planning-policy/worthing/worthing-developer-contributions/developer-contributions-data-worthing/)

Worthing Borough Council (WBC) has been charging CIL on liable new development, detailed in the WBC CIL Charging Schedule, which have been granted planning permission from the 1st October 2015. The charge allows the Council to raise funds from developers to pay for infrastructure that is needed as a result of development. Worthing Borough Council introduced a revised CIL charging schedule in July 2021 and it was implemented on 1st August 2021. The revised CIL rates can be seen found on the Council's website;

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-cil/about-cil/>

As at 31/03/25, a total of £6,574,580.21 CIL had been collected.

Table 16: CIL reporting for financial year 2024/2025

Description	Amount/Description
The total CIL receipts for the reported year	£671,963.68
The total CIL expenditure for the reported year	£572,327.07
Summary details of CIL expenditure from the Strategic Pot (80%) during the reported year including the items of infrastructure to which CIL has been applied	£153,346.97 on Public Realm Enhancements Montague Place, £25.00 on Somerset Lakes Flood Management Works, £4,873.79 on Shared Use Lane from George V Avenue to Sea Lane, £32,759.60 on Public Space Regeneration
Total of CIL expenditure from the Neighbourhood Pot (15%) during the reported year	£347,859.38
Summary details of CIL expenditure during the reported year including the amount of CIL applied to repay money borrowed, including interest, with details of the infrastructure items which that money was used to provide	£0
Summary details of CIL expenditure during the reported year including the amount of CIL applied to administrative expenses and that amount expressed as a percentage of CIL collected in that year	£33,462.33 (4.98%)
The total amount of CIL receipts retained at the end of the reported year	£4,824,348.07

The Council has adopted an Infrastructure Investment Plan (2023-2026) which details the items of infrastructure which have been prioritised funding from the CIL Strategic Pot (80%) over the 3 years. This can be found on the Council's website;

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-cil/spending-cil/>

## Money received

A total of £671,963.68 was received from 18 CIL liable developments in Worthing between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025. A total of £42,047.30 was granted in Self Build relief and Social Housing relief during the monitoring year. A total of £40,617.12 was granted in Residential Extension exemption during the monitoring year.

Table 17: Amount of CIL received, by application and ward, in 2024/25

Ward	Planning Ref	Address	Amount received
Broadwater	AWDM/0065/21	44 Northbrook Road	£2,933.66
Central	AWDM/0083/24	Land At Former Gas Works Site, Park Road	£324,731.16
	AWDM/0521/23	Development Of Upper Floors At 30 To 32, Chapel Road	£30,438.52
	AWDM/1483/23	148 - 152 Montague Street	£22,453.83
	AWDM/1624/22	The Montague Centre, Liverpool Road	£90,322.45
	AWDM/1906/22	Development Site At Former Debenhams Store 14 To 20 South Street And Iceland Car Park, Marine Place	£64,544.70
	AWDM/2011/22	147 Montague Street	£10,440.32
	NOTICE/0024/23	94 Montague Street	£11,798.99
Goring	AWDM/0827/15	Anchor Court, Marine Crescent	£7,586.37
Heene	AWDM/1790/21	2 Lansdowne Road	£19,855.48
Marine	AWDM/1489/23	106 - 108 George V Avenue	£2,717.34
Salvington	AWDM/0025/23	51 Mendip Road	£13,048.65
	AWDM/1534/22	21 Mendip Crescent	£10,802.18
	AWDM/2323/21	34 Pentland Road	£9,945.00
Selden	AWDM/1031/24	125 Lyndhurst Road	£1,999.39
	AWDM/1757/22	Land West Of 5, Ham Way	£35,120.28
Tarring	AWDM/0662/18	Land South Of 39 Littlehampton Road, Northfield Road	£4,371.14
	AWDM/0965/20	54 Church Road	£8,854.22
<b>Total</b>			<b>£671,973.68</b>

## Neighbourhood Proportion

The CIL Regulations require the Council to pass a 'meaningful proportion' of the CIL receipts received in a particular area to that area. This is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund'. The meaningful proportion is defined as 15% in areas where there is no Neighbourhood Plan, or 25% in areas with a Neighbourhood Plan. Worthing currently has no Neighbourhood Plans. Therefore, the table below sets out how 15% of CIL collected in Worthing is 'allocated' to the local area.

In the absence of parishes and neighbourhood plans, which is the case in Worthing, the CIL Regulations allow the Council to design its own bespoke definition of what constitutes a local neighbourhood area for the purpose of allocating the CIL Neighbourhood Fund. For the 2021/22 funding round, ward boundaries were used for allocating funds.

Following discussions internally and with a range of community groups, a revised approach is now being used to allocate the funding based on 'CIL areas' (groupings of wards) where the development takes place. The aggregated groups of wards which will form the Worthing 'CIL areas' are set out below:

- Coastal East: Heene, Central and Selden
- Coastal West: Marine and Goring

- North West: Northbrook, Castle and Durrington
- North: Tarring, Gaisford and Salvington
- North East: Broadwater and Offington

Table 18: Amount of CIL money available in the neighbourhood pot (15%) for each CIL Area (at 31/03/2025)

CIL Area	Balance Available
Coastal East	£93,545.99
Coastal West	£1,595.73
North West	£14,281.67
North	£17,841.59
North East	£20,190.27

## Administration

The introduction of CIL and the day-to-day discharge of the Council's duties as the 'Charging Authority' is resource intensive and recognised by the Government as an additional burden on local authorities. As such, in line with regulations, the Council will utilise up to 5% of total CIL receipts each year to finance levy administration expenses. In the monitoring year 2024/25 a total of £33,462.33 was collected within the 'Admin pot' and used on costs relating to CIL administration, staff costs and purchasing of monitoring software (4.98% of the total amount of CIL collected in the monitoring year).

## Governance Arrangements

A CIL Board (previously known as JOMB) for CIL governance has been established and an [Infrastructure Investment Plan \(IIP\)](#) has been agreed for the prioritisation of projects for CIL funding. The IIP prioritises infrastructure via a three year rolling programme and the IIP programme is updated each year to reflect the most up-to-date housing trajectory and infrastructure requirements across the plan area.

The 'strategic pot' (80%) forms the main focus of this IIP. For clarity, Worthing Borough Council has agreed to 'top slice' this proportion, so that 70% of all CIL money received is spent on Worthing Borough Council and West Sussex County Council projects. The remaining receipts (10% of total CIL money collected) is allocated to 'other service providers' (such as NHS partners, Police, Ambulance Trust) once that part of the 'pot' has reached £100,000.

A revised approach for how the Strategic Pot will be spent will be outlined in the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) for 2026-2029 which will be uploaded on the Council website:

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-cil/spending-cil/>

More information on Worthing CIL can be found on the Council's website:

[www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-cil/](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-cil/)

## Appendix 6: Development Management Performance

### Applications

In the monitoring year 2024/2025, **539** applications were determined. The percentage of applications determined within the prescribed timescale by application type is as follows:

- Major applications – 100%
- Minors –96%
- Others – 94%

### Appeals

In 2024/2025, there were 21 appeals determined. The outcomes are reported below:

#### Breakdown of Appeal Decisions

Decision Type	Number
Allowed	5
Withdrawn	0
Dismissed	16
Split Decision	0
Turned Away	0
Planning Decision Quashed	0
Enforcement Notice Quashed	0
Enforcement Notice Temp	0
Enforcement Notice Upheld	0
Enforcement Notice Split Decision	0

## Appendix 7: Biodiversity Annual Monitoring Report



Statistical breakdown of approved new build planning applications within designated sites and habitats in Worthing Borough between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025. (Excludes applications within the South Downs National Park.)

Produced on 03/12/2025

<b>Worthing Borough area (ha)</b>	<b>3378.3</b>	<b>Area of approved planning applications (ha)</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>(36 applications)</b>
<b>West Sussex area (ha)</b>	<b>202361.7</b>	<b>% of Worthing Borough infringed by planning ap</b>	<b>0.3</b>	

<b>Table 1. Designated sites and reserves</b>		<b>Area of designation / reserve in West Sussex (ha)</b>	<b>% of West Sussex</b>	<b>Area of designation / reserve in Worthing Borough (ha)</b>	<b>% of Worthing Borough</b>	<b>Area of designation / reserve in Worthing Borough infringed by</b>	<b>% of designation / reserve in Worthing Borough infringed by</b>	<b>Number of planning applications within or abutting designation /</b>
International	Ramsar	3725.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	3672.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	Special Protection Area (SPA)	4149.9	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
National	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	25958.7	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	National Nature Reserve (NNR)	556.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	National Park	81247.7	40.1	814.8	24.1	0.0	0.0	0
	Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	8310.0	4.1	42.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0
Local	Country Park	320.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	Local Geological Site (LGS)	1574.0	0.8	2.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0
	Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	2074.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	Local Wildlife Site (LWS)	10759.0	5.3	402.8	11.9	0.0	0.0	0
	Notable Road Verge	137.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Reserve/Property	Environmental Stewardship Agreement *	8960.3	4.4	140.8	4.2	0.0	0.0	0
	National Trust	5073.9	2.5	31.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0
	RSPB Reserve	1475.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	Sussex Wildlife Trust Reserve	773.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
	Woodland Trust	67.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0

\* This only applies to 'live' Environmental Stewardship Agreements. All statistics are based on information held at the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre as at 06/11/25. Please note that designated sites may overlap therefore the totals shown in the designated site table do not necessarily reflect the total percentage of the district covered by designated sites.

Table 2. Habitats *	Area of habitat in West Sussex (ha)	% of West Sussex	Area of habitat in Worthing Borough (ha)	% of Worthing Borough	Area of habitat in Worthing Borough infringed by planning application boundaries	% of habitat in Worthing Borough infringed by planning application	Number of planning applications within or abutting habitat
Ancient woodland	21367.8	10.6	67.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	0
Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh	3669.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Coastal saltmarsh	409.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Coastal sand dunes	32.0	0.02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Coastal vegetated shingle	125.6	0.06	6.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0
Deciduous woodland	30380.6	15.0	180.1	5.3	0.0	0.0	0
Ghyll woodland	1666.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Intertidal chalk	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Intertidal mudflat	1530.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Lowland calcareous grassland	2736.0	1.4	98.6	2.9	0.0	0.0	0
Lowland fen	194.7	0.10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Lowland heathland	1506.5	0.7	0.07	0.00	0.0	0.0	0
Lowland meadow	230.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Maritime cliff and slope	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Reedbed	60.1	0.03	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Saline lagoon	44.2	0.02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Traditional orchard	171.8	0.08	0.7	0.02	0.0	0.0	0
Wood-pasture & parkland	7057.9	3.5	21.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0

Table 3. Species Data # (1980 onwards)	Number of records in West Sussex	Number of records in Worthing Borough	No. of planning applications with species records within 200m buffer	% of planning applications with species records within 200m buffer
European Protected species	29456	213	23	63.9
Wildlife & Countryside Act species	52952	462	29	80.6
Section 41 species	556820	46429	36	100.0
Bats	24114	178	13	36.1
Notable birds	276528	14026	36	100.0
Rare species (excludes bats and birds)	82672	3135	36	100.0
Invasive non-native species	16674	2064	29	80.6
Ancient or veteran tree	3265	3	0	0.0
Black Poplar	17	0	0	0.0

\* Changes in habitat extent year on year may well be a reflection of improved datasets and should not be assumed to be habitat expansion or contraction. Many habitat datasets overlap with one another e.g. lowland meadow may be classed as grazing marsh and recorded in both inventories. \*Badger and otter records are not included. Rare species does not include bat or bird records. Some species appear in more than one category. Notable birds refer to those on the Sussex Notable Bird Inventory. This includes species that are particularly scarce or vulnerable to development in Sussex.