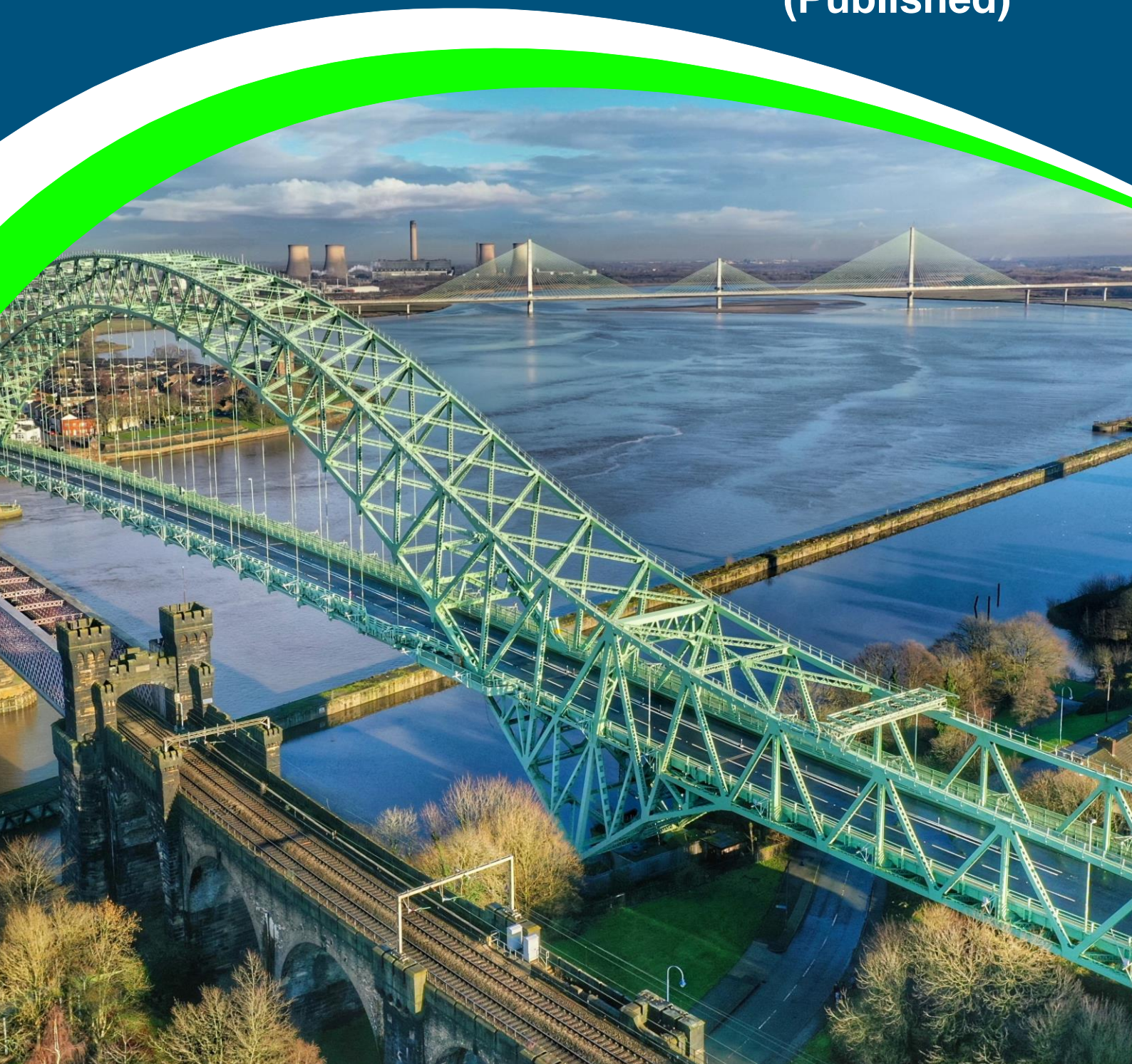


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## 1. Summary

Summary of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (Adopted 02/03/2022) performance for the Monitoring Period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024. This is the second full monitoring period for the DALP. This summary details the key facts and figures from within this monitoring document.

Policy CS(R)1 'Halton's Spatial Strategy' flows from the Vision for Halton. It expresses how the Council will achieve what they want to deliver over the plan period 2014 to 2037. To achieve the Vision for Halton new development should deliver:

### Housing

- At least 8050 (net) additional dwellings
- Approximately 180ha (gross) of land for employment purposes
- Up to 9,293sqm of Town Centre convenience/comparison goods retailing
- Up to 5,112 sqm of retail warehousing

Policy CS(R)3 'Housing Supply and Locational Priorities' sets out the provision made for the development of at least 8050 (net) additional dwellings at an average of 350 (net) dwellings each year. This will be achieved through a combination of housing completed since 2014, housing sites with planning permission, or currently under construction and delivery of strategic residential locations allocated in the DALP and identified on the Policies Map.

During the monitoring period:

- 366 gross housing completions –126 of these were affordable homes (34%) (Compared to 85 (23%) gross in 2022/23)
- 2 demolition
- 3 loss from conversion
- 3 losses from change of use
- **358 net completions** (Compared to 362 net completions in 2022/23)
- 111 units currently under construction (Compared to 264 under construction in 2022/23)

### Employment

Policy CS(R)4 'Employment Land Supply' seeks to deliver approximately 180ha (gross) of land for employment purposes between 2014 and 2037. This will be achieved through a combination of employment site completed since 2014, employment sites with planning permission, sites under construction for employment uses and the delivery of strategic employment locations allocated in the DALP and identified on the Policies Map.

During the monitoring period 2014 to 2024:

- There has been a take up of 56.27 ha of employment land and 10.14 ha of SG land.
- There has been a loss of 33.84 hectares of employment and SG land to other uses.
- 4 sites actively under construction at 31/03/24

- 11 new sites with planning permission at 31/03/24 of which 9 sites remain available for employment use.
- 111.63 ha of land allocated for employment use remains available

## Climate Change

Policy CS(R)19 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change' seeks to ensure new development should be sustainable and be designed to have regard to the predicted effects of climate change including reducing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and adapting to climatic conditions.

During the monitoring period:

- The latest available data is for the period 21/22. When compared to the 2008 baseline of 9.4 tonnes the Council has managed to reduce its overall carbon emissions by 0.73 tonnes.
- 3 planning permissions have been approved since 2014, for the development of solar array (one of which was refused but allowed on appeal). Total additional capacity once all developments are operational will be up to 4.561MW.
- 1 planning applications which required an energy statement has been received post adoption of the DALP, which was refused and allowed at appeal.

## Design

Policy CS(R)18 'High Quality Design' seeks to achieve and raise the quality of design is a priority for all development in Halton. Developments, where applicable, will be expected to adhere the Council's design standards.

During the monitoring period:

- Policy GR1 was designed in accordance with CS(R)18 to ensure all development must be of high quality. Policy GR2 is also a core function of planning to ensure a good standard of design. Both of the policies GR1 and GR2 were commonly cited in decision notices.
- Policies GR3 and GR4 are also a core function of planning to ensure a good standard of design. These policies were not cited in decisions.

## Health and Well-being

Policy CS (R) 22 Health and Well-Being seeks to ensure healthy environments are supported and healthy lifestyles are encouraged across the borough.

During the monitoring period:

- Life expectancy data has improved since 2008 but remains below Regional and National data.
- Health Impact Assessments aim to enhance potential positive impacts of development and mitigate against any negative impacts of any major applications. There are two records detailing where a Health Impact Assessment has been submitted as part of the application.

## Infrastructure

Policy CS(R)7 'Infrastructure Provision' seeks to ensure development is located to maximise the benefit of existing infrastructure and to minimise the need for new provision. Where new development creates or exacerbates deficiencies in infrastructure it will be required to ensure those deficiencies or losses are compensated for, adequately mitigated or substituted for in a timely manner.

- Planning obligations are legal obligations entered into to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal. This can be via a planning agreement entered into under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- Halton Borough Council's latest Infrastructure Funding Statement (2019-2024) declared that S106 funds available at 24/10/2024 was £4,602,041.82.

## Natural Environment and Nature Conservation

Policy CS(R)1 seeks to ensure residential development and certain major tourism development within 5km of protected accessible coasts make financial contribution in relation to recreation disturbance towards avoidance and mitigation schemes. Policy CS (R) 20 Natural and Historic Environment seeks to protect and enhance Halton's natural and heritage assets.

During the monitoring period:

- There are no recorded changes in the areas of Mersey Estuary SPA/ Ramsar of the three SSSIs in Halton. Two planning permissions have been approved on a local wildlife site that required mitigation.
- Planning permission was approved for the removal of 3 trees protected by a TPO.
- 0 applications have been received or approved that would result in the loss of ancient woodland.

## Retail

Policy CS(R)5 'Network of Centres' seeks to maintain the hierarchy of Halton's Centres for retail and other town centre uses. Improvement and enhancement of town and local centres will be supported within defined boundaries. Delivery of two new centres of an appropriate scale will be supported at Keckwick Hill Daresbury and West Bank in South Widnes. In addition, Policy HC9 'Mixed Use Areas' supports the delivery of some retail use (subject to meeting policy criteria) at Victoria Square and Victoria Road (MUA2), Earl Road (MUA3), Runcorn Station (MUA5), Halton Road (MUA6), Bridge Retail (MUA7), Moor Lane (MUA9) and Daresbury Park (MUA11)

During the monitoring period:

- There has been a decrease in vacant units in the defined centres from 24% in 2023 to 22% in 2024 all the vacancy rates remain above national levels.
- Development of a local district centre at Sandymoor, Runcorn that includes retail units (1& 2: Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food, Use



Class E(a) and/or Restaurants and Cafes, Use Class E(b); Retail units 3 & 4: Takeaways, Use Class Sui Generis – hot food takeaways; Retail unit 5: Veterinary Practice, Use Class E(e) is under construction.

## Transport

Policy CS (R) 15 Sustainable Transport sets out the transport and traffic considerations that development proposals should address. It seeks to ensure that new development is accessible by sustainable transport methods such as walking, cycling and public transport. This involves

During the monitoring period:

- 100% of large trip planning applications have been submitted with Travel Plans.
- 69% of applications have been compliant with parking standards, all have been assessed by the relevant highways officer and concluded as acceptable.
- The number of adults recorded as cycling for any purpose has decreased since 2016.

## 2. Introduction

### The Role of the Authority Monitoring Report

Local planning authorities must publish information at least annually that shows progress with local plan preparation, reports any activity relating to the duty to cooperate, any information collected which relates to indicators in the plan, and any policies which are not being implemented.

This information should be made available publicly. [Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) sets out what information the reports must contain.<sup>1</sup>

Local planning authorities can also use the Authority Monitoring Report to provide up-to-date information on the implementation of any neighbourhood plans that have been brought into force. At the time of production of the DALP AMR Halton does not have any Neighborhood Plans or Development Orders in progress or made.

Annual monitoring will help inform if there is a need to undertake a partial or full update of the local plan, when carrying out a review at least every 5 years from the adoption date.<sup>2</sup>

Appendix F (Monitoring Framework) of the DALP set out the targets that have been developed to measure the direct effects of the policies on achieving the targets.<sup>3</sup> The AMR shows the progress towards achieving the policies and targets during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Where data is available and deemed relevant a decision has been made to include data back to 2014 to cover the plan period (2014 to 2037).

The 2024 report is the second authority monitoring report (AMR) of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) (adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022). The AMR has been prepared by the Planning Policy Team in accordance with Regulation 34.

In addition to the AMR which gives an overview of the progress being made in all areas, the Planning Policy Team is separately producing:

- Employment AMR 2024
- Housing AMR 2024
- Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024

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<sup>1</sup> [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Plan-making - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Paragraph: 073 Reference ID: 61-073-20190315

<sup>3</sup> [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

## How to use this Document

For ease of use the DALP AMR has been divided into subject topics, with each relevant policy and strategic objective identified for each section. The topic areas have been colour coded to match that of the DALP. (See DALP contents pages 6-7) Each policy has been monitored with an assessment made of progress. Where relevant charts, figures and tables have been included in the main body of the document, with detailed tables of planning permissions and completions included in the Appendix. At the beginning of each monitoring topic a chart has been included that highlights headline data of the progress of policies. The chart has been colour coded as follows:

### Key

Positive progress
Improvement required
Close monitoring required
No relevant data

## Policy Framework

The Development Plan for Halton Borough is made up of the following documents:

- Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) (Adopted March 2022) (incorporating remaining policies from the Core Strategy Local Plan)
- The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan 2013<sup>4</sup>

## Local Development Scheme (LDS)

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is an integral part of the Halton Borough Local Development Framework and plays a key role in facilitating successful program management of the project. The LDS is updated on a regular basis to reflect progress. The latest LDS is available to view at: [Halton Borough Council Local Development Strategy](#)

## Duty to Cooperate

The Localism Act<sup>5</sup> and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)<sup>6</sup> places a duty on local planning authorities and other bodies to cooperate with each other to address strategic issues relevant to their areas. The duty requires ongoing constructive and active engagement on the preparation of development plan documents and other activities relating to the sustainable development and use of land, in connection with strategic infrastructure.

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<sup>4</sup> [Waste Local Plan \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Localism Act 2011 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>6</sup> [National Planning Policy Framework - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The relevant duty to cooperate bodies for Halton Borough are:

- Liverpool City Region Authorities
- Warrington Borough Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Council

Halton lies within the core of the Liverpool City Region. The Combined Authority brings together the region's six local authorities – Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral.<sup>7</sup>

In November 2015 the Government signed a Devolution Agreement<sup>8</sup> with Halton, the five Merseyside Authorities and the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership that devolves specific powers to the new office of Mayor.

These powers include defined strategic planning functions, including the production of a Strategic Framework for the City Region.

Halton falls within the 'Mid-Mersey' Housing Market Area which comprises three local authorities of Halton, St. Helens and Warrington Council's.

Under section 33A of the Localism Act, where a local planning authority have co-operated with another local planning authority, county council, or a body or person prescribed, the local planning authority's monitoring report must give details of what action they have taken during the period covered by the report.

During the monitoring period Halton have cooperated under the Duty to Cooperate as detailed in Figure 1

**FIGURE 1 DUTY TO COOPERATE**

Organisation	Date	Purpose
Housing and Regeneration Cabinet Board	Meeting held	The meeting was held to discuss the following strategic matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Delivery Update – Brownfield Land Fund</li> <li>• Housing Retrofit Delivery Update</li> <li>• Spatial Development Strategy Update</li> <li>• Net Zero Delivery Plan</li> <li>• One Public Estate – Brownfield Land Release Fund; and Opportunity Development Fund</li> </ul>
Chief Planners Group	* meetings were held during the	The meetings included discussion of the following strategic matters:

<sup>7</sup> [Home | Liverpool City Region Combined Authority \(liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk\)](https://liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/)

<sup>8</sup> [Liverpool\\_devolution\\_deal\\_unsigned.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/)

	monitoring period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNG</li> <li>• LNRS</li> <li>• Liverpool City Region (LCR) update on the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS)</li> </ul>
Planning Policy Managers	* meetings were held during the monitoring period	<p>The meetings included discussion of the following strategic matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDS Evidence base documents</li> <li>• Biodiversity Net Gain – new legislation</li> <li>• LDS</li> </ul>
Transport Advisory Group	Meeting held	<p>The meetings included discussion of the following strategic matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department for Transport update</li> <li>• Active Travel Update</li> <li>• Network Rail Update</li> <li>• Local Transport Plan (4)</li> </ul>

## Statement of Common Ground

Halton has signed and agreed a Statement of Common Ground during the monitoring period as detailed in Figure 2:

**FIGURE 2 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

Organisation	Purpose
Liverpool City Region (LCR) Authorities	The 2019 SoCG has been reviewed in 2022. The agreement covers strategic planning matters including the LCR Strategic Development Strategy.
Warrington Borough Council	The 2018 SoCG has been reviewed in 2022. The agreement covers strategic planning matters.

## Halton Borough

The Borough of Halton is a Unitary Authority covering the towns of Runcorn and Widnes. Halton is in the Northwest of England which straddles the upper Estuary of the River Mersey. It is located to the east of Liverpool City with the Borough of St Helens to the north, Warrington to the east and rural north Cheshire lying to the south.

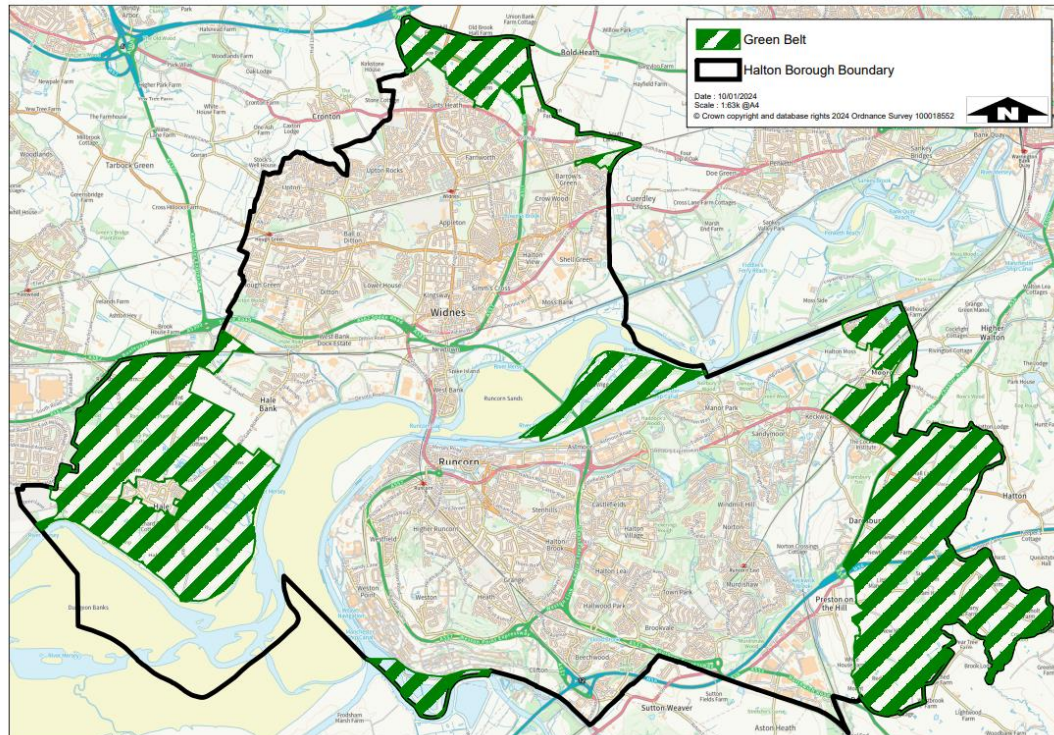
At the time of the 2021 Census Halton recorded a population of 128,577 made up of 55,591 households.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> [Halton population profile](#)



Green Belt covers approximately one third of the land area of the Borough and contains the smaller settlements of Moore, Daresbury and Preston-on-the Hill, with Hale Village inset within the Green Belt.

**FIGURE 3 HALTON BOROUGH INCLUDING GREEN BELT**



## Monitoring Process

The AMR is a publication that assesses the Council's the success in achieving the policies in its Local Plan. This helps inform the preparation of a new local plan. It does this by monitoring each policy on their performance by using various indicators. The following sections are set out into topics based on policies from the DALP and provide data and analysis of the indicators and targets for each policy.

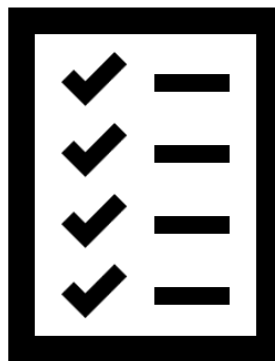
### Monitoring: Produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)

- Conduct a yearly assessment of the policies within the Local Plan



### Evaluation: Review the Local Plan

- Use the outcomes from the AMR process to evaluate the current plan and help inform the new Local Plan

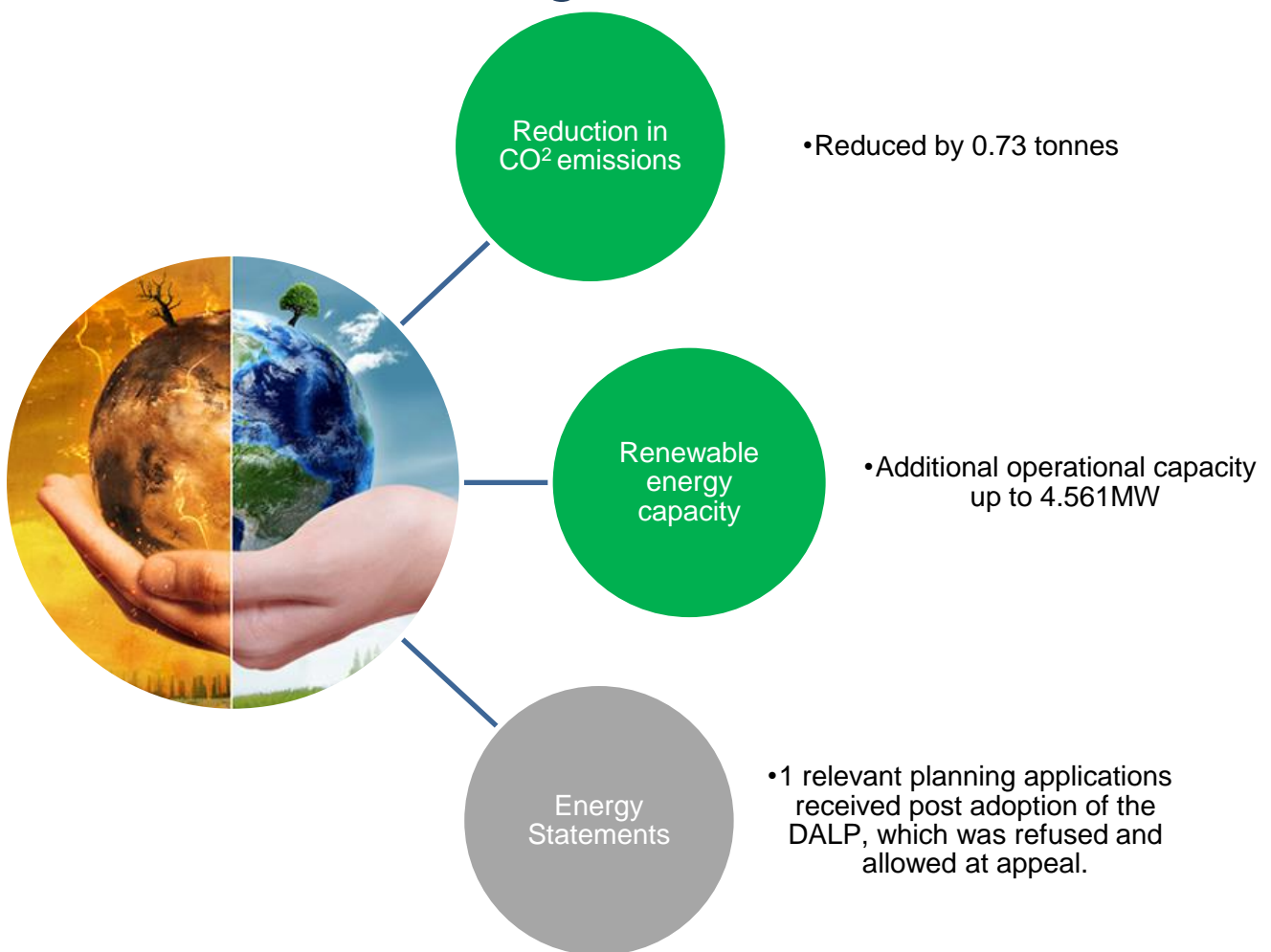


### Planning: Adoption of a new Local Plan

- Ensure the correct indicators are included alongside the updated policies in the new Local Plan



## 3.1 Climate Change



Strategic Objective: SO9

Climate Change Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 19 Sustainable Development and Climate Change

The aim of Policy CS(R)19 is that all new development should be sustainable and be designed to have regard to the predicted effects of climate change including reducing carbon dioxide emissions and adapting to climate change.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Halton's contribution to CO <sub>2</sub> production and Climate	Reduction in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per capita by 4% per annum over the plan period 2014-2037 (Baseline of 9.4 tonnes per capita in 2008)	The latest available data is for the period 21/22. When compared to the 2008 baseline of 9.4 tonnes the Council has managed to reduce its

		overall carbon emissions by 0.73 tonnes. <sup>10</sup>
Renewable energy capacity installed by type	Increase the capacity and number of renewable energy installations in the Borough over the plan period 2014-2037.]	Table 1 of the Appendix demonstrates 3 planning permissions have been approved since 2014, for the development of solar array ( one of which was refused but allowed on appeal). Total additional capacity once all developments are operational will be up to 4.561MW.

### Strategic Objective: SO9

### Climate Change Related DALP Policies: GR5 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

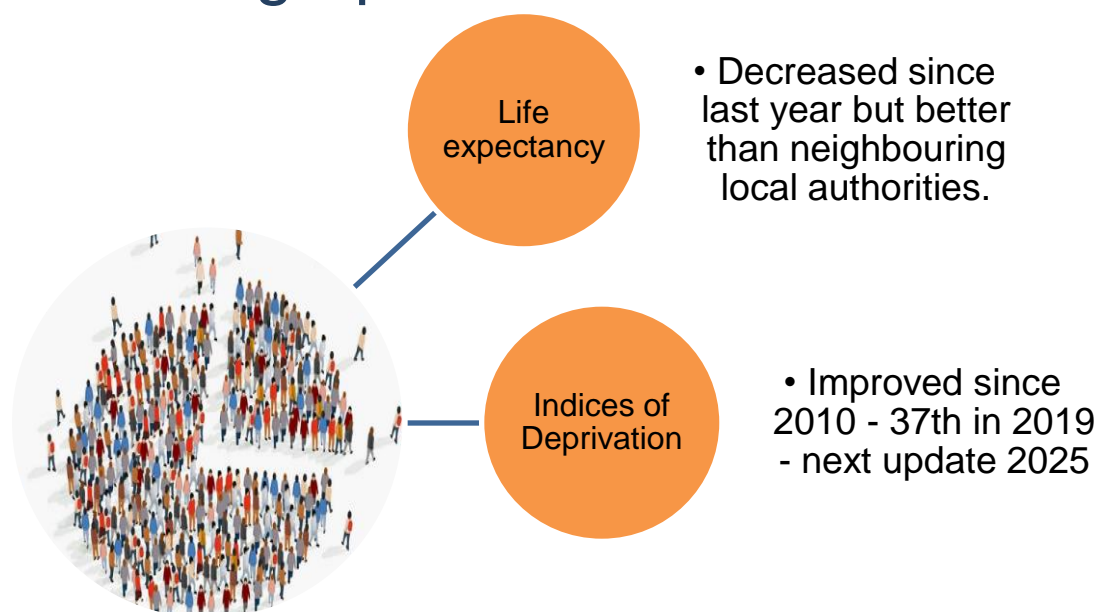
The aim of Policy GR5 is that proposals for renewable energy development consider, and minimize where appropriate, the potential environmental effects of development on a range of criteria as detailed out in policy.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Energy Statements	100% of applicable applications supported by an Energy Statement	All three permissions were approved prior to adoption of the DALP, and prior to the requirement for a stand- alone energy statement. Information with regards to energy was however provided within the planning statements submitted with applications.
Wind turbines	100% of applicable applications supported by an Energy Statement	No applicable applications received during the monitoring period.
Restoration	100% of consents including a restoration plan	All three permissions were approved

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<sup>10</sup> [Find out about our climate change strategy & plan \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/your-council/climate-change/our-climate-change-strategy-and-plan)

## 3.2 Demographics



### Strategic Objective SO11

#### Demographics Related DALP Policies: CS(R) 22 Health and Well/Being

The aim of Policy CS(R)22 is to support healthy environments and lifestyles across the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Data
Improvement in life expectancy <a href="#">at birth</a>	Improvement on baseline (2008-2010) life expectancy at birth: Male – 75.5 years: Female – 79.6 years	Life expectancy data for Halton has improved since the 2008-2010 data was published but remains below regional and national averages for both men and women. Figure 3 demonstrates 2020-2022 life expectancy at birth data for Halton which is compared with neighboring local authorities Knowsley and St Helens regional and national data.



Improvement in overall deprivation score as an indication of Quality of Life	An improvement in Halton's rank of 27th most deprived local authority in the country (IMD, 2010)	The latest published Indices of Deprivation data was 2019. Halton is ranked as the 39th most deprived local authority. This is an improvement when compared to 2010 data. Next to be updated late 2025.
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**FIGURE 4 LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH DATE 2018-2020**

Area	Male	Female
Halton <sup>11</sup>	77.2	80.5
Knowsley <sup>12</sup>	75.9	79.3
St Helens <sup>13</sup>	76.7	80.4
Regional <sup>14</sup>	77.3	81.3
National <sup>15</sup>	79.0	83.0

Data Source: [understanding the drivers of HLE.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>11</sup> <https://councillors.halton.gov.uk/documents/s77809/JNA%20Summary%202024%20DRAFT%20v3.pdf> HC

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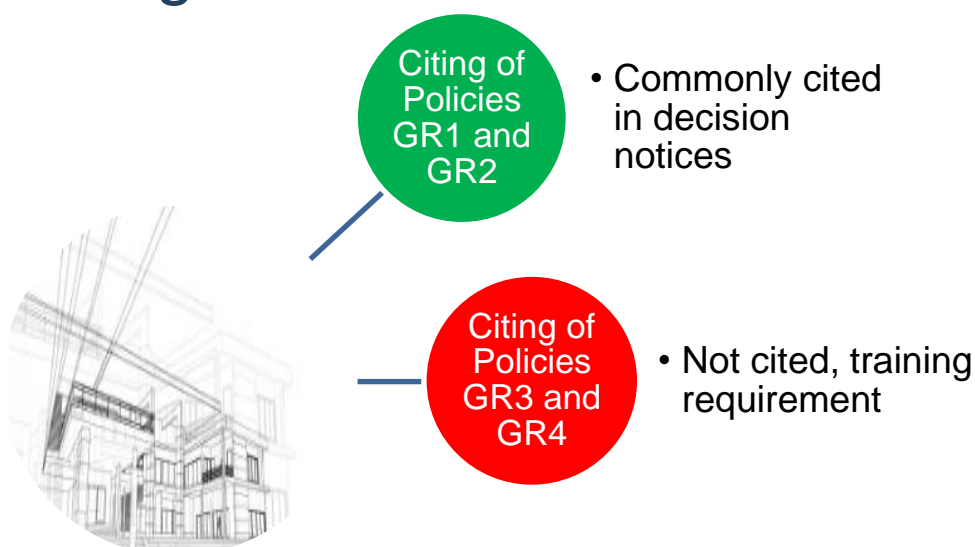
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<sup>15</sup> [National life tables life expectancy in England and Wales 2021 to 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

## 3.3 Design



SO2: Ensure that all development achieves high standards of design and sustainability and provides a positive contribution to its locality.

Design Related DALP Policies CSR18 and GR1 – GR5

### Homes/commercial areas built to secured by Design Standards

The target is to Increase number of developments which have regard to this standard, however the Council do not monitor or hold information on the number of applications that are built to the Secured by Design standards.

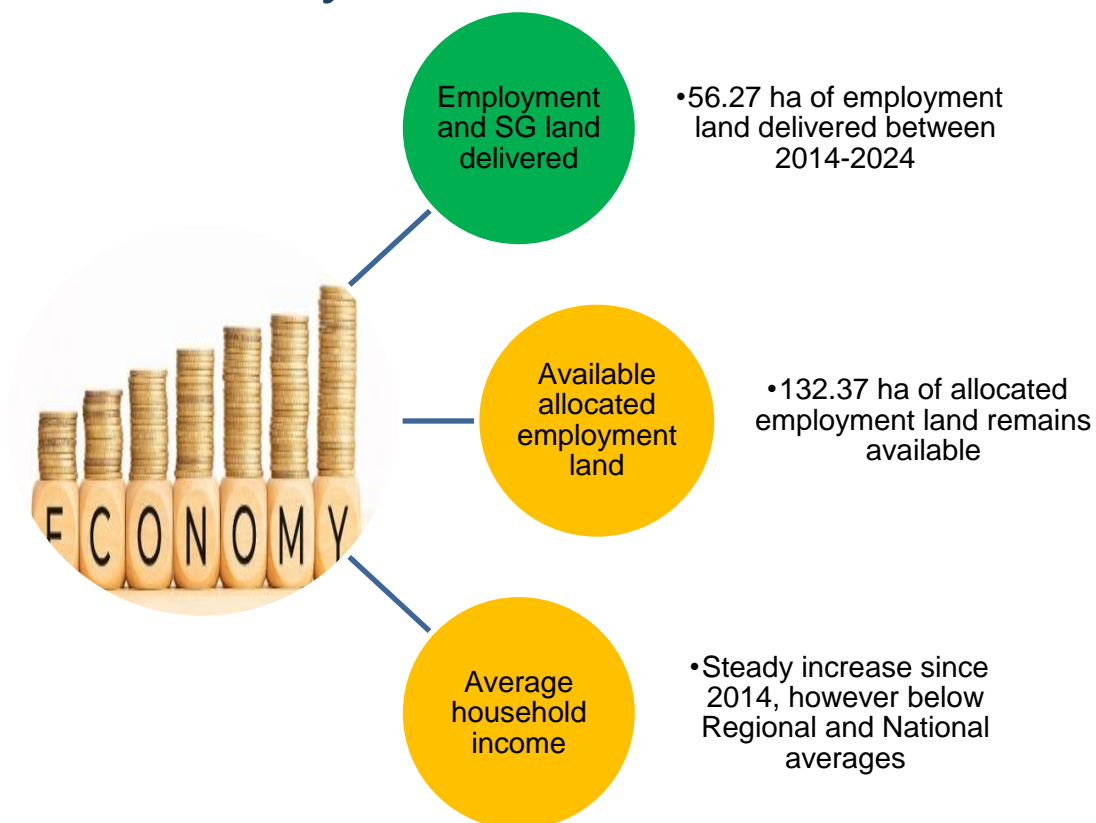
**FIGURE 5 MONITORING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND USE OF POLICIES GR1-GR5**

		From 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024
GR1 - No. times cited in decisions		208
GR1 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	No data
GR2 - No. times cited in decisions		55
GR2 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	

		No data
GR3 - No. times cited in decisions		9
GR3 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	No data
GR4 - No. times cited in decisions		0
GR4 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	No data
GR5 - Energy Statements.	100% of applicable applications supported by an Energy Statement	0

- From the table above it is evident that policy GR1 is commonly cited in decision notices and used in the determination of planning applications.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR1 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- From the table above it is evident that policy GR2 is commonly cited in decision notices and used in the determination of planning applications.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR2 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- From the table above it is evident that policy GR3 is not commonly cited in decision notices and used in the determination of planning applications.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR3 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- From the table above it is evident that policy GR4 has never been cited in decision notices.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR4 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- Over the period April to March 2023-2024 the number of Energy Statements submitted to accompany planning applications in accordance with policy GR5 of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan has not been recorded.

## 3.4 Economy



Strategic Objective: All

### Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 1 Halton's Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Employment Land delivered	180 ha of land available for employment development (2014-37)	Between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024 a total of 56.27 hectares of employment and SG land has been delivered in Halton on both allocated and non- allocated sites. <sup>16</sup> See the Appendix Table 2.

<sup>16</sup> Table 2, AMR Employment 2024

## Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4

### Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 4 Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities

Policy CS(R)4 seeks the delivery of employment land over the plan period to support Halton's economy and to offer business and industry a choice of sites so that differing requirements and locations can be met.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Amount of completed employment floorspace by type and land type	180 Ha. made available for employment uses (2014-37)	Between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024 the split of completions by land type is 16.1 hectares of greenfield land and 40.17 hectares of brownfield land. <sup>17</sup> For the same period completions of E use is 5.62 hectares, B use 34 hectares and SG 10.14 hectares. <sup>18</sup>
Minimise loss of land within existing employment areas for non-employment uses	No loss of land for non-employment uses within allocated employment sites, strategic employment locations, employment renewal areas and primarily employment areas.	Appendix G of the Employment AMR 2024 provides a list of planning permissions that have resulted in a loss of employment land. The total loss is 0.23 hectares for the monitoring period 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.
Employment land available by type	180 Ha. made available for employment uses (2014-37)	At 10/03/25 111.63 Ha of land remains available on 32 sites for employment use including:  7.51 hectares on 6 allocated sites within the 'Key Urban Regeneration Areas' as defined in the Local Plan.
Losses of employment land in (i) employment /	No loss of land for non-employment uses	Appendix G of the Economy AMR states that 33.84

<sup>17</sup> Table 2, AMR Employment 2024

<sup>18</sup> Table 3 AMR Employment 2024



regeneration areas and (ii) local authority area		hectares of employment land has been lost between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024, predominantly resulting in a gain of residential development. <sup>19</sup>
Economic Activity Rate		Figure 6 demonstrates that 70.5% of the working age population were economically active in 2021 and 29.5% were economically inactive <sup>20</sup> .
GVA per head		The Gross Value Added (GVA) per head of population for Halton in 2022 was 36.6, which compares to 25.1 for Halton's statistical nearest neighbours. <sup>21</sup>
Claimant count		At March 2025 Halton recorded 22.3% Universal Credit Claimants, which is higher than its statistical nearest neighbour at 20.2%. <sup>22</sup>
VAT registrations		Comparable data is demonstrated at Figure 7 for VAT registered businesses annually between 2017 and 2024. The total has dropped from 3660 in 2017 to 3485 in 2024.
Worklessness in Halton		2021 census data identified 20.3% workless households across Halton, which was lower when compared with the Boroughs Statistical nearest

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<sup>19</sup> Appendix G AMR Employment 2024

<sup>20</sup> [Halton Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics](#)

<sup>21</sup> [Halton economic profile - halton.gov.uk](#)

<sup>22</sup> [Halton economic profile](#)

		neighbours, with 17.3% of workless households. <sup>23</sup>
Unemployment Annual Population Survey and Claimant Count Rates		Figure 8 provides comparison data for percentage of the population by area claim counts. Of the three areas selected Halton has the second highest rate of claimant counts at 4.4%.
Average Household Income		Figure 9 demonstrates that average household incomes have risen steadily for Halton. The GDHI £ per household was recorded as £14,908 in 2014 rising to £19,124 at the time of the 2022 Census. The 2021 average is however below England averages at £23,338 and Northwest averages at £19,752.

In 2024 NOMIS changed its approach to collecting this data with changes being applicable to some of the measures, highlighted in *italic* in the table below. The ones in pink are no longer collected.

**FIGURE 6 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY APRIL 2023-MARCH 2024 (NOMIS 2025<sup>24</sup>)**

Date	2024	
Measures	Value	Percent
Total: All usual residents aged 16 to 64	79,900	62.1
Economically active	58,000	70.5
In employment	54,500	66.3
Unemployed	2,700	60.6
<i>Economically active and a full-time student</i>	<i>1,926</i>	<i>1.9</i>
<i>In employment</i>	<i>1,420</i>	<i>1.4</i>

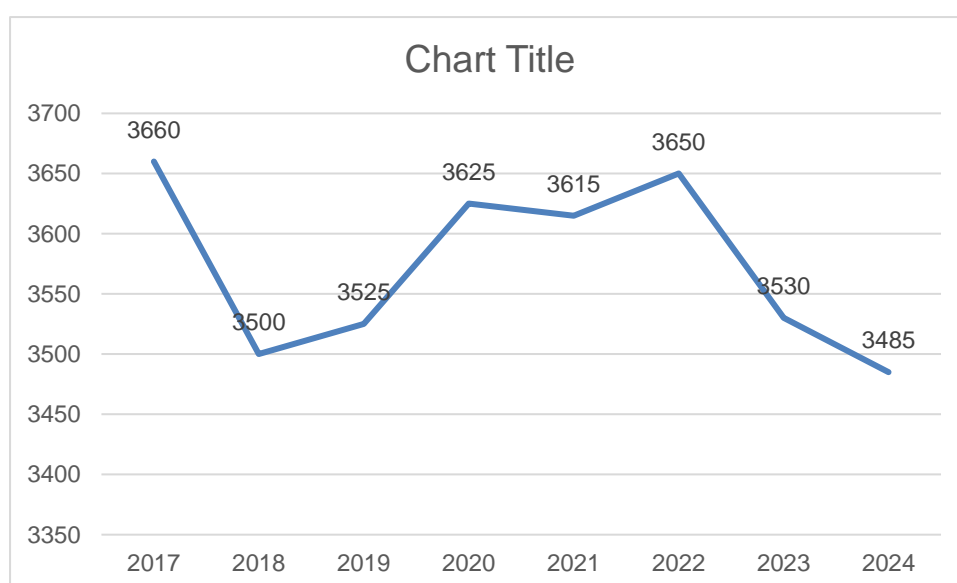
<sup>23</sup> [Halton economic profile](#)

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157073/report.aspx#tabempunemp>

Unemployed	506	0.5
Economically inactive	20,800	29.5
Retired	1,600 *	7.2
Student	3,100	23.3
Looking after home or family	3,800	16.5
Long-term sick or disabled	8,200	28.5
Other	1,600	7.2

\*Calculations formula has been changed since previous 2022/23 AMR.

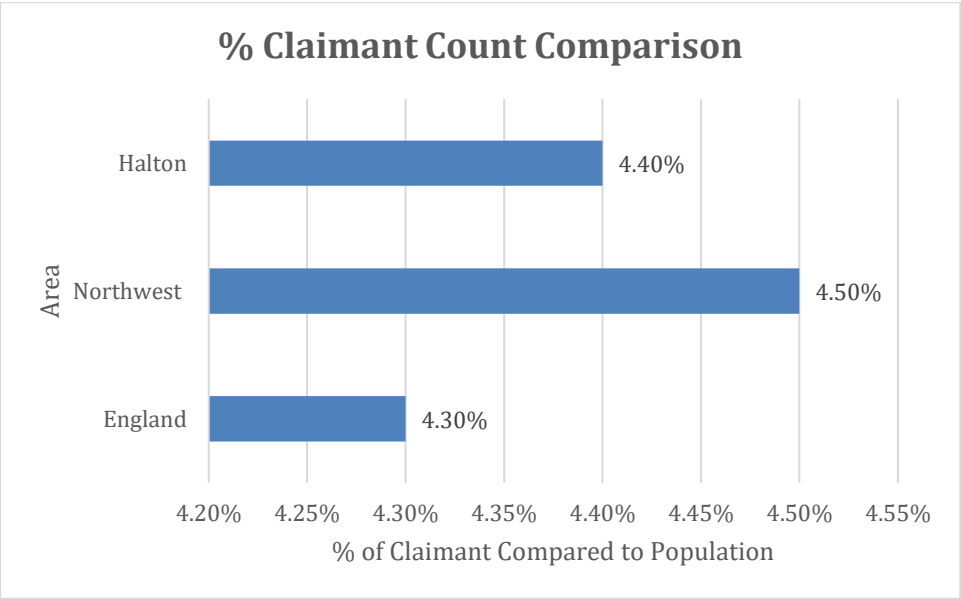
**FIGURE 7 VAT REGISTERED BUSINESSES IN HALTON BOROUGH FROM 2017 TO 2024**



Data Source: [Inter-Departmental Business Register \(IDBR\) - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

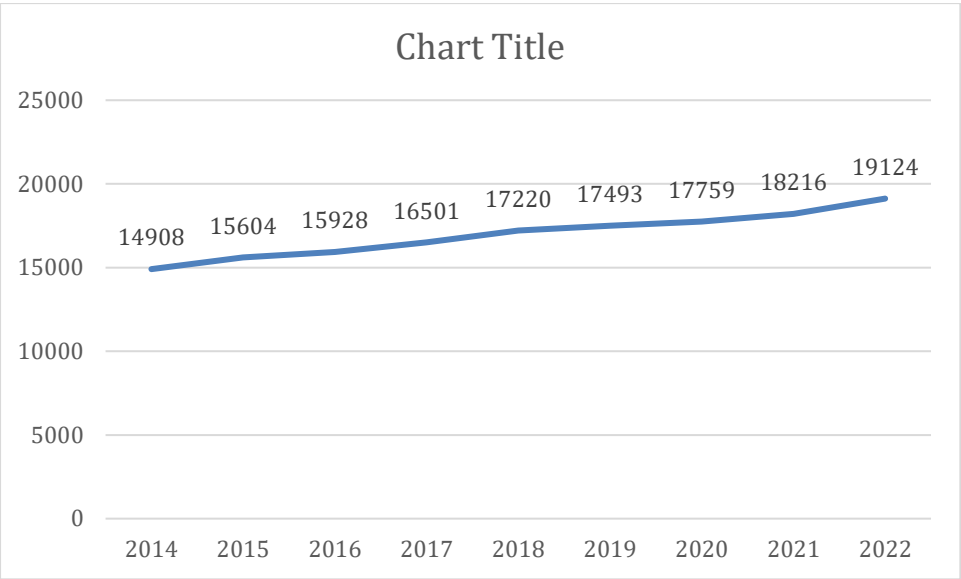
**FIGURE 8: % OF CLAIMANTS OF POPULATION COMPARED BY AREA**

(Data collection March 2025)



Data Source: [CC01 Regional labour market: Claimant Count by unitary and local authority \(experimental\) - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

FIGURE 9 AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOMES



Data Source: [Regional gross disposable household income, UK - Office for National Statistics](#)

Strategic Objective: SO8

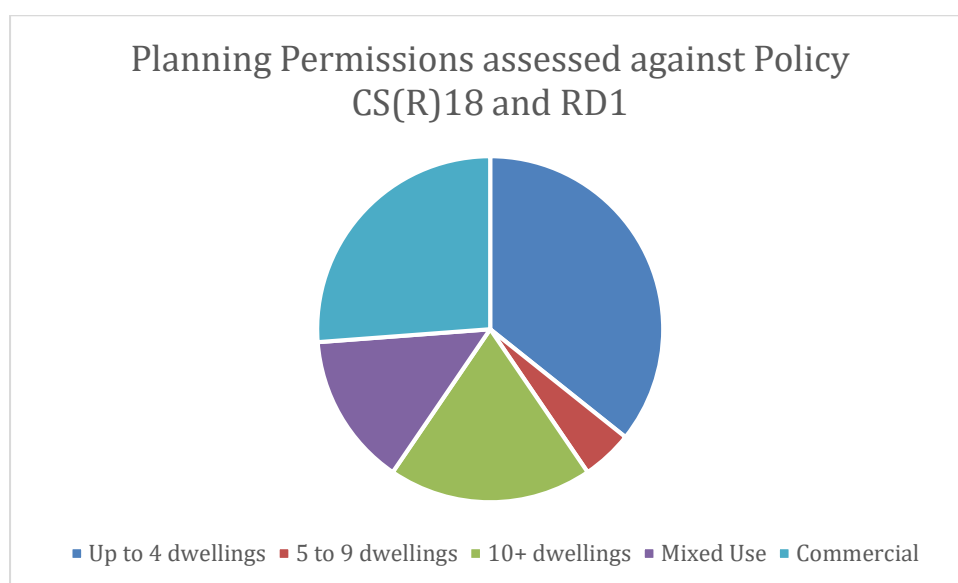
Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 18 High Quality Design

Policy CS(R)18 priorities are achieving and raising the quality of design for all development in Halton.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Homes/commercial areas built to Secured by Design standards	Increase number of developments which have regard to this standard	Although, Policy CS(R)18 and Policy GR1 are slightly different, there is some natural crossover so have both been included in this section. Figure 10 provides detail of how many permissions policy CS(R)18 and GR1 has been applied for new dwellings and commercial development.

**FIGURE 10 PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR NEW DWELLINGS AND COMMERCIAL USES**

*Assessed Against Policy CS(R)18 & GR1 'Design Standards' Approved Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.*



**Strategic Objective: SO9**

### Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 19 Sustainable Development

The aim of Policy CS(R)19 is that all new development should be sustainable and be designed to have regard to the predicted effects of climate change including reducing carbon dioxide emissions and adapting to climate change.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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New commercial development achieving BREEAM standards	Increase commercial development achieving recognised BREEAM standards	Table 4 of Appendix 2 details commercial development with planning permission approved between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 and reference is made in the recommendation to Policy CS (R) 19. Where feasible to do so commercial development is encouraged to meet the appropriate BREEAM standards. Of the 1 planning permissions referencing CS(R)19 detailed in Table 4, 0 (%) have advised that the proposal will be built to BREAM standards. 43% will be used as the benchmark for comparing future relevant permissions.
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Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4

### Economy Related DALP Policies: ED1 Employment Allocations

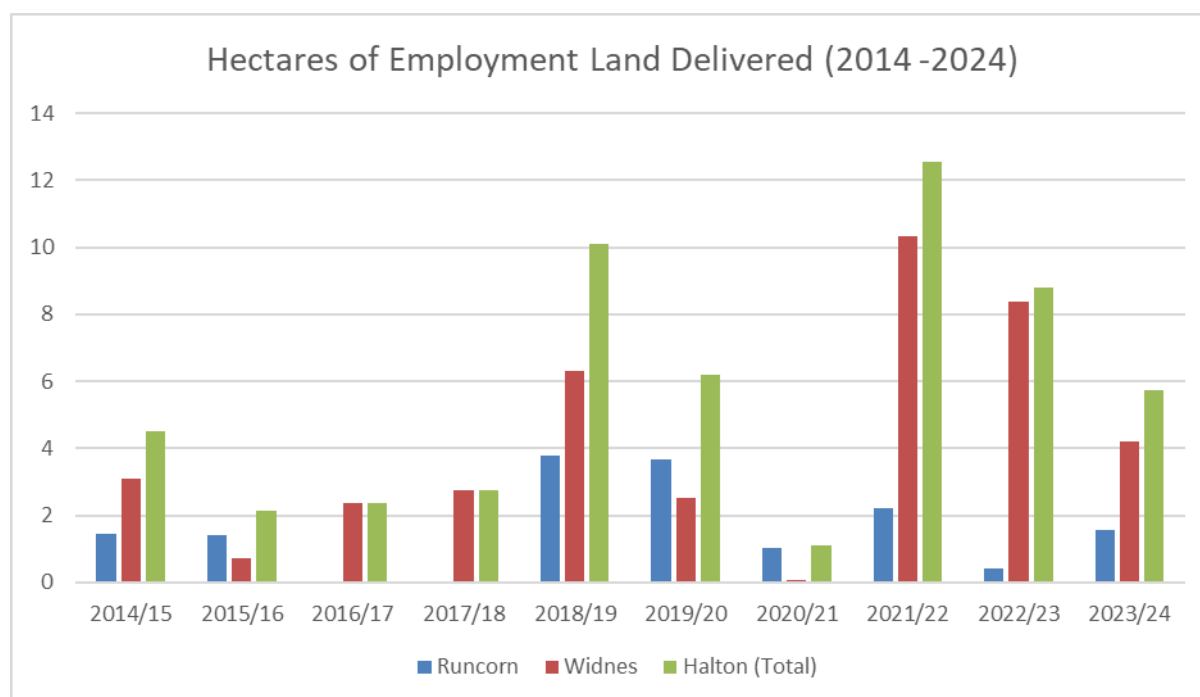
Policy ED1 sets out the sites allocated for employment purposes.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Increase delivery of employment uses	DALP employment allocations are currently spilt into 32 sites, (60 including sub-division of sites because of planning permissions for part allocations). Of the 13 sites with permission as of 31/03/2024, 5 sites had not started, 4 had completed, 7 were under construction and 1 site was stalled. <sup>25</sup>
Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Completions by use	At 31/03/2024 completions on allocated employment sites have taken place across the full range of use classes. <sup>26</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Appendix F AMR Employment (2024)

<sup>26</sup> Appendix F AMR Employment (2024)

Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Permissions by use	At 31/03/2024 planning permission on allocated employment sites have been approved across the full range of use classes. <sup>27</sup>
Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Reduce the % over the plan period 2014-2037	The total amount of employment land allocated for development during the plan period up to 2037 is 180 hectares. Over the Local Plan period so far (2014-2024) we have seen a total of 56.27 hectares of employment land delivered in Halton. Figure 11 demonstrates the percentage of employment land delivered each year. As of 31/03/2024 a total of 56.27 hectares of allocated land has been delivered.

**FIGURE 11 PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL COMPLETED EMPLOYMENT LAND BY YEAR**

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO6, SO8

Economy Related DALP Policies: ED2 Employment Development

<sup>27</sup> Appendix F AMR Employment (2024)

Policy ED2 sets out the criteria that must be met in delivering new employment development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Loss of land within existing employment areas for non-employment uses	No loss of land for non-employment uses within existing employment areas over the plan period 2014-2037	Table 3 of Appendix provides details of loss of employment land and SG, between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO6,

### Economy Related DALP Policies: ED3 Complementary Services and Facilities within Employment Areas

Policy ED3 sets out the requirements to support the development of complimentary services and facilities within employment areas.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Provision of complementary facilities	100% of development / redevelopment for employment use or complementary use	Table 3 of Appendix 2 provides details of planning permissions resulting in a loss of employment use. This remains unchanged from last years AMR, where some of the permissions resulted in a gain of complimentary uses including a gym, café and takeaway.

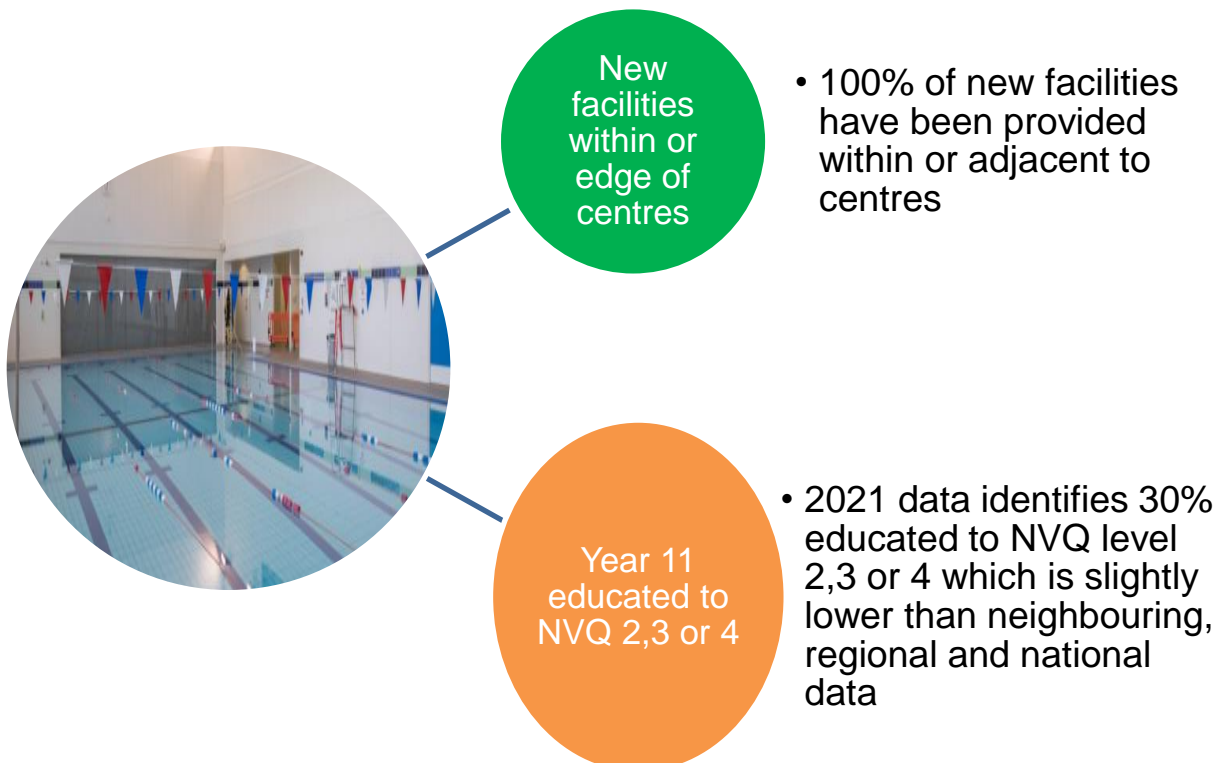
Strategic Objective: All

### Economy Related DALP Policies: HC9 Mixed Use Area

Policy HC9 sets out the requirements for development in areas allocated for mixed use.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development consented within MUA	100% of consents for designated uses	Tables 3 and 5 of Appendix demonstrate development on MUA sites for both Runcorn and Widnes. The data includes both loss and gain of a range of mixed uses, all planning permissions were approved prior to adoption of the DALP

## 3.5 Facilities



Strategic Objective: SO5, SO6, SO11

## Facilities Related DALP Policies: HC5 Community Facilities and Services

Policy HC5 sets out the requirements for gain, loss and retention of community facilities and services.

*Community facilities and services referenced in Policy HC5 are Education, Health and Social Care Facilities, Sport and Leisure Facilities, Youth Facilities, Community Facilities and Cultural Facilities*

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Community facilities lost to other use	No net loss of viable community facilities	Table 6 of Appendix provides details of approved planning applications for gain and loss of community facilities and service provision granted between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024. Prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022, some planning permissions will result in loss of community facilities. An explanation has been provided within the table.
Proportion of new facilities created within or adjacent to existing centres	100% of new facilities created within or on edge of existing centres	Table 6 of the Appendix provides details of approved planning applications for gain and loss of use for community facilities and service provision granted between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024. The table also details the location of the facilities in respect to within or adjacent to existing centres.

## Strategic Objective: SO5, SO8

## Facilities Related DALP Policies: HC7 Visitor Attractions

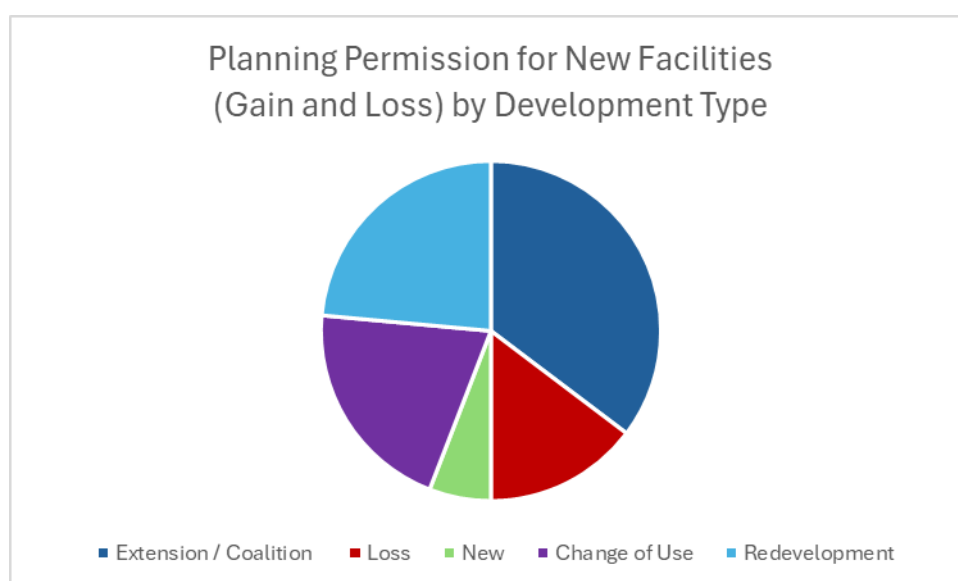
Policy HC7 sets out the requirements for protection, enhancement, and delivery of visitor attractions in the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Tourist facilities lost to other use	No net loss of viable visitor attractions	Halton has several visitor attractions in both Runcorn and Widnes. <sup>28</sup> There has been no loss

<sup>28</sup> Appendix E - Visitor Attractions [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

		of visitor attractions during the monitoring period
Proportion of new facilities created within or adjacent to existing centres	100% of new facilities created within or on edge of existing centres or colocated with existing facilities	Table 6 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions for new facilities all of which are within or adjacent to existing centres.
Proportion of new facilities co-located with existing facilities		Table 6 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions for new facilities including those co-located within existing facilities. The table also demonstrates the proportion of provisions and loss of facilities by development type. Between 01/04/14 and 31/03/24 there has been one permission for a proposed two storey extension at the Brindley Theatre. 35% of permissions have been for coalition and/or extension of existing provisions. This data will be for future monitoring and comparison.

**FIGURE 12 PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR GAIN AND LOSS OF NEW FACILITIES BY DEVELOPMENT TYPE**





## Strategic Objective: SO6, SO11

## Facilities Related DALP Policies: HC10 Education

Policy HC10 details three additional sites allocated for education purposes to meet the needs of the residents of Halton, should that need be identified over the plan period.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Retention / development of allocated sites use	100% of retained / developed for education use	There has been no loss of education provision. There are three sites allocated for education purposes in the DALP. Figure 13 provides detail of progress for each allocation.
Percentage of Year 11 pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs grade A-C <sup>29</sup>	No decline	Figure 14 demonstrates average performance of 'Attainment 8' levels by academic year for Halton pupils with compared with local, regional, and national data. (Data was not collated in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid and lock down restrictions.) Halton does not perform well when considered against areas as shown in Figure 14 This data will be closely monitored moving forwards.
Percentage of Year 11 pupils educated to NVQ levels 2,3 or 4 <sup>30</sup>	No decline	Figure 15 compares levels of educational attainment for Halton, neighbouring authorities, the Northwest and England. Figure 15 demonstrates that at the time of the 2021 census data approximately 30% of residents (aged 16-64) were qualified at

<sup>29</sup> The performance indicators are no longer available. As a result, alternative performance data will be monitored. The performance indicator is referred to as 'Attainment 8' which measures the average achievement of pupils in up to 8 qualifications including English (double weighted if the combined English qualification or both language and literature are taken), maths (double weighted) three further qualifications that count in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and three further qualifications that can be GCSE qualifications (including EBacc subjects) or any other non-GCSE qualification on the DfE approved list

<sup>30</sup> Performance indicator no longer available. Data collected provides details of level of qualification attainment of all adults.

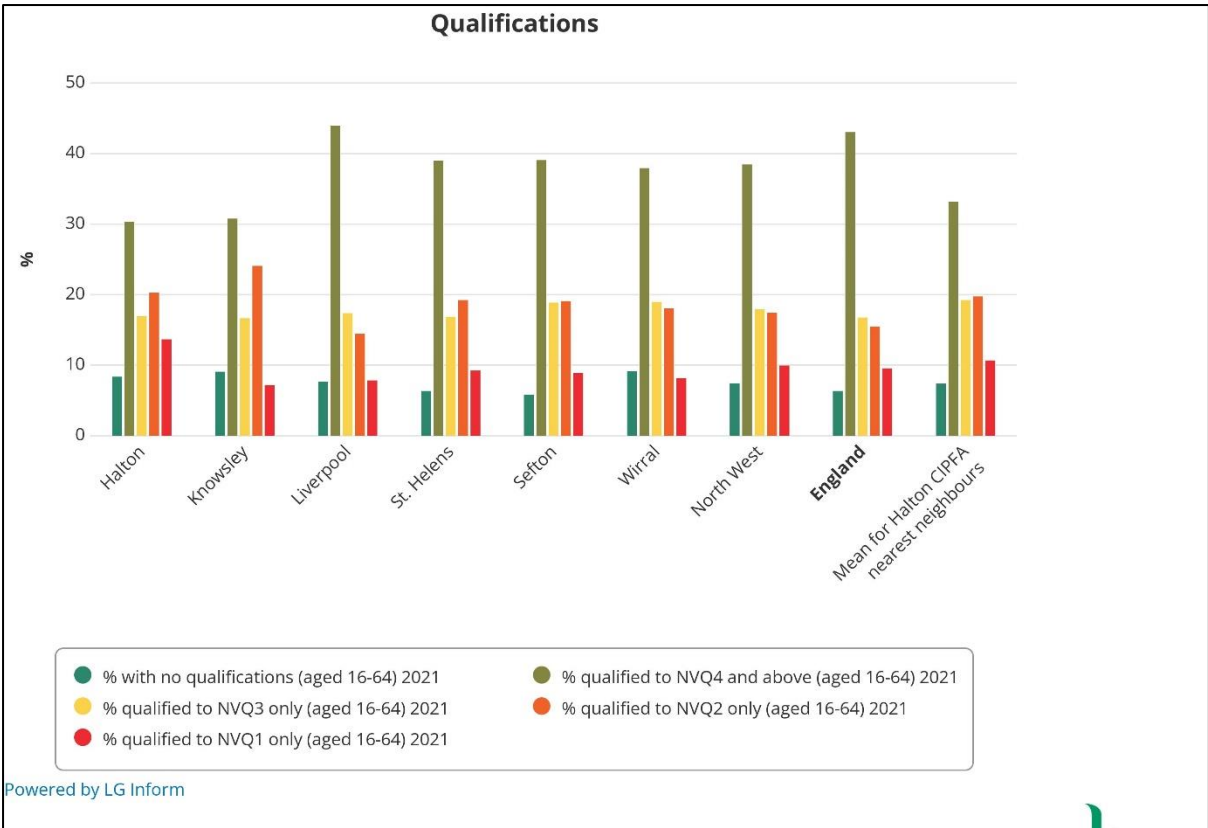
		NVQ level 4. This is slightly lower when compared to other areas.
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**FIGURE 13 PROGRESS OF SITES ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES**

<b>Allocation Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Progress</b>
EDU1	Sandymoor Runcorn	Planning permission (19/00020/FUL) has been approved for development of a local district centre comprising Convenience Store (Use Class A1), 5 no. Retail Units (Use Classes A1, A3, D1 with a maximum of 1 unit to be D1), Children's Nursery (Use Class D1), 43 no. Residential Apartments and 5 no. Dwellings (Use Class C2) to provide living facilities for the over 55's together with ancillary development. There is a S106 legal agreement in place that includes the identification and reservation of a site within the Sandymoor development that could be transferred to the Council for the provision of a school within the agreement period or up to 2 years after the completion of the last dwelling on Sandymoor.
EDU2	Naylor Road, Widnes	Planning permission 22/00004/FUL was approved on 04/07/2022 for the development of a two-storey special education needs and disability school (SEND) (use class F), as well as hard and soft landscaping, multi-use games area (MUGA) and sports pitches, creation of on-site car parking and creation of new vehicular. Planning conditions are now in the process of being discharged.
EDU3	Halebank Reserve School Site	There is no progress on this allocation at this time as the site is kept in reserve in case of future

		increase in school age that would result in additional demand
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FIGURE 14 LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



Data Source: [Key stage 4 performance, Academic year 2022/23 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK](#)  
([explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk](#))

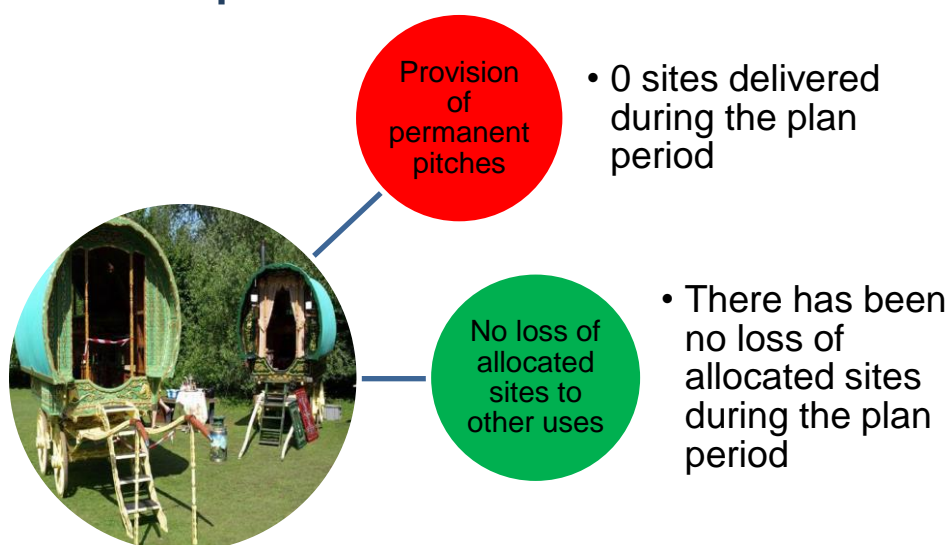
FIGURE 15 COMPARISON OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY YEAR - AVERAGE PROGRESS 8 SCORE (ATTAINMENT ACROSS EIGHT QUALIFYING QUALIFICATIONS)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change from previous year

Halton Borough	-0.19	-0.22	-0.26	-0.14			-0.15	-0.30	-0.46	-0.16
North West	-0.15	-0.14	-0.16	0.18			-0.16	-0.20	-0.17	0.03
Statistical Neighbours	-0.28	-0.27	-0.33	-0.33			-0.42	-0.40	-0.43	-0.43
England				-0.08			-0.06	-0.06	-0.03	0.03

Data Source: [Key stage 4 performance, Academic year 2022/23 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

## 3.6 Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Show People



Strategic Objective - SO2 Provision of permanent and transit pitches to meet identified need.

Delivery of 10 pitches (2017-32) Gypsy and Travelling Show People  
Related DALP Policies CS(R)14 and RD5

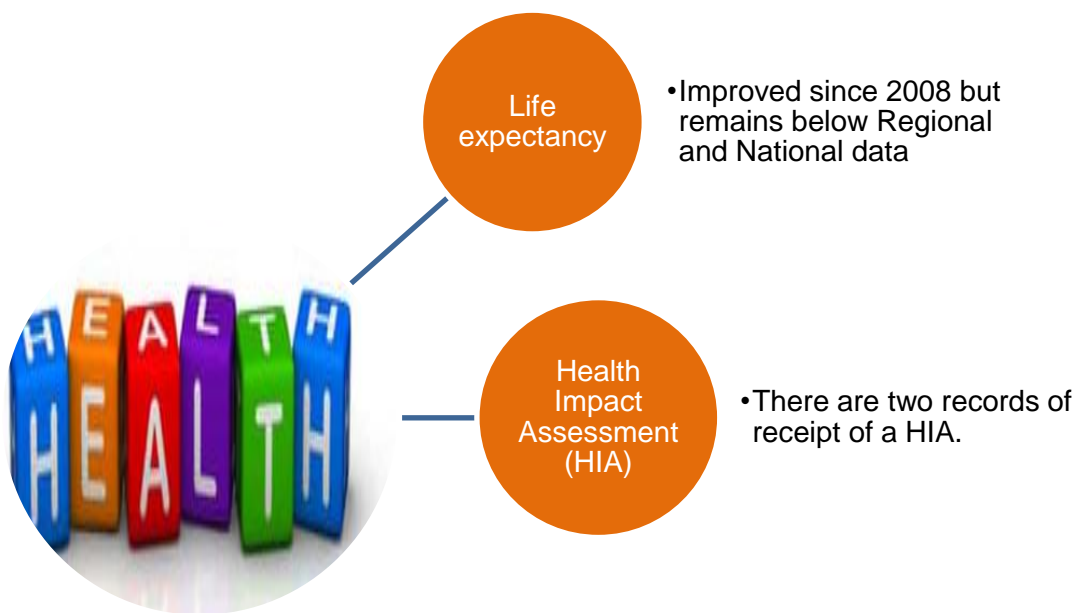
**FIGURE 16 PROVISION OF PERMANENT AND TRANSIT PITCHES TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEED**

Policy Reference	Address	Planning Application Number	Total Number of Pitches	Total Residential Pitches	Total Transit Pitches	Caravan Count
GT1	Bigfield Lodge(2), Warrington Road (GT Site)	13/00267/HBCFUL	24	12	12	24
GT4	Riverview, Tan House Lane	15913P	23	23	0	23
GT7	Land at 23 Windmill Street	99/00382/FUL	6	6	0	6
GT2, GT5	Warrington Road Transit Site	07/00924/HBCFUL	24	10	12	24
GTX - Not Allocated	Former Ivy House, Marsh Lane (Off Brindley Road)	15/00115/COU	8	0	8	8
GT6	Land to north of Warrington Road (Western Parcel)	22/00157/FUL	9	9	0	0

Figure 16 also shows:

- that whilst there has been an application (22/00157/FUL) on GT6 for 9 pitches, this has not yet started. Therefore, there have been no additional pitches delivered over the plan period.
- **Reduction in % lost to other uses over the plan period 2014-2037 – 0**
- Over the plan period so far 2017 – 2024 there have been \*allocated Gypsy and Travelling Show People sites lost to other uses.

## 3.7 Health and Well-being



### Strategic Objectives SO11

#### Health Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 22 Health and Well-Being

Policy CS(R)22 sets out how healthy environments will be supported, and healthy lifestyles encouraged across the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Improvement in life expectancy at birth	Improvement on baseline (2008-2010) life expectancy at birth: Male – 75.5 years: Female – 79.6 years	Life expectancy data for Halton has improved since the 2008-2010 data was published but remains below regional and national averages for both men and women. Figure 16 demonstrates 2018 -2020 life expectancy at birth data for Halton which is compared with regional and national data. <sup>31</sup>
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	100% of large-scale major development applications to undertake HIA over the plan period 2014-2037	Table 7 of the Appendix provides a table of major applications determined between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024. There are two records detailing where a Health Impact Assessment has been submitted as part of the application.

**FIGURE 17 LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (2018 TO 2020)**

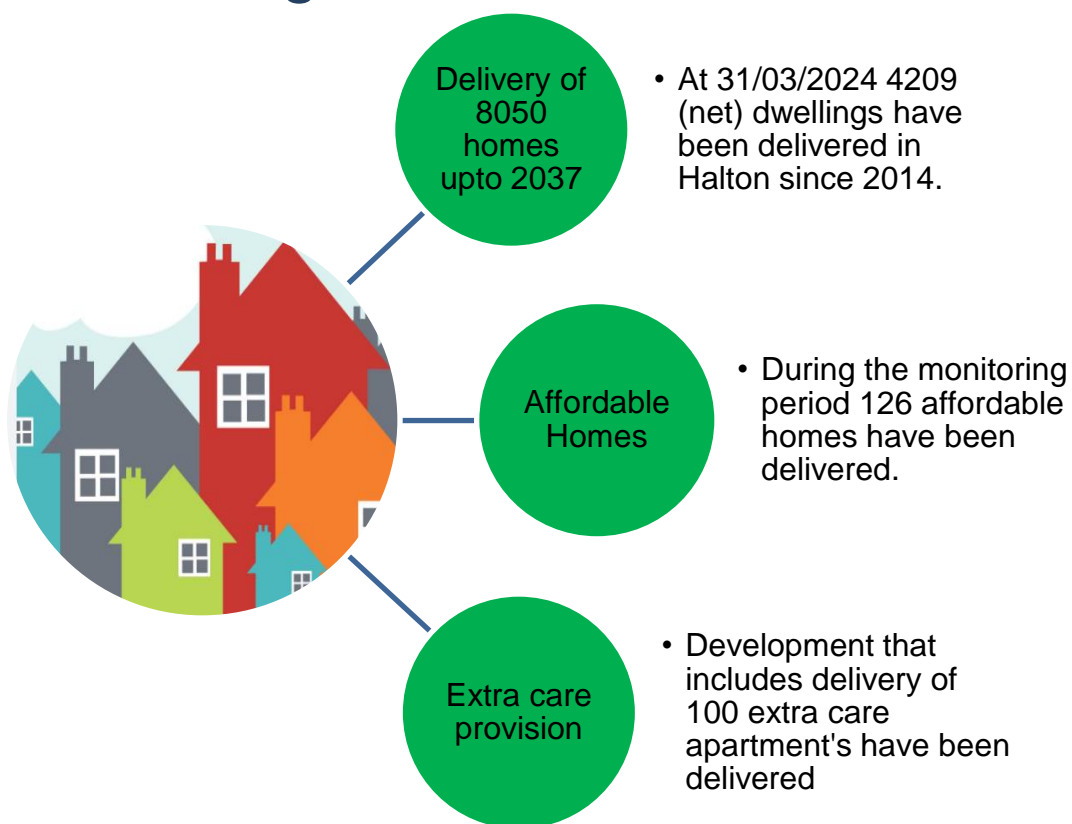
Area	Male	Female
Halton	77.4	81.4
Regional	77.9	81.7
National	79.4	83.1

Data Source: [understanding the drivers of HLE.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>31</sup> [understanding the drivers of HLE.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)



## 3.8 Housing



In addition to publication of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), a standalone Authority Housing Monitoring Report (HMR) is produced and published that provides additional detail to that published in the AMR. The HMR can be viewed at: [Background Documents \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/background-documents)

Strategic Objective: All

Housing Related DALP Policy CS (R) 1 Halton's Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Net number of homes delivered	8,050 homes (2014-37)	4209 (net) dwellings have been delivered in Halton between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024. The DALP target is for a minimum of 8050 homes to be delivered over the plan period to 2037, therefore a minimum of an additional 3,841 (net) homes must be delivered over the remaining plan period.

### Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

#### Housing Related DALP Policy CS(R)3 Housing supply and Locational Priorities

Policy CS(R)3 sets out the provision and locations for at least 8050 net additional dwellings to be developed over the plan period.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Supply of available housing land	Maintain a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land, (with appropriate buffer as per NPPF)	In December 2024 a revised NPPF (Para 78) was published which means that there is a requirement to evidence a 5-year supply. At this point in time, Halton has an appropriate supply meeting the conditions of the NPPF.
Percentage of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land	At least 30% of dwellings to be built on previously developed land (2014-37)]	Between 01/04/2014-31/03/2024 60% of dwellings have been built on previously developed land, which is twice the target of 30%. (See Housing AMR Table 3)
Percentage of new dwellings completed at less than 30 dwellings per hectare (dph)	[100% of completions to be at or above 30dph // 100% of completions in proximity to Town and	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023-31/03/2024) 45% of dwellings were built at less

between 30-50dph and above 50dph	Local Centres or Transport Interchanges to be at or above 40dph	than 30dph, 37% of dwellings were built at 30-50dph and 18% of dwellings were built at greater than 50dph. The targets have therefore not been fully met for this period.
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre	Increase	During the monitoring period 32 applications for new residential development were permitted. As the data has not been previously collected, the subsequent years data will be assessed against this year's data.

### Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2, SO11

#### Housing Related DALP Policy CS(R)12 Housing Mix and Specialist Housing

Policy CS(R) 12 sets out the type and mix of housing that is required to meet the needs of Halton's existing population, address imbalances in the existing housing stock and ensure that homes provided can adapt to changing demographics, particularly an ageing population.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Supply of a mix of new property types contributing to addressing identified need in the most up to date SHMA	Delivery of a range of house sizes (varying number of bedrooms) and types provided on sites of 10 or more dwellings (2014-2037)]	Figures 18 and 19 extracted from the Housing AMR 23/24 set out the range of dwellings by tenure, dwelling type and bedroom size. As demonstrated in these figures a good range of dwellings have been completed during the monitoring period.
To ensure that new homes are adaptable	Increase planning applications approved where dwellings are	This information is not currently recorded in a format that would provide accurate data.

	designed to meet Building Regs M4(2)	
Provision of specialist housing for the elderly	Delivery of 22 extra care units for adults with learning difficulties (2014-2037)	Development is under construction to include extra care provision on one site. See Figure 20
Vacant bedspaces within Residential Care Accommodation	Maintain percentage of vacant bedspaces within Residential Care Accommodation at below 20% (2014-2037)]	During the monitoring period Halton is recorded as having 805 bed spaces. <sup>32</sup> Data for vacant bedspaces is not readily available
Self-Build Register registrations	Self-Build Register registrations]	The Council keeps an up-to-date Self Build Register. See: <a href="https://www.halton.gov.uk/self-build">self build (halton.gov.uk)</a>
Self-build permissions	100%+ delivery of approvals against registered demand (3 yearly reporting period	Table 8 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions for self-build dwellings and the status of the development.

**FIGURE 18 COMPLETIONS BY DEVELOPER TYPE, DWELLING TYPE AND BEDROOM SIZE (2023/24)**

	Houses							Flat, Maisonettes, Apartments					Total
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4/+ Bed	ALL	Total
RSL	6	23	23	6	0	0	58	48	20	0	0	68	126
Private Sector	0	26	99	79	0	2	206	14	20	0	0	34	240
Affordable Units via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All	6	49	122	85	0	2	264	62	40	0	0	102	366

<sup>32</sup> [Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework \(ASCOF\) for your area | LG Inform \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

<b>FIGURE 19 COMPLETIONS BY BEDROOM SIZE (2023/24)</b>							
	<b>1 Bed</b>	<b>2 Bed</b>	<b>3 Bed</b>	<b>4 Bed</b>	<b>5 Bed</b>	<b>5+ Bed</b>	<b>ALL</b>
All tenures / All Dwelling Types	68	89	122	85	0	2	366
	19%	24%	33%	23%	0%	1%	100%

**FIGURE 20 EXTRA CARE PROVISION**

<b>Planning Reference</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
19/00325/FUL (Local Plan Reference EDU1)	06/12/2019	Land to the East of Village Street, Sandymoor	Development to include 100 extra care apartments	Complete

## Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

### Housing Related DALP Policy CS(R)13 Affordable Homes

Policy CS(R) 13 sets out the criteria for the delivery of affordable homes as part of new residential development.

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Provision of affordable housing completions	Delivery of affordable housing units on sites of 10 or more dwellings	126 affordable dwellings were completed in 2023/24, this equates to around 34% of the gross numbers of homes completed in the year.
Provision of affordable housing completions	Through planning agreements on private developments 25% Greenfield sites	All 126 affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider, none were secured through S106 agreements on market housing sites.
Provision of affordable housing completions	By RSLs Strategic Housing Sites	All 126 affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider.
Provision of affordable housing completions	0% Brownfield sites	During the monitoring period 44% of affordable

		homes were built on brownfield sites.
Provision of affordable housing completions	over the plan period (2014-37	Figure 21 demonstrates affordable units delivered between 01/04/2014-31/03/2024
Affordable Housing	Average House Price	Average house price in Halton has reduced by 1.5% when comparing November 2022 (£191,139) with November 2023 (£188,336). This figure is lower than compared with Northwest and England averages. In all cases house prices were lower in November 2023 than November 2022. See Figure 22.
Affordable Housing	Average Rentals	<p>The average rent in Halton is £655 according to a survey of properties carried out by HMRC's Valuation Office agency between September 2022 and September 2023. Between the years ending September 2022 and September 2023, average rents in Halton grew by £66. <a href="#">Compare average rent by area.</a></p> <p>Halton's average rent of £655 is £339 lower than the £994 average rent in England. Halton is the 48th most expensive unitary authority (of 63 total) based on average rent price.</p> <p>The average rent growth rate in Halton between the years ending September 2022 and September</p>

		<p>2023 was 11.2% per year. If rents continue to grow at this rate, average rents will reach £810 by 2025.</p> <p>The average cost of rent in Halton varies depending on property type, prices start at £367 for a single room and rise to £1,130 for a house with four or more bedrooms<sup>33</sup>.</p>
Provision of social and affordable rented units as a percentage of all affordable housing units secured from market housing developments	Delivery of 50% social and affordable rented 10% Starter Homes + 40% other intermediate housing	During the monitoring period 126 affordable units have been delivered and 13 shared ownership units. This does not meet the split set out within policy.

**FIGURE 21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS DELIVERED BETWEEN 01/04/2014 AND 31/03/2023.**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Totals
Total Gross Dwellings	506	484	703	380	601	603	132	159	368	366	<b>4302</b>
Private Sector	249	338	565	288	538	528	107	137	283	240	<b>3273</b>
Affordable Units by Housing Associations / RPs	257	146	138	92	63	75	25	22	85	<b>126</b>	<b>1029</b>
Affordable Units Secured via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Proportion of Affordable Dwellings	51 %	30 %	20 %	24 %	10 %	12 %	19 %	14 %	23 %	34 %	<b>24%</b>

**FIGURE 22 AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE COMPARISON**

Period	Halton	Northwest	England
<b>November 2022</b>	£191,139	£217,738	£311,000
<b>November 2023</b>	£188,336	£213,333	£302,000

Data Source: [UK House Price Index - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk/house-price-index)

<sup>33</sup> [Halton Rental Market | Stats & Graphs](#)



## Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

## Housing Related DALP Policy RD1: Residential Development Allocations

Policy RD1 provides a list of sites allocated in the DALP for residential development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	100% of development for residential use	There have not been any permissions allowed for an alternate use to residential on sites allocated in the DALP for residential use.
Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	Completions	9 sites allocated in the DALP for residential purposes are now completed, delivering a total of 216 dwellings. See Housing AMR 2023/24 Appendix A.
RD1 - Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	Permissions	Appendix A and B of the Housing AMR 2023/24 provides details of the progress of sites allocated for residential use in the DALP.
Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	Reduction in the % lost to other uses	No non -residential uses have been delivered on sites allocated for residential development in the DALP.

## Strategic Objective: SO1, SO8

## Housing Related DALP Policy RD3: Dwelling Alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings

Policy RD3 sets out the criteria that should be considered for residential proposals relating to dwelling alterations, extensions, conversions, and replacement dwellings.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Number of appeals upheld and policy	Reduction in the number of appeals upheld over	During the monitoring period no residential planning appeals have

reason for this (refer to policy content	the plan period 2014-2037]	been upheld were policy RD3 has been quoted.
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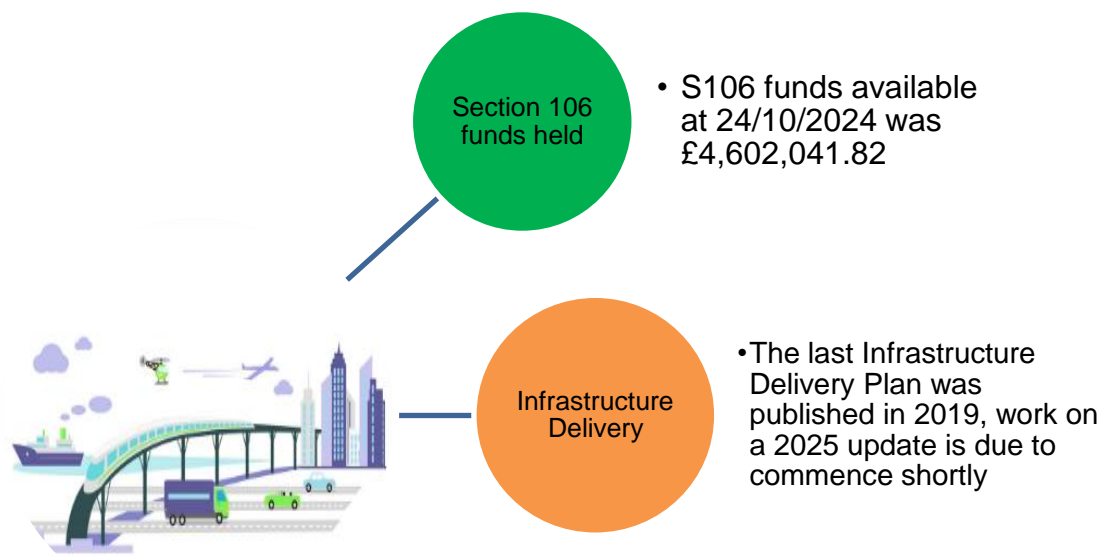
Strategic Objective: SO1, SO8

Housing Related DALP Policy RD5: Primarily Residential Areas.

Policy RD5 sets out the development opportunities for additional infill or redeveloped housing or other non-residential uses that may arise, that can make a valuable contribution to meeting the Borough's development needs.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
No. times RD5 cited in decisions		Data gap to be reviewed for future monitoring.

### 3.9 Infrastructure



Strategic Objective: SO6,

Infrastructure Related DALP Policies: CS(R)7 Infrastructure Provision

Policy CS(R)7 sets out the requirements of infrastructure provision associated with new development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Annual amount of planning gain secured	Secure planning-gain on all applicable	The latest Infrastructure Funding Statement (2019-2024) <sup>34</sup> confirms

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[https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FDocuments%2Fplanning%2Fs106%](https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FDocuments%2Fplanning%2Fs106%2F)

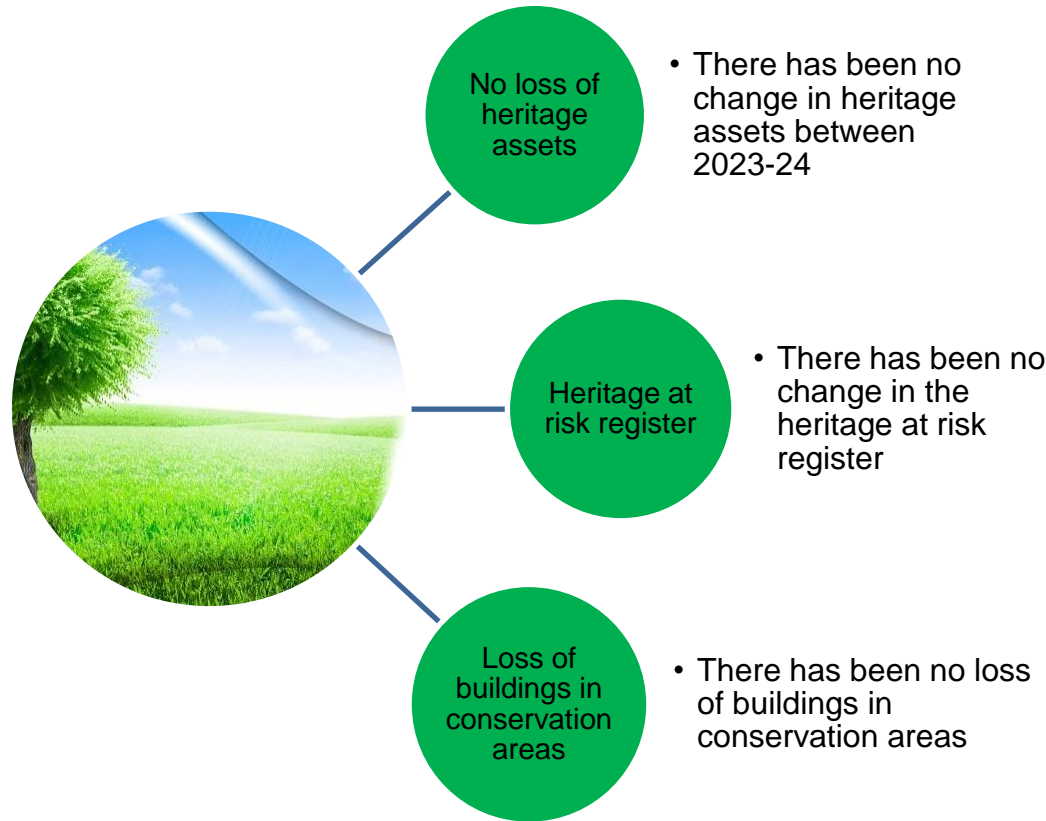
	developments for the plan period (2014-2037)	that as of the 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (outside of the AMR monitoring period) the Council holds £4,602,041.82 of Section 106 money that was available to fund public open space, highways infrastructure, and environmental projects within the Borough.
Delivery of projects detailed with associated Infrastructure plan	In line with timescales in Infrastructure Plan	The latest published Infrastructure Plan Update is dated July 2019. <sup>35</sup> The plan sets out pressing infrastructure needs for the Borough over the Delivery and Allocations plan period, particularly those requirements that are generated by development proposed in Delivery and Allocations Local Plan or by subsequent Local Plan documents. A 2025 update is being developed and will provide a review and update of infrastructure delivered and necessary.

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<sup>35</sup> [Microsoft Word - Infrastructure Plan v3 formatted \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

### 3.10 Nature and Historic Environment



SO10: Maintaining Designated Heritage Assets

Heritage Related DALP Polices CSR20 and HE2

FIGURE 23 HERITAGE ASSETS

<b>No loss in Designated Heritage Assets 2023:</b>	<b>No loss in Designated Heritage Assets 2024:</b>
<b>Number of Listed Buildings – [132*]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade I – [2]</li><li>• Grade II* - [17]</li></ul>	<b>Number of Listed Buildings – [132]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade I – [2]</li><li>• Grade II* - [17]</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade II – [113]</li> </ul> <p><b>Number of Scheduled Monuments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7</li> </ul> <p><i>*The numbers of Historic assets reported in the DALP in the justification for policy CSR20 and in the Monitoring indicator framework were incorrect at time of publication the figures noted above were from the monitoring framework in Appendix F of the DALP.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade II – [113]</li> </ul> <p><b>Number of Scheduled Monuments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7</li> </ul> <p><i>*There is a difference with the Historic England register and HBC register as HBC take into consideration Grade II assets at the following locations which overlap into adjoining boundaries in Warrington/CWAC:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moor Lane Bridge(Over Manchester Ship Canal)</li> <li>• Viaduct Over Weaver Navigation Number 54</li> </ul>
<p>There are two additional Grade II Listed buildings since adoption of the DALP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former Widnes Corporation Bus Depot</li> <li>• Borrow's Bridge and Associated Hand-cranked Crane, Bridgewater Canal, Norton</li> </ul>	

- In this monitoring period there have been two additional Grade II Listed buildings in Halton.

#### FIGURE 24 HERITAGE AT RISK REGISTER

Heritage at risk register 2023	Heritage at risk register 2024
5 listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Monument on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register	5 listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Monument on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register

- In this monitoring period, there have been no changes to the Heritage at Risk Register in Halton.

#### FIGURE 25 CONSERVATION AREAS

Numbers of Conservation Areas 2023	Numbers of Conservation Areas 2024
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- In this monitoring period, there have been no changes to the existing Conservation Areas in Halton and there have also been no new Conservation Area designations.

**FIGURE 26 LOSS OF BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS**

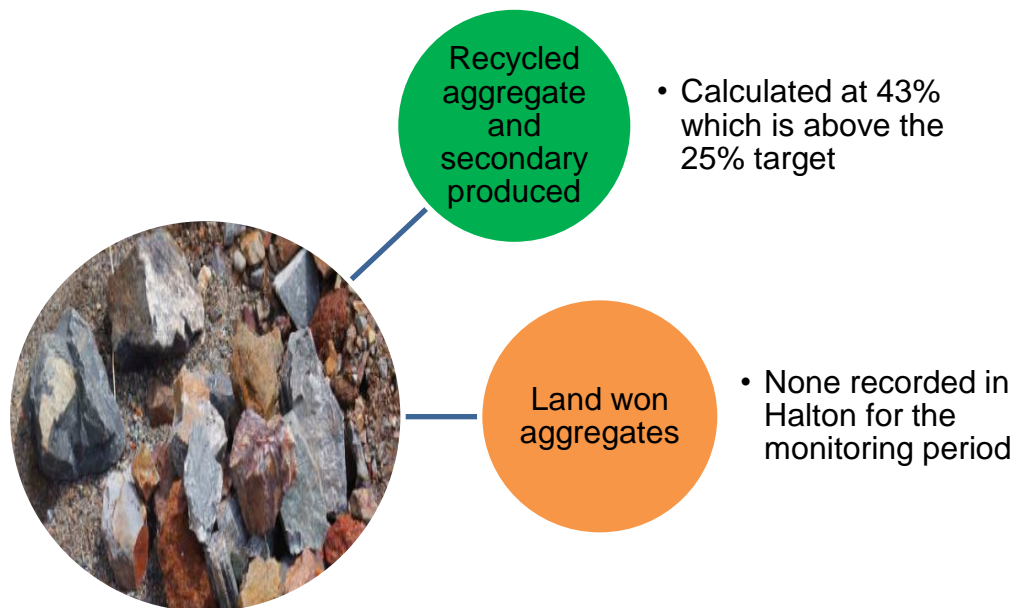
<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of lost dwellings in Conservation Areas</b>
2014 – 2015	0
2015 - 2016	0
2016 – 2017	0
2017- 2018	0
2018 – 2019	0
2019 – 2020	0
2020 – 2021	0
2022 – 2023	0
2023-2024	0

*\*This does not account for changes of use*

- In this monitoring period, there have been no changes in the number of buildings in Conservation Areas in Halton.



## 3.11 Minerals



### Minerals

Minerals such as crushed rock aggregates, sand, gravel and clay are the essential raw materials that underpin development of the built environment. Halton Borough Council as a Minerals Planning Authority has the responsibility to plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals to ensure primary resources are maintained for future generations, minimise potential environmental impacts of such developments and to support economic growth. Annual monitoring of the DALP Mineral indicators and targets will identify progress in this area throughout the plan period.

Minerals data is collated by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of the six districts that make up the Liverpool City Region: Liverpool City Council, Knowsley MBC, Sefton MBC, St Helens MBC and Wirral MBC. More

information is available here: [Home \(meas.org.uk\)](https://meas.org.uk) The latest MEAS Minerals data can be found here: \* and is for the period \*

## Strategic Objective: SO13

### Minerals Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 25 Minerals

Policy CS(R)25 sets out how the Borough will plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals to ensure primary resources are maintained for future generations, minimize potential environmental impacts of such developments and secure growth.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Total land won aggregates to contribute to Northwest regional requirement	Contribution to Merseyside/Greater Manchester/ Warrington/Halton apportionment of 4.1million tonnes of sand and gravel and 26 million tonnes of crushed rock over the plan period 2014-2037]	There are no recorded land won aggregates recorded for Halton, there is one quarry within Merseyside, however no site returns have been provided to MEAS.
Total land won aggregates to contribute to Northwest regional requirement	20% of aggregates used in construction to be from secondary or recycled sources, rising to 25% by 2021	The total aggregate sales for 2022 in the Northwest (including sand and gravel and crushed rock) was 8.48Mtonnes. The total recycled and secondary aggregate produced was 6.49Mtonnes. Assuming this was all used in construction, then the recycled/secondary aggregate equates to 43% of total aggregate used.
Designation of sites as minerals safeguarding areas or Minerals Areas of Search	Safeguarding of sites where there may be minerals resources, as identified through evidence base over the plan period 2014-2037	Policy HE10 sets out the Minerals Safeguarding Areas located in Halton. Safeguarding of sites also occurs across the Liverpool City Region.
Onshore oil and gas permissions	100% within least sensitive locations	No permissions recorded during the monitoring period.

## Strategic Objectives: SO12, SO13

### Minerals Related DALP Policies: HE10 Minerals Safeguarding Areas

Policy HE10 identifies the Boroughs mineral safeguarding areas.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Mineral Safeguarding Areas and Mineral area of search	Maintain 0% of MSAs and MAS from sterilisation by other forms of development over the plan period 2014-2037.	MEAS are not consulted on all planning applications, but are not aware that any proposals have resulted in sterilisation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas and/ or Mineral Areas of Search

## Strategic Objective: SO13

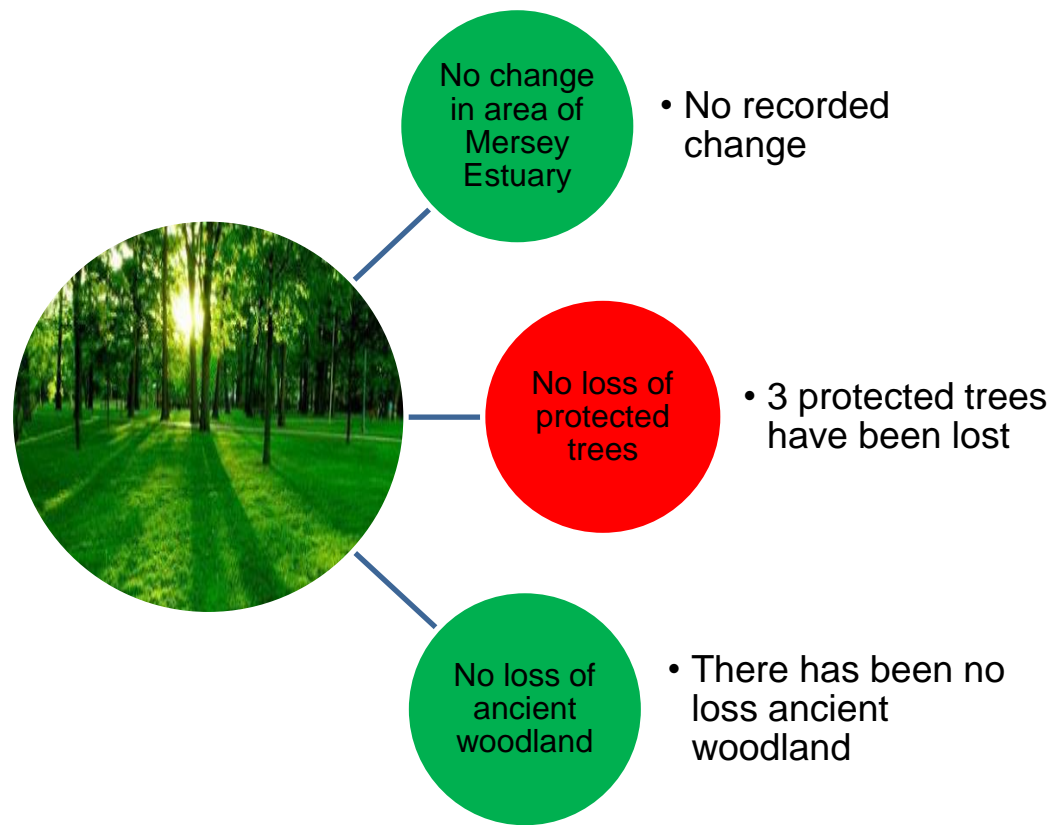
### Minerals Related DALP Policies: HE11 Minerals

Policy HE11 seeks to ensure that proposals do not have unacceptable harm on interests of acknowledged importance as defined by DALP policies.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Maintain 0% of MSAs and MAS from sterilisation by other forms of development over the plan period 2014-2037	0% of MSA sterilised by consents	MEAS are not consulted on all planning applications, but are not aware that any proposals have resulted in sterilisation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas and/ or Mineral Areas of Search
Mineral Extraction	0% of MAS sterilised by consents	MEAS are not consulted on all planning applications, but are not aware that any proposals have resulted in sterilisation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas and/ or Mineral Areas of Search

Mineral Extraction	100% providing a restoration plan	No records that any mineral extraction has taken place during the monitoring period.
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### 3.12 Natural Environment and Nature Conservation



Strategic Objectives All

Nature Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 1 Halton Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Residential development and	100% of planning applications for residential	No applicable planning permissions during the

certain major tourism development within 5km of protected accessible coast	development of 10 or more (net) and certain major tourism development within 5km of protected accessible coasts make financial contribution in relation to recreation disturbance towards avoidance and mitigation schemes	monitoring period (01/0/2023 and 31/03/2024)
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## Strategic Objectives SO10

### Nature Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 20 Natural and Historic Environment

Policy Cs(R)20 sets out how Halton's natural and heritage assets and landscape character will contribute to the Borough's sense of place and local distinctiveness.

*Since April 1st, 2023, Natural England produce a single condition for each feature of interest within a SSSI, using data gathered from across the feature's extent. As such if the site consists of more than one unit or feature there is not a direct comparison between 2012 base line data and that provided in this year's DALP AMR. Therefore 2023 condition data will be used for comparison purposes in future monitoring reports.*

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period	No decline in condition of: Mersey Estuary -99.18% ('favourable 'or 'unfavourable but recovering' at May 2012)	% area meeting 'favourable or unfavourable recovering': 54.03% (See Figure 27)
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period	No decline in condition of: Red Brow Cutting – (100% 'favourable' at May 2012	The SSSI covers an area of 0.17ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. <sup>36</sup>
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period	No decline in condition of: Flood Brook Clough –	The SSSI covers an area of 5.25ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>36</sup> [SSSI detail \(naturalengland.org.uk\)](https://naturalengland.org.uk)

	(100% 'favourable' at May 2012)	
Change in priority habitats and change in species (by type)	Expansion of Reedbed habitat, Preservation of Saltmarsh habitats, increase in BAP species over the plan period	<p>Table 9 of the Appendix provides details of a planning permission approved in habitat priority areas for the avoidance, minimisation, mitigation or compensation of priority habitats.</p> <p>JNCC is the public body that advises the UK Government and devolved administrations on UK-wide and international nature conservation. For the monitoring period it has not been possible to identify data sheets specific to Halton <sup>37</sup></p>
Change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional, sub regional or local significance	No change in the area of Mersey Estuary SPA/ Ramsar, or three SSSIs in Halton. No net loss of Local Wildlife Sites. No net loss of functionally linked supporting habitat to the SPA over the plan period 2014-2037	There are no recorded changes in the areas of Mersey Estuary SPA/ Ramsar of the three SSSIs in Halton. Two planning permissions have been approved on a local wildlife site that required mitigation. See Figure 28.

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<sup>37</sup> [Our role | JNCC - Adviser to Government on Nature Conservation](#)

FIGURE 27 MERSEY ESTUARY SSSI CONDITION SUMMARY (2024)

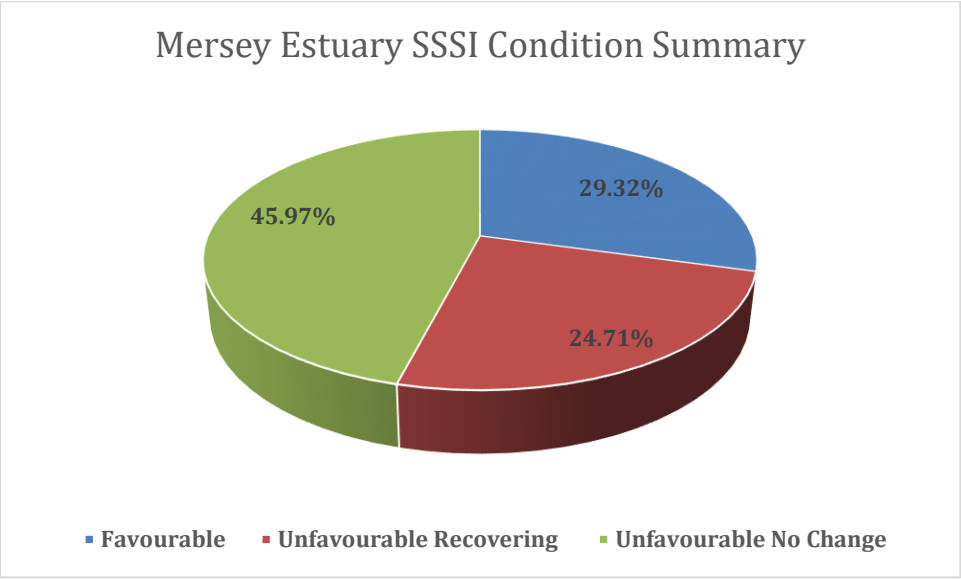


FIGURE 28 PLANNING PERMISSIONS LOCATED IN SSSI, SPA/RAMSAR AND LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES

Planning Reference	Location	Site Designation	Proposal	Measures
23/00193/FUL	Clifton Lagoon	Wildlife	Installation of a 135KV substation	Conditions were added to the approval of this scheme to follow CS(R)20 and HE1 conditions, with special mentions for small mammals, lizards and breeding birds. Wildlife protection after construction and during the development's lifetime and usage has also been considered in these conditions. The applicant had also submitted a wildlife protection plan with their documents, which became an

				enforceable part of the granted permission's conditions to be followed.
23/00036/HBCFUL	Haystack Lodge	Wildlife	Proposed 150mm foul water connection	Conditions were added to the approval of this scheme to follow CS(R)20 and HE1 conditions

## Strategic Objectives SO10

### Nature Related DALP Policies: HE1 Natural Environment and Nature Conservation

Policy HE1 sets out how development proposals affecting the natural environment and/or nature will be considered.

*Since April 1st, 2023, Natural England produce a single condition for each feature of interest within a SSSI, using data gathered from across the feature's extent. As such if the site consists of more than one unit or feature there is not a direct comparison between 2012 base line data and that provided in this year's DALP AMR. Therefore 2023 condition data will be used for comparison purposes in future monitoring reports.*

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period 2014-2037	No decline in the condition of SSSIs: Mersey Estuary -99.18% 'favourable' or 'unfavourable but recovering' May 2012, Red Brow Cutting - 100% 'favourable' (May 2012), Flood Brook Clough -	% area meeting 'favourable or unfavourable recovering': 54.03%  The SSSI covers an area of 0.17ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. <sup>1</sup>



	100% 'favourable' at (May 2012)	The SSSI covers an area of 5.25ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. <sup>2</sup>
Proportion of land allocations on best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1 and 2)	No loss of best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1 and 2)	During the monitoring period there has been * loss of grades 1 or 2 agricultural land resulting from planning permission.
Change in priority habitats and change in species (by type)	No decline	Table 9 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions approved in habitat priority areas and the mitigation measures conditioned to the applications for the avoidance, minimisation, mitigation or compensation of priority habitats.

### Strategic Objectives SO3, SO4, SO6, SO10

#### Nature Related DALP Policies: HE3 Waterways and Waterfronts

Policy HE3 sets out the matters that should be considered for development proposals affecting the Boroughs waterways and/or waterfronts.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Proposals within Coastal Change Management Area	100% require Coastal location or necessary for public safety, nature conservation or human health over the plan period 2014-2037	Table 10 of the Appendix details two planning approvals (01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024) located within coastal change management areas.

### Strategic Objectives SO8, SO10

#### Nature Related DALP Policies: HE5 Trees and Landscaping

Policy HE5 sets out the matters that should be considered for development proposals affecting the Boroughs trees, woodlands and landscaping.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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Protected trees (TPO)	No loss of protected trees (TPO)	During the monitoring period planning permission was approved for the removal of 3 trees protected by a TPO. Table 11 of the Appendix provides the reasoning for approval of the felling.
Ancient woodlands (Ha.)	No loss of ancient woodland	During the monitoring period 0 applications have been received or approved that would result in the loss of ancient woodland.
Trees within Conservation Areas / Nature Conservation assets	No loss of trees within Conservation Areas / Nature Conservation assets	During the monitoring period no requirement for a TPO was concluded for the felling of 7 trees within conservation area. As a result, the target was not met in the monitoring period. See Table 12 of the Appendix.

## 3.13 Open Space



Strategic Objective: SO1, SO6, SO8, SO11

## Open Space Related DALP Policies: RD4 Greenspace Provision for Residential Development

Policy RD4 requires that: *‘All residential development of 10 or more dwellings that create or exacerbate a projected shortfall of greenspace or are not served by existing accessible greenspace will be expected to make appropriate provision for the needs arising from the development.’*

The Council publish a standalone S106 Infrastructure Funding Statement that provides a summary of receipt and spend of planning obligations, infrastructure delivered and links to individual S106 agreements.<sup>38</sup>

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
On-site open space provided as % of requirement	Provision of 100% of required open space	As on site open space is often delivered by the developer, Halton does not have access to details of onsite open space s106 agreement's. Table 13 of the Appendix provides details of previous year funds received for provision of on-site open space from 2014 to 2024.
Off-site open space provided as % of requirement		As off-site open space s106 agreements are delivered by Halton, there is information available on these agreements. Table 14 of the Appendix provides details of funds received for provision off-site open space.

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO6, SO10

## Open Space Related DALP Policies: HE3 Waterways and Waterfronts

Policy HE3 sets out the matters that should be considered for development proposals affecting the Boroughs waterways and/or waterfronts.

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<sup>38</sup> [s106 registers - All Documents \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/s106-registers)

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Public access to waterfront	No reduction in public access to waterfronts	There have been no recorded losses of public access to the waterfront during the monitoring period.
Protection / delivery of Runcorn Locks	No consents prejudicial to delivery of Runcorn Locks scheme	No consents have been approved that would be prejudicial to the delivery of the Runcorn Locks Scheme. <sup>39</sup>

### Strategic Objective: SO6, SO10

### Open Space Related DALP Policies: HE4 Green Infrastructure and Greenspace

Policy HE4 sets out the requirements for the incorporation of high-quality green infrastructure on new development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Extent of Green Infrastructure network	Delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additions to the extent and quality of the green infrastructure network against 2014</li> </ul>	Since 2014 there has been a reduction in the extent of green infrastructure largely due to the build of the new bridge at Mersey Gateway. Tables 13 and 14 of the Appendix provide details of onsite and off-site Section 106 planning obligations that have been secured in relation to planning permissions for relevant new housing developments of 10 or more dwellings.
Extent of Green Infrastructure network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction of the loss of Green Infrastructure assets over the plan period 2014-2037.</li> </ul>	985 hectares of green infrastructure was recorded for Halton in 2024. This figure will be used as the benchmark moving forward to assess amount of green infrastructure across Halton. The Development Management Team

<sup>39</sup> [Runcorn Locks Restoration Society \(haltonheritage.co.uk\)](http://RuncornLocksRestorationSociety(haltonheritage.co.uk))

		will continue to negotiate new green infrastructure provision for relevant housing development delivered over the plan period.
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### Strategic Objective: SO11

#### Open Space Related DALP Policies: HE6 Outdoor and Indoor Sport Provision

Policy HE6 sets out the requirements for the provision of outdoor and indoor sport provision.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Sports / playing pitch provision	No net loss of sports / playing pitch provision	Table 15 of the Appendix provides detail of 4 planning permissions approved between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024 for indoor or outdoor sports provision. None of these lead to a net loss of provision.
Provision against assessed demand (x sport)	No deficits in provision against assessed demand (x sport)	Planning permissions have been approved for the refurbishment and/or replacement of existing provision. There have been no approvals of planning permission that would result in a deficit of existing provision. Of major benefit for Halton is planning permission 20/00206/HBCFUL. Once complete a new leisure centre will be delivered at Moor Lane, replacing the existing facility at Kingsway. <sup>40</sup>

### Strategic Objective: SO11

#### Open Space Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 21 Outdoor and Indoor Sport Provision

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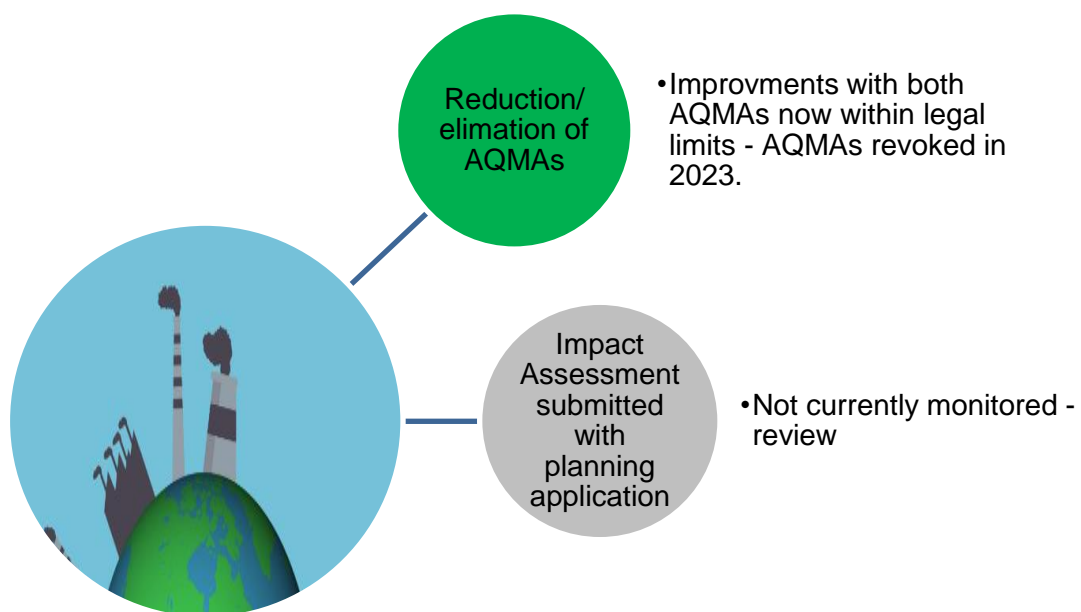
<sup>40</sup> [Designs revealed for Halton's new leisure hub | HBC newsroom](#)

Policy CS(R)21 sets out the requirements for the provision of outdoor and indoor sport provision.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Extent of Green Infrastructure network	Additions to the extent and quality of the Green Infrastructure network (2009 baseline of 1,484.064 ha) Avoidance of the loss of Green Infrastructure over the plan period 2014-2037.	<p>In 2014 the total area of green infrastructure network across Halton was recorded as 1010.86 ha. This has reduced to 985 ha in 2024. The bulk of this loss was due to the Mersey Gateway new bridge build. Other reasons for losses of open space are summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land originally mapped in error.</li> <li>• Development of land for alternate use</li> <li>• Land disposal</li> <li>• Land under lease to third parties</li> </ul>
CS(R)21 - Developments meeting open space requirements on site.	100% of required open space development provided on site or full contribution made for off-site provision for over the plan period 2014-2037	See Tables 13 and 14 of the Appendix
Number of green infrastructure assets awarded the Green Flag standard	Maintain and increase the number of green infrastructure assets meeting Green Flag award standards (Baseline of 12 Green Flag awards in 2010)	At 31/03/2024 there were 3 remaining parks with Green Flag Status: Victoria Park, Hale Park and Runcorn Hill. This figure is much lower than a total of 12 recorded in 2010. To provide more accurate and up to date annual comparison data the total of 3 will be used as the baseline moving forwards. <sup>41</sup>

<sup>41</sup> [Parks, Allotments and Bowling Greens: Find Out More \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/parks-allotments-and-bowling-greens)

## 3.14 Pollution and Noise



Strategic Objective: SO12



## Pollution and Noise Related DALP Policies: HE7: Pollution and Noise

### HE7 - Pollution and Nuisance

The Policy looks to ensure that development considers the potential environmental impacts on people, buildings, land, air and water arising from the development itself and any former use of the site, including, in particular, adverse effects arising from pollution and nuisance.

#### Reduction / Elimination of AQMAs

- Halton Widnes No 1 (Deacon Road from the junction at Sayce Street, Albert Road from the Bradley public house to 150 Albert Road, Robert Street, Peelhouse Lane from the junction with Albert Road to the junction with Belvoir Road) Date Declared - 01/03/2011 Pollutant - Nitrogen dioxide NO<sub>2</sub>. – Now revoked 2023.
- Halton AQMA No 2 (Milton Road (starting at the junction with Kingsway heading east), Gerrard Street (incorporating the roundabout by Lugsdale Road)) Date Declared - 01/03/2011 Pollutant - Nitrogen dioxide NO<sub>2</sub>. – Now revoked 2023.

In 2011 Halton Council declared two air quality management areas in Widnes Town Centre. These included parts of Milton Road and Simms Cross and the bottom of Peel House Lane and Albert Road.

The Air Quality Management Areas were declared because routine monitoring had detected levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) in excess of the legal limit of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>

The excessive levels of nitrogen dioxide were considered to be due to vehicle emissions caused by congestion in parts of Widnes Town Centre.

Short-term exposure to concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> can cause inflammation of the airways and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections and to allergens. NO<sub>2</sub> can exacerbate the symptoms of those already suffering from lung or heart conditions.

The Government have implemented legal limits for a number of pollutants that can have potential health effects. When these legal limits are exceeded, there is a duty on the council to declare an Air Quality Management Area and implement an action plan to reduce emissions to within legal limits. Progress on the action plan must be reported to the Government in an annual report.

Therefore in 2011 Halton declared two air quality management areas and implemented an action plan.

#### Action taken to reduce emissions.

The actions taken at the time and in subsequent years included highway alterations in the affected areas, reducing emissions from public transport and promotion of cycling and alternative forms of transport. Improvements in vehicle emission technology including the increase in electrical vehicle use have also contributed to the improvements in air quality. However, the most significant impact on reduced

congestion in Widnes Town Centre has been the opening of The Mersey Gateway Bridge in 2017 and the reopening of the Silver Jubilee Bridge in 2021.

In recent years there has been consistent improvements in air quality within the air quality management areas. Levels are now well within legal limits.

#### **Evidence that emissions have improved:**

Figure 29 below shows the levels of nitrogen dioxide at the time the air quality management areas were declared and the latest year of monitoring data.

**FIGURE 29 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS NO2 LEVELS AT TIME OF DECLARATION**

<b>AQMA Name</b>	<b>Date of Declaration</b>	<b>Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives</b>	<b>Site Description</b>	<b>Level of NO2: Declaration</b>	<b>NO2: Current Year</b>
Marzahn Way (Widnes No 1)	01/03/2011	NO2 Annual Mean	Roadside Residential Properties	49	27
Milton Road (Widnes No2)	01/03/2011	NO2 Annual Mean	Roadside Residential Properties	49	31

Figure 30 shows the levels of nitrogen dioxide monitored in the air quality management areas in previous years which demonstrates the sustained improvement in air quality.

**FIGURE 30 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS MONITORING DATA 2017-2021**

<b>Diffusion Tube ID</b>	<b>X OS Grid Ref (Easting)</b>	<b>Site Type</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>

4	Milton Road	Roadside	37.0	35.0	31.3	25.1	30.1
5	Milton Road	Roadside	38.0	35.0	32.5	26.2	32.5
6	Milton Road	Roadside	32.0	32.0	26.4	23.7	29.5
9	Peel House Lane	Roadside	33.0	33.0	30.03	23.8	26.2
10	Peel House Lane	Kerbside	39.0	38.0	37.5	30.9	34.8
12	Deacon Road	Roadside	32.0	30.0	27.2	21.2	23.8
13	Deacon Road	Roadside	33.0	28.0	28.1	22.02	24.8

**Limit = 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>**

### **Revocation of Air Quality Monitoring Areas**

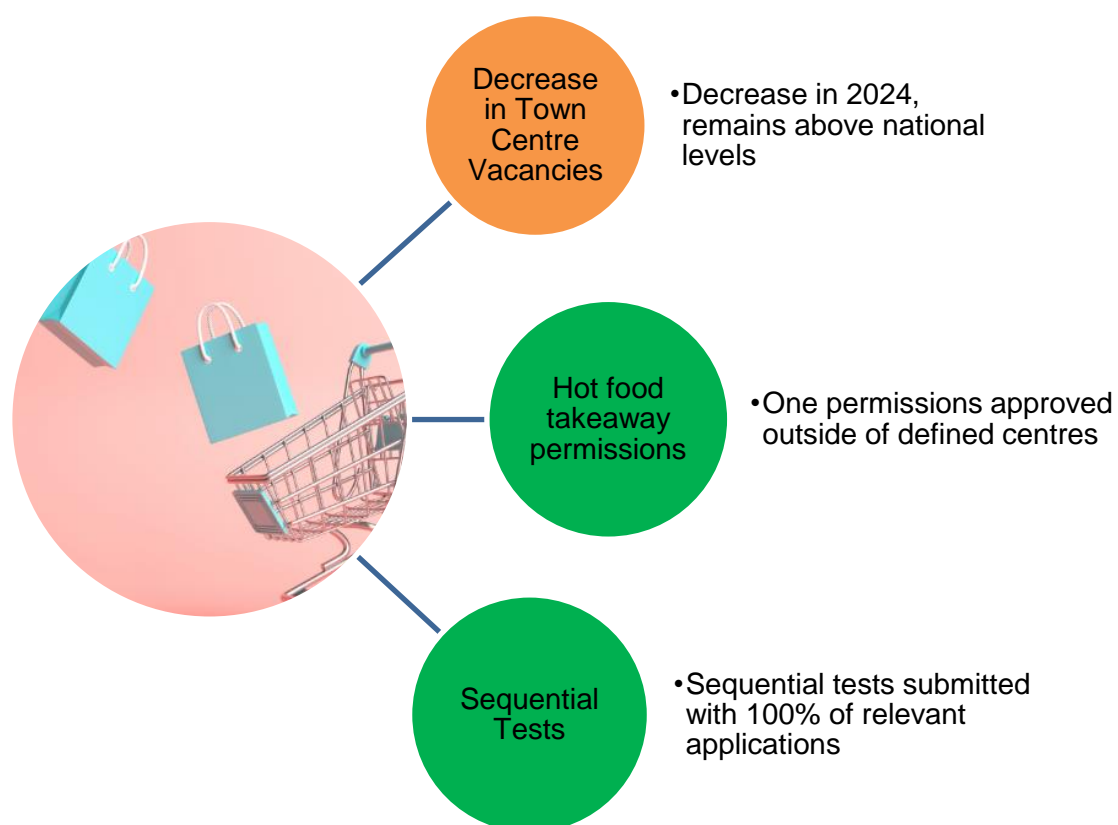
Due to the sustained improvement in air quality the council has now revoked the air quality management areas. The Council will continue to monitor air quality in those areas but will no longer be required to produce a detailed action plan and report progress to the government. The final decision on revoking the air quality management areas was taken by the council's executive board in 2023.

*The consultation closed on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and a decision is yet to be made.*

### **100% proposals accompanied by an impact assessment demonstrating mitigation measures.**

The Council do not monitor the number of planning applications that are accompanied by an impact assessment demonstrating mitigation measures. Mitigation measures are often conditioned as part of a planning decision notice.

## 3.15 Retail



Prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022, other than defined retail area annual use class/trader surveys retail development was not closely monitored as such there will be some data gaps prior to 2022. Moving forward retail and town centre development will be monitored more closely to ensure data is collected and reported in the annual DALP Monitoring Reports.

### Use Class Order

The use class order was revised on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Along with other changes 'Retail Use Classes' A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 have been replaced by a range of commercial, business and service categories that come under category 'E' see: [Use Classes - Change of use - Planning Portal](#)

### Main Town Centre Uses are defined as:

*'Retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, entertainment and more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-through restaurants, bars and pubs, nightclubs, casinos, health and fitness centres, indoor bowling centres and bingo halls); offices; and arts, culture and tourism development (including theatres, museums, galleries and concert halls, hotels and conference facilities)'.* Source: [National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

### Halton Retail Hierarchy

Figure 31 demonstrates the retail hierarchy for Halton. Halton has two town centres, one in Widnes and one in Runcorn new Town. A district centre in Runcorn Old Town. Eighteen local centres in Runcorn and fifteen in Widnes, which includes Ivy Farm Court at Hale. There are also two allocations for new local centres, one at Daresbury and one a west Bank. Further information including the role and function of the designations is located at: [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#) (pages 53 -55)

**FIGURE 31 HALTON BOROUGH RETAIL HIERARCHY**

Location	Designation
Runcorn Halton Lea	Town Centre
Widnes	Town Centre
Runcorn Old Town	District Centre
·Ascot Avenue ·Beechwood ·Brookvale ·Castlefields ·Grangeway ·Greenway Road ·Halton Brook ·Halton Road ·Halton Village · Langdale Road ·Murdishaw · Palacefields · Picton Avenue · Preston Brook ·Russell Road ·	Local Centres (Runcorn)

Sandymoor · Sutton Park · Windmill Hill	
· Alexander Drive · Bechers · Cronton Lane · Farnworth · Halebank · Hale Road · Halton View Road · Hough Green · Liverpool Road · Moorfield Road · Queens Avenue · Upton Rocks · Warrington Road · West Bank · Ivy Farm Court (Hale)	Local Centres (Widnes)
· Daresbury (Keckwick Hill) · South Widnes (West Bank)	Allocations for Local Centres

Strategic Objective: All

### Retail Related Policies: CS (R) 1 Halton's Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Retail Floorspace delivered	Up to 9293 sqm town centre Convenience / Comparison (2014-37) / Up to 5,112 sqm Retail Warehousing (2014-37)	There are 0 recorded gains of convenience/comparison use within the town centres. This indicator has not been monitored prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022. The indicator and target will be monitored closely moving forward. It is assumed that as of 01/04/2024 the targets for delivery of 9293sqm of convenience/comparison uses and up to 5112sqm of retail warehousing remains unchanged.

Strategic Objective: SO5

### Retail Related Policies: CS (R) 5 A Network of Centres

Policy CS(R)5 sets out the retail hierarchy for the Borough, reflecting the role and relationship of centres in the Borough's retail network.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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Amount of completed retail development in town centres	Up to 9293 sqm town centre Convenience / Comparison (2014-37)	There are no recorded gains of convenience/comparison use within the town centres. This indicator has not been monitored prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022. The indicator and target will be monitored closely moving forward. It is assumed that as of 01/04/2024 the targets for delivery of 9293sqm of convenience/comparison uses and up to 5112sqm of retail warehousing remains unchanged.
Completions of main town centre uses within designated centres, by type	100% of Use Class completions for shops, Financial / Professional Services, Restaurants, Cafes, Drinking Establishments, Hot Food Takeaways and Assembly and Leisure within the Borough's Town Centres, the District Centre and Local Centres	See Tables 16 to 19 of the Appendix for details completions of loss and gain of main town centre uses inside and outside of defined centres. The tables detail planning permissions dating back to the start of the plan period in 2014, when different national policy applied to defined retail centres. There are permissions for main town centre uses outside of designated areas, this is largely as a result of change of use to existing buildings. This indicator will be monitored closely moving forwards.
Percentage of retail development in edge-of-centre or out-of-centre locations	Minimise development outside of designated Town Centres (2014-37)	Two applications have been approved for retail development convenience use outside of the defined centres. One permission was for a replacement store and the other a change of use from a former public house. See Table 18 of the Appendix.
Number of vacant units within Town Centre locations	Decrease vacancy levels within Town Centre locations (2014-2037)	Town centre surveys are carried out during the month of April on an annual basis. There are gaps in data for 2021 and 2022 this

		<p>was as a result of lock down. The latest GB vacancy rates were collected by the British Retail Consortium for the third quarter of 2021, demonstrated that the overall GB vacancy was 14.5%.<sup>42</sup></p> <p>Tables 20 to 22 of the Appendix demonstrate the vacancy rates for Halton Lea, Runcorn Old Town and Widnes Town Centre since the start of the plan period. Data indicates that vacancy rates are above the national average, with peaks during and immediately post covid lock down.</p>
Percentage long-term vacant units	Decrease in percentage of long-term vacant units	<p>Figure 32 demonstrates a summary of total and long-term vacant units within the defined retail centres of Runcorn Old Town, Halton Lea and Widnes Town Centre that were vacant at the time of both the April 2022 and April 2023. The latest two years were selected as surveys were now completed during 2020 and 2021 because Of lockdown. Figures 33 to 35 demonstrate details of each vacant unit within the three centres. Vacancy rates are above the 2021 national averages.</p>

**FIGURE 32 LONG TERM VACANT UNITS**

<sup>42</sup> [Vacancy rate plateaus \(brc.org.uk\)](https://www.brc.org.uk/vacancy-rate-plateaus)



Designation	Total Units	Vacant Rate in April 2024 (vacant for a minimum of 2 consecutive years)	Percentage of Long-Term Vacant units
Runcorn Old Town	136	25	18%
Halton Lea Runcorn	139	40	29%
Widnes Town Centre	260	40	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>Average of 3 centres 20%</b>

FIGURE 33 RUNCORN OLD TOWN CENTRE VACANT UNITS COMPARISON DATA

Year of Survey (April)	Total units within defined centre	Vacant units at time of survey	Percentage of vacant units at time of survey	Difference between Previous Year
2022	136	36	26%	
2023	136	34	25%	2
2024	136	41	30%	↓7

\*No information has been provided for 2014 – 2021 due to the town centre boundaries changing as part of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan therefore the data would not be comparable to include those years.

FIGURE 34 HALTON LEA RUNCORN TOWN CENTRE VACANT UNITS COMPARISON DATA

Year of Survey (April)	Total units within defined centre	Vacant units at time of survey	Percentage of vacant units at time of survey	Difference between Previous Year
2022	139	49	35%	
2023	139	46	33%	↑3
2024	139	44	32%	↓2

\*No information has been provided for 2014 – 2021 due to the town centre boundaries changing as part of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan therefore the data would not be comparable to include those years.

**FIGURE 35 WIDNES TOWN CENTRE VACANT UNITS COMPARISON DATA**

<b>Year of Survey (April)</b>	<b>Total units within defined centre</b>	<b>Vacant units at time of survey</b>	<b>Percentage of Vacant units at time of survey</b>	<b>Difference between Previous Year</b>
2022	259	58	22%	
2023	260	49	19%	9
2024	260	52	20%	↓3

\*No information has been provided for 2014 – 2021 due to the town centre boundaries changing as part of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan therefore the data would not be comparable to include those years.

## Strategic Objective: SO11

### Retail Related Policies: CS (R) 22 Health and Well-Being

Policy CS(R)22 sets out how healthy environments will be supported, and healthy lifestyles encouraged in the Borough.

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Percentage / number of (Hot-Food Take-away) units within town, district and local centres	100% designated frontages/centres complying with SPD policy	The Hot Food Takeaway SPD (2012) can be viewed at: <a href="#">Microsoft Word - Hot Food SPD final v4 (halton.gov.uk)</a> One planning applications have been approved for hot food takeaways in Widnes, outside of the defined centres. See the Appendix Table 27.

## Strategic Objective: SO5

### Retail Related Policies: HC1 Vital and Viable Centres

Policy HC1 sets out how it seeks to support the vitality and viability of the Boroughs centres and their role at the heart of communities.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Proportion of retail development within defined centres	100% of retail development within defined centers	Two planning applications for out of centre retail convenience use have been approved, as such the target of 100% within defined centres has not been reached. One permission was for a change of use of a public house and the other was for a replacement store. Both approvals were prior to adoption of the DALP. See the Appendix Table 18.
Proposals for out / edge-of centre supported by a sequential test	100% of proposals for out / edge-of centre supported by a sequential test	Two planning applications have been approved for retail convenience use. Both applications were supported by sequential tests. See Appendix the Figure*
Change of use of upper floors		There are 1 recorded changes of use of upper floors from retail/town center uses. (Not previously monitored) See Table 18 of the Appendix.
Change of use to residential (non-primary frontage)		15 residential units have been created across 5 sites as a result of change of use from a former retail/ town centre use. See Table 24 of the Appendix.
Development for main town centre uses (excluding offices)		Table 17 of the Appendix details the 5 planning permissions for main town center uses located within and outside defined centres.

Amount of completed retail and office development		There are two completions of loss/gain of retail E(a) and office use E (g) (i) recorded. The most significant is a loss of hotel use in Widnes Town Centre and gain in office use of 929sq.m. See Table 19 of the Appendix.
Vacancy rates within the Town Centres	Decrease	<p>Town centre surveys are carried out during the month of April on an annual basis. The latest GB vacancy rates were collected by the British Retail Consortium for the third quarter of 2021, demonstrated that the overall GB vacancy was 14.5%. <sup>43</sup></p> <p>See figures 32 to 35 for vacancy rates since the start of the plan period in 2014.</p>
Footfall within the Town Centres	Increase	<p>The method of footfall data collection has changed since the previous study conducted by Lyle and Good in 2017 for Widnes and Halton Lea Town Centres and Runcorn Old Town District Centre. Sensor and mobile phone data has assisted in the collection of this year's records. The average has been calculated over the year to provide a monthly summary.</p> <p>Runcorn Town Old Town 152,971 Runcorn Shopping City 239,730 Widnes Town Centre 230,914</p>

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<sup>43</sup> [Vacancy rate plateaus \(brc.org.uk\)](https://www.brc.org.uk/vacancy-rate-plateaus)

## Strategic Objective: SO5

### Retail Related Policies: HC2 Retail and Town Centre Allocations

Policy HC2 sets out the sites allocated in the DALP for appropriate town centre uses.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development of allocated sites	100% of development for allocated use	See Table 25 of the Appendix for progress of allocated sites

## Strategic Objective: SO5

### Retail Related Policies: HC3 Primary Shopping Areas

Policy HC3 sets out how the Primary Shopping Areas of each centre will help to maintain a focused and concentrated shopping core at the heart of each centre.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Use of ground floor units	60% + of ground floor units in E(a), E(b), E(c) use	Figure 39 demonstrates that both Runcorn Old Town and Widnes Town Centre exceeded the 60% target of use classes E(a) to E(c), whilst Halton Lea (ground floor) falls slightly below the target at 52%. This could be due to high vacancy rates. Latest data was collected in April 2024. Occupancy and use class splits will continue to be monitored through annual surveys.
Maintenance of continuous active frontages	No increase in breaks (2+ non-E(a), E(b), E(c) uses) in active frontages	Figure 40 demonstrates the number of breaks in active fronts of non- E(a) to E(c) units of 2 or more in the Primary Shopping Areas of the 3 centres. Halton Lea does not fare well, with a total of 6 breaks, predominantly due to vacant units. Runcorn Old Town fares much better with only 2 active breaks, whilst Widnes Town Centre has 3 breaks.

**FIGURE 36 PERCENTAGE OF GROUND FLOOR UNITS IN PRIMARY SHOPPING AREAS IN USE CLASSES E (APRIL 2024)**

<b>Town Centre</b>	<b>Total Units in Primary Shopping Area</b>	<b>Total Units within Use Classes E(a) to E(c) (iii)</b>	<b>Percentage of Units within Use Classes E(a) to E(c) (iii)</b>
Halton Lea (Ground Floor)	125	64	52%
Runcorn Old Town	57	38	66%
Widnes	139	103	74%

**FIGURE 37 MAINTENANCE OF CONTINUOUS ACTIVE FRONTS IN PRIMARY SHOPPING AREAS (APRIL 2024)**

<b>Town Centre</b>	<b>Total Units in Primary Shopping Area</b>	<b>Number of Breaks in Active Fronts 2 units in non-E(a) to E(c) use</b>	<b>Number of Breaks in Active Fronts 3 units in non-E(a) to E(c) use</b>	<b>Number of Breaks in Active Fronts 4+ units in non-E(a) to E(c) use</b>
Halton Lea (Ground Floor)	127	3	1	2
Runcorn Old Town	57	2	0	0
Widnes	139	3	0	0

Strategic Objective: SO5, SO8

Retail Related Policies: HC4 Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising

Policy HC4 sets out the requirements in ensuring that shop fronts, signage and advertising make a positive contribution to the buildings on which they are located and to the surrounding area.

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
No. times HC4 cited in decisions		Table 26 of the Appendix details 18 applications for advertisement consent, between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024. 18 applications

		were approved and 0 refused, all cited Policy HC4 in the decision notice.
% upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	There have not been any relevant appeals recorded during the monitoring period.

## Strategic Objective: SO5, SO12

### Retail Related Policies: HC8 Food and Drink

Policy HC8 sets out the requirements for the development of hot food and drink uses in the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Proportion of consented HFTAs in Primary Shopping Area	0% granted above primary shopping area threshold (5%)	There are 139 units in Widnes Town Centre, Primary Shopping Area. Including planning permission 22/00154/COU that was granted approval for a change of use to a hot food takeaway. On 31/03/2024 there are 5 hot food takeaways in Widnes Town Centre, which equates to 3.5% of all units in the Primary Shopping Area, below the 5% threshold. There is no other recorded change of use in Primary Shopping Areas. This indicator will be closely monitored. (See Figure 41)
Proportion of consented HFTAs in non-primary TC areas	0% granted above non-primary TC threshold (10%)	One permission has been approved for a hot food takeaway which is in Widnes town centre outside of the Primary Shopping Area. See Table 27 of the Appendix.
Proportion of consented HFTAs in Local Centre	0% granted above centre thresholds (dominant use or greater of 2 units or more than 10%)	Halton has a total of 33 local centres. Planning permission has been approved for no hot food takeaways this year.

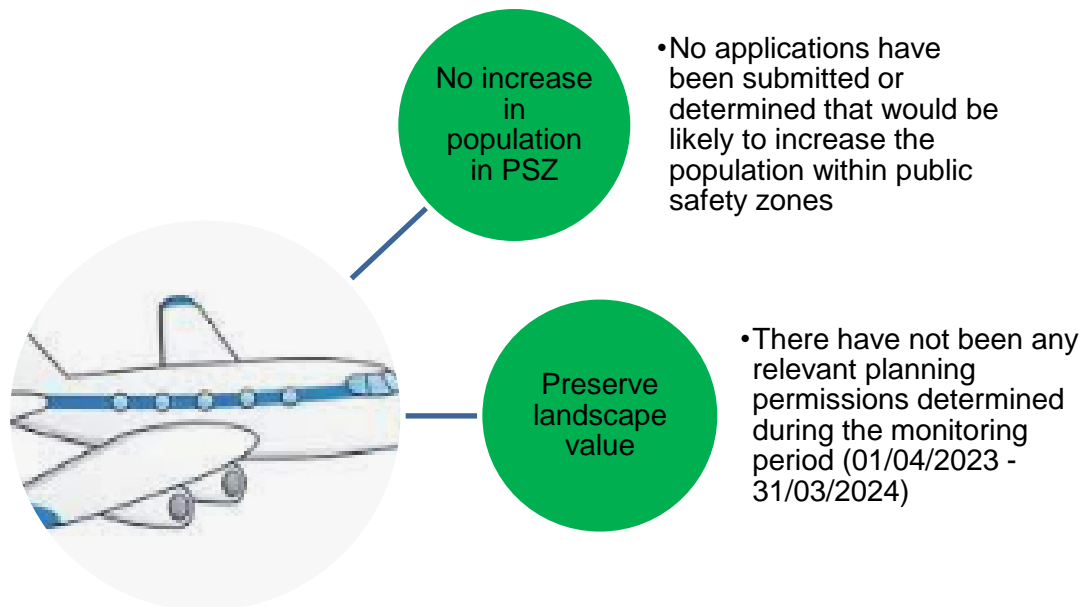
Proportion of permissions granted outside existing centre located within 400m of defined education or open space	0% granted outside existing centre within 400m of defined education or open space	There are no recorded planning approvals outside of existing centres for hot food takeaways.
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**FIGURE 38 HOT FOOD TAKEAWAYS OUTSIDE OF THE PRIMARY SHOPPING AREAS (APRIL 2024)**

Town Centre	Number of Units Outside of the Primary Shopping Area	Number of Hot Food Takeaways	Percentage of Hot Food Takeaways
Widnes	134	6	4.4%
Halton Lea Runcorn	20	1	1%
Runcorn Old Town	92	8	8.69%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>15</b>	

## 3.16 Transport-Airport





### Strategic Objective: SO4, SO7

### Transport - Airport Related Policy: CS (R) 17 Liverpool John Lennon Airport Operational Land and Airport Expansion.

Policy CS(R)17 sets out the criteria and considerations, associated with the development of operational and/or expansion of the airport.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Manage negative environmental and social impacts in Halton associated with the operation and expansion of Liverpool John Lennon Airport.	No permissions granted that are likely to increase in the population within the Public Safety Zone (PSZ)	No applications have been submitted or determined that would be likely to increase the population within public safety zones (01/04/2014 - 31/03/2024)
	Preserve landscape value, including through delivery of extension to Coastal Reserve	There have not been any relevant planning permissions determined during the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024)

	No change in area of Mersey Estuary SPA/Ramsar over the plan period 2014-2037	The Mersey Estuary covers an area of 5023.35ha <sup>44</sup> which is the same area as recorded in 2015 <sup>45</sup> . The figure of 5023.35ha will be used as the baseline figure for monitoring this particular target for future years monitoring of the DALP.
Air quality impacts	No adverse effects from atmospheric pollution on the integrity of European sites	The Council do not receive data specific to this target. Any adverse effects from atmospheric pollution created by the airport on the integrity of European sites would be dealt with on a reactive basis if/when made aware of concerns.

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO12

### Transport- Airport Related Policies: C4 Operation of Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Policy C4 seeks to avoid poorly considered development associated with Liverpool John Lennon Airport that has the potential to adversely impact the safe operation of traffic in the locality.

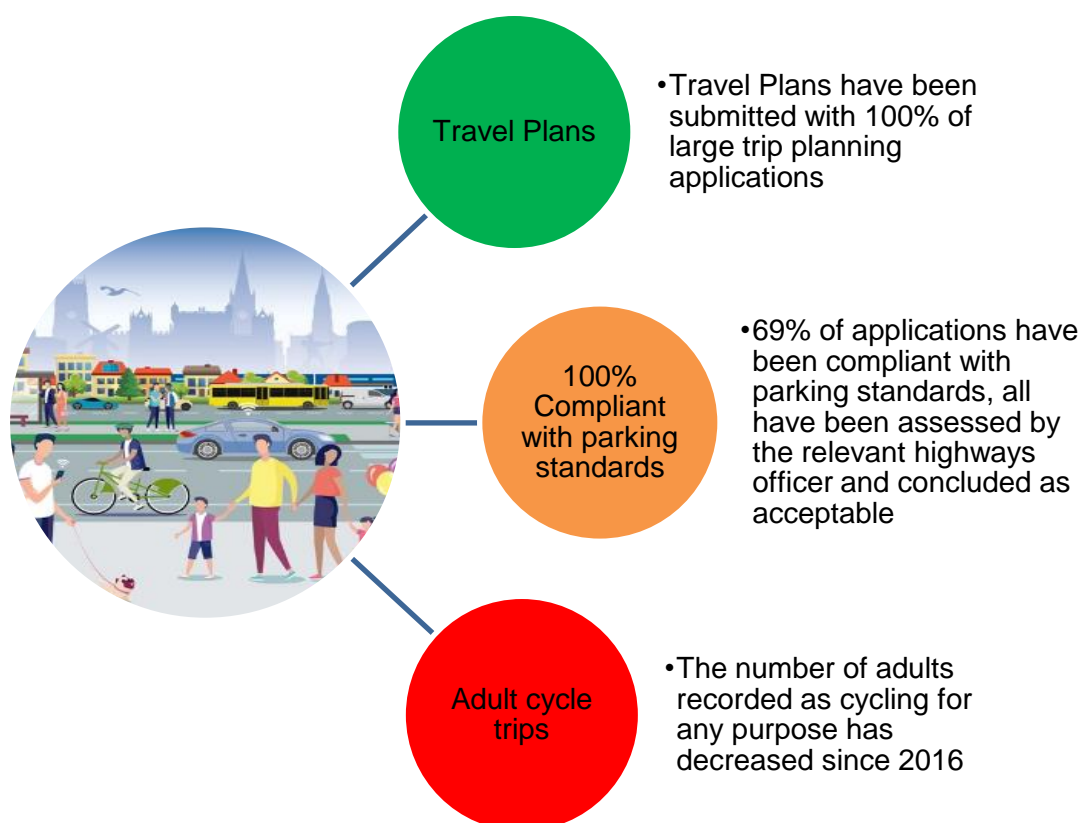
Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development likely to increase population within Public Safety Zones (PSZ)	No development likely to increase population within PSZ	No applications have been submitted or determined that would be likely to increase the population within public safety zones (01/04/2014 -31/03/2024)
Development in excess of Height Restriction Zone	No development in excess of Height Restriction Zone	No applications have been submitted or determined for development in excess of height restriction zones in Halton (01/04/2014 -31/03/2024)

<sup>44</sup> [Magic Map Application \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://defra.gov.uk/magic-map-application)

<sup>45</sup> [UK9005131.pdf \(jncc.gov.uk\)](https://jncc.gov.uk/UK9005131.pdf)

Off-site airport parking developments	No off-site airport parking developments	No applications have been submitted or determined for the development of off-site parking in Halton (01/04/2014 -31/03/2024)
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## 3.17 Transport



Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

### Transport Related Policies: CS (R) 3 Housing Supply and Locational Priorities

Policy CS(R)3 sets out the required housing provision and locations for development for the plan period.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre	Increase	Table 32 from the Appendix demonstrates the residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre.

## Strategic Objective: SO7

### Transport Related Policies: CS (R) 15 Sustainable Transport

Policy CS(R)15 sets out the transport and traffic considerations that development proposals should address. The policy seeks to ensure that new development is accessible by sustainable transport methods such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Provision of sustainable transport in Halton	Increase modal share of sustainable modes (bus, rail, cycling and walking)	<p>The following sustainable transport schemes have progressed In Halton during the monitoring period (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the previous year, Runcorn Busway from Palacefields Avenue by the hospital to Murdishaw Local Centre (2.3km) was completed. This year, Murdishaw Local Centre to Whitehouse industrial estate (1.3km) was completed and HBC plan to further connect this scheme to Runcorn East Station.</li> <li>- RSQ route final completion of Waterloo bridge.</li> <li>- Ongoing Section 38 works as part of the Sandymoor and Daresbury (Wharford Lane &amp; Delph Lane spine 0.5km) developments is ongoing and highway adoptions are ongoing but not currently adopted</li> </ul>

	Increase total length of cycle ways in the Borough (2014-37)	<p>This is what has been delivered in the monitoring period (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed the LCRCA LCWIP route From Warrington Rd via Manor Park to Daresbury Science Park. (5km)</li> <li>- Wharford Lane &amp; Delph Lane spine (0.5km)</li> </ul>
	Number of cycle trips (157 trips annualised index, LTP Indicators 2007/08)	<p>Figure 42 details the percentage of adults across Halton Borough cycling for 'Any Purpose' and 'Leisure Purposes' at least Weekly and/or Monthly (Between 2016 and 2022). In all instances there has been a reduction in trips since 2016. The data is not comparable with the 2007/08 baseline data. As a result, the data set out in Figure 42 will be used for comparison purposes for future monitoring periods.</p> <p>*These figures are a best estimate of the completions for the monitoring period 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024</p>
Number of Travel Plans associated with development applications for large trip generating uses	Delivery of 100% for all relevant large trip generating planning applications over the plan period (2014-37)	100% of development applications for large trip generating uses have supplied Travel Plans. The production of a Draft Transport and Accessibility SPD will provide further guidance and will outline the requirements for Transport

		Assessments and Travel Plans associated with development. Table 28 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions approved between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 that have travel plans, as a result of the development being associated with large trip generating uses. <sup>46</sup>
Provision of transport schemes in Halton.	Progress and delivery of transport schemes in Halton as identified in the most up to date LTP or Combined Authority program over the plan period 2014-2037	The latest Halton Borough Council LTP is the Local Transport Plan 3 (2011/12 – 2025/26) <sup>47</sup> The council is currently feeding into the development of a City Region Local Transport Plan. This LTP subsumes the Halton LTP along with other neighbouring authorities documents and strategies and updates them with this single, integrated plan. This will also be available in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Schedule that will be updated later this year.

Several studies have been commissioned in this monitoring period which have led to the proposed revision to CS15. Increasing the proportion of journeys made by sustainable modes including walking, cycling and public transport is an important priority for Halton and expressed in revised policy CS(R)15.

**FIGURE 39 PERCENTAGE OF HALTON'S ADULTS CYCLING FOR ANY PURPOSE AND LEISURE PURPOSES AT LEAST WEEKLY AND/OR MONTHLY (BETWEEN 2016 AND 2022)**

<sup>46</sup> [Planning Applications \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://halton.gov.uk/planning-applications)

<sup>47</sup> [Layout 1 \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://halton.gov.uk/layout-1)

<b>Frequency (% of adult population) Purpose</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
At least once per month (Any Purpose)	14.9	12.5	14.2	12.1	9.4	11.3	11.3	10.5
At least once per week (Any Purpose)	9.9	9.1	9.9	10.3	7	7.3	9.2	7.7
At least once per month (Leisure)	12.6	11.8	12.9	10.6	8.5	8.9	9.1	9.4
At least once per week (Leisure)	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.1	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/A

Data Source: CW0302: Proportion of adults that cycle, by frequency, purpose and local authority: England [Walking and cycling statistics \(CW\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/walking-and-cycling-statistics)

### Strategic Objective: SO11

#### Transport and Airport Related Policies: CS (R) 22 Health and Wellbeing

Policy CS(R)22 sets out how healthy environments will be supported, and healthy lifestyles encouraged in the Borough.

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP and a hospital	Increase	See table 32 from the Appendix

### Strategic Objectives: SO6, SO7

#### Transport Related Policies: C1 Transport Network and Accessibility

Policy C1 seeks to encourage and enable a shift to more sustainable modes of travel and to ensure that a successful sustainable transport network is in place.

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
ULEV Charging Points installed	ULEV Charging Points installed	There are 29 public charging points registered within Halton. (at



		08/12/2023) <sup>48</sup> National changes to policy/funding has led to the decrease. The Halton Borough Council Electric Vehicle Charging Point Strategy provides in depth data for Halton including baseline data for electric vehicle ownership. <sup>49</sup>
Development within 400m of a bus stop / train station	100% of development within 400m of a bus stop / train station	Table 30 provides details of major development that is within 400m of a bus stop / train station
Canal towpath improvements	Provision of 100% of required contributions towards Canal towpath improvements	There have not been any canal towpath contributions negotiated during the monitoring period. Where relevant contributions will continue to be negotiated in compliance with criteria set out in policy C1.
PRoW Improvements	Delivery / progress of	Figure 43 provides details of the delivery and progress of public rights of way improvements across Halton
Delivery / progress of	EATC	LCRCA Scheme Long term Delivery Plans 2030+
Delivery / progress of	A558 Daresbury Expressway	Scheme promoted for CRSTS2
Delivery / progress of	Watkinson Way / Ashley Way Gyratory	Ongoing

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<sup>48</sup> [Find and use data on public electric vehicle chargepoints - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Microsoft Word - Halton Borough Council EV Strategy - 10112023 Final Version](#)

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Delivery / progress of	A562 Speke Road	Identified in the IDP Long term plan
Delivery / progress of	A557 Access improvements; and	Early scheme appraisal. Reliant on consortium of development funding and partners
Delivery / progress of	Reconfiguration / improvement of infrastructure to the south of the SJB	Completed 2021/22
Delivery of Transport assessments and travel plans for all qualifying development over the plan period	100% of qualifying applications supported by Transport assessments / travel plans	Table 28 provides details of planning permissions determined between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 where transport assessments/travel plans were required as part of the application process.
Protection and enhancement of transport hubs	100% retention of transport hubs	There has been no loss of public transport hubs (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024)

**FIGURE 40 PROGRESS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) IMPROVEMENTS IN HALTON**

Reference	Location	Scheme	Progress
20/00337/OUTEIA	Land at Daresbury Park, Runcorn	Public Rights of Way contribution and railway crossing in vicinity of land.	Section 106 legal agreement, to make a financial contribution towards a PROW and a railway crossing in the location of Daresbury Park.

Strategic Objective: SO7, SO8

## Transport Related Policies: C2 Parking Standards<sup>50</sup>

Policy C2 sets out the requirements for parking standards expected on new development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development compliant with parking standards (car spaces)	100% compliant with parking standards (car spaces)	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024) 29 decisions cited parking standards criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 29 decisions (20) 69% were, compliant and (9) 31% were not. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.
Development compliant with parking standards (disabled spaces)	100% compliant with parking standards (disabled spaces)	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024) 29 decisions cited parking standards and disabled spaces criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 29 decisions (15) 52% were, compliant and (14) 48% were not. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards for disabled spaces has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.
Development compliant with cycle parking standards	100% compliant with cycle parking standards	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024) 29 decisions cited parking standards

<sup>50</sup> [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#) Appendix D

		for provision of cycle spaces criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 29 decisions (22) 76% were, compliant and (7) 24% were not. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards for cycle spaces has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.
Amount of completed non-residential development complying with local car parking standards	100% compliant with parking standards	During the monitoring period 14 relevant non- residential completion was recorded that cited parking standards criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 14 decisions, 5 (36%) were compliant, 2 (14%) were not applicable and 7 (50%) were not compliant. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards for cycle spaces has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.

### Strategic Objective: SO6

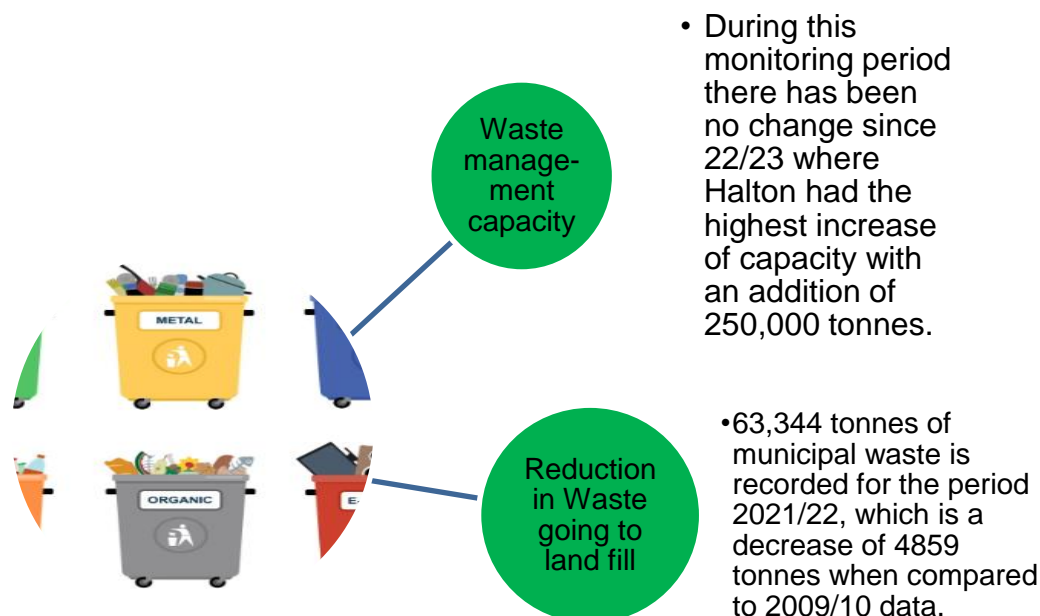
### Transport Related Policies: C3 Delivery of Telecommunications Infrastructure

Policy C3 seeks to ensure that new telecommunications infrastructure development within the Borough is appropriately designed and sited in accordance with the principles of minimizing impacts.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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No. times cited in decisions % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	There have not been any relevant planning appeals during the monitoring period. (01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024)
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## 3.18 Waste Management



### The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (WLP)

The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (WLP) was formally adopted by the six Merseyside (Liverpool City Council, Knowsley MBC, Sefton MBC, St Helens MBC and Wirral MBC) and Halton Councils, with effect from 18th July 2013. A separate high-level 5- year review of the WLP is currently underway. The review will identify any areas of the WLP which are sufficiently ineffective or out of date. 7. The WLP forms the waste planning element of the adopted Local Plans of the six Councils.

### Monitoring of the WLP

Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires Local Authorities to publish a Monitoring Report on an at least annual basis that shows progress with Local Plan implementation. The WLP, Waste Monitoring Reports and other related documents can be viewed on the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) at: [Home \(meas.org.uk\)](http://meas.org.uk)

### Definition of Waste

Waste is any material or object that is no longer wanted, and which requires management. If a material or object is reusable, it is still classed as waste if it has first been discarded.

## Waste Management

Veolia manage waste for six authorities of the Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan area. Further information relating to performance can be found at:

[Performance | Veolia Merseyside and Halton](#)

The explanation data has been extracted from the 2018 Waste Monitoring Report published by MEAS and data provided to Halton Borough by MEAS in January 2024.

The following indicators and targets are included in the DALP (Adopted March 2022)

### Strategic Objective SO13

#### Waste Related DALP Policy: CS24 Waste

Policy CS24 seeks to promote sustainable waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Safeguarding of sites for the purpose of waste management	Provision of sites for waste management purposes through DPD	Sites safeguarded through allocations H1. Allocation H2 no longer available. Policy WM7 safeguards existing waste management capacity and is used if there is a change of use from waste management to another use.
Capacity of new waste management facilities by waste planning authority	Increasing recovery capacity of waste facilities in the Borough	Figure 44 shows new consented waste capacity for the six authorities between 2016 and 2019. During this period Halton had the highest increase of capacity with an addition of 250,000 tonnes. There has been no new capacity in Halton since adoption of DALP.  Of note: Note since adoption of the Waste Local Plan in 2013, Halton has contributed a large percentage of new waste capacity across the LCR.

		Table 30 of the Appendix details the provision of sites for waste management purposes.
Total municipal waste	Decrease waste going to landfill each year (45,006 tonnes, 2009/10) and decrease in total municipal waste (68,203 tonnes, 2009/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 tonnes of Halton waste is recorded as going to land fill during the period 2014/15 to 2021/22</li> <li>63,344 tonnes of municipal waste is recorded for the period 2021/22, which is a decrease of 4859 tonnes when compared to 2009/10 data.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">ENV18 - Local authority collected waste: annual results tables 2021/22 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p>

**FIGURE 41 CONSENTED CAPACITY OF NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES BY WASTE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

	Apr 2016 – Mar 2017		Apr 2017 – Mar 2018		Apr 2018 – Mar 2019		Trend
District	Consented capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of sites	Consented capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of sites	Consented capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of sites	
Halton	250000	2	0	0	250000	2	↑
Knowsley	0	0	Unspecified	1	0	1	-
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	unknown	1	-
Sefton	186000	2	60000	2	0	1	↓
St.Helens	270000	2	20000	1	150000 <sup>10</sup>	2	↑
Wirral	0	0	0	0	0	1	↑
Total:	706000	6	80000	4	400000	8	↑

Source: Development Management planning application lists and Waste Local Plan sites database



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# Climate Change

**TABLE 1: RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

Planning Reference	Development stage	Location	Description	Capacity
18/00087/FUL	Completed	St Michaels Jubilee Golf Course, Widnes	Solar photovoltaic array	Up to 1MW
21/00475/FUL	No start, permission granted 01/10/2021	Daresbury Science Park, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury	Proposed installation of a ground-mounted solar array	561.6KW
22/00019/PLD	Not Started, Refused, Appeal Granted 14/09/2023	Land at Liverpool John Lennon Airport	Proposed installation of a ground-mounted solar array	3MW

# Economy

**TABLE 2: COMPLETIONS OF EMPLOYMENT LAND AND ANCILLARY USES**

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1919/0	Land between Delph Lane and Daresbury Sci Tech	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan (E11), Strat Employment	East Runcorn	G	21/00466/FUL	Proposed construction of a supercomputing centre providing 3,070 sqm of floor space (Use Class E1) with formation of new access, landscaping and associated infrastructure at Vacant Land South Of Sci-Tech Daresbury Campus	E(g)(ii)	Gain of 3070sq.m of E(g)(ii)	1.56
2055/0	Grundy Skip Hire, Pickerings Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	21/00700/WST	Proposed two storey forward extension to the existing commercial building to improve office entrance at GSH Waste Recycling LTD Pickerings Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8XW	E(g)(i)	Gain of 80sq.m of E(g)(i)	0
2531/0	Contact House, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	22/00384/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing fire damaged office building, workshop shed and redundant 3G tower; erection of new two storey office building with workshop and increase in height of existing boundary wall to north and south boundaries at Contact House Ditton Road (west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TH	E(g)(i)	Loss of 94sq.m of E(g)(i), Loss of 62sq.m of E(g)(iii)	0
2464/0	Mathieson Road	Widnes	Allocated in Local Plan	Halebank and	B	21/00657/FUL	Proposed erection of a storage and distribution building (Use	B8	Gain of 17651sq.	4.19

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
			(E26), Strat Employment	Ditton Corridor			Class B8) including ancillary (integral) offices, creation of a service yard and parking areas for cars and HGVs, with associated access and servicing (Plot A2)		m of B8, Gain of 928sq.m of E(g)(i)	
2486/0	Onyx, 350 Blackheath Lane	Runcorn	Primarily Employment	East Runcorn	B	22/00260/FUL	Proposed extension to existing warehouse (use class B8), ground works and associated works at Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn WA7 1SE	B8	Gain of 10,405sq.m of B8	0
2498/0	Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		B	22/00227/COU	Proposed change of use from offices to veterinary practice, together with minor external works at Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3FW	E(g)(i)	Loss of 170sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 170sq.m of E(e)	0
2507/0	Unit 3 Monks Way	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		B	21/00612/COU	Proposed change of use from office to small animal veterinary practice at Unit 3 Monks Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3GH	E(g)(i)	Loss of 752sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 752sq.m of E(e)	0
<b>Total gross hectares of land completed for employment purposes between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024</b>										<b>5.75</b>

**TABLE 3: LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT LAND**

*For demolitions only, loss of floorspace had been recorded, but not loss of hectares of land.*

(This table includes the total loss of hectares of employment use over the plan period so far 2014 to 2024)

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Application No.	Description	Site Status	Area (Ha)	Floorspace	Use Class
2498/0	Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		22/00227/COU	Proposed change of use from offices to veterinary practice, together with minor external works at Suite 2 Weaver House	Site Completed	0.03	Loss of 170sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 170sq.m of E(e)	E(e)
2507/0	Unit 3 Monks Way	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		21/00612/COU	Proposed change of use from office to small animal veterinary practice at Unit 3 Monks Way	Site Completed	0.2	Loss of 752sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 752sq.m of E(e)	E(e)
<b>Total hectares lost to non-employment use between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024</b>								<b>0.23</b>		
<b>Total hectares lost to non-employment use over the plan period so far 2014 to 2024</b>								<b>33.84</b>		

**TABLE 4: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVING BREEAM STANDARDS FROM 01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024**

Planning Reference	Location	Proposal	Achieving BREEAM Standards
22/00194/FUL	Borax Uk Gorse Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0RP	Proposed alterations to yard and building envelope, inclusion of operations hub and sheltered loading areas along with associated mechanical and electrical equipment to ensure client functionality at	No

**TABLE 5: PROGRESS OF MIXED USE AREAS**

*(Inclusive of Loss or Gain of Employment Use) Allocations with Planning Permission – Runcorn Area (Non employment is in red text, h/a not included in totals)*

Address	Gross H/A of Land	DALP Reference	Planning Application Reference	Description of Development	Status	Year of Completion
Elite Housewares Ltd, Shaw Street	0.45	MUA5	16/00119/COU	Change of use from Storage and Distribution to Assembly and Leisure	Site Completed	2016/17
Land between Greenway Road and Expressway	0.69	MUA5	19/00446/COU	Change of use from tyre and exhaust fitting and vehicle repairs to tyre and exhaust fitting, vehicle repairs and MOT station	Site Completed	2020/21
Former National Grid Depot, Halton Road	0.99	MUA6	18/00616/FUL	Extension to existing storage facility comprising an additional 171 containers,	Site Completed	2019/20
Land between the expressway and the Bridgewater Canal and west of Norton Priory.	4.7	MUA11	24/00020/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA - Outline planning permission for the residential led mixed use development of the site	No Start	N/A
<b>Totals of H/A of Employment Land</b>	<b>6.83</b>					

# Facilities

**TABLE 6: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR GAIN AND LOSS OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Planning Permission	Location	Proposal	Within or Adjacent to Existing Centres	Reasoning for Loss of Provision
14/00077/FUL	St Johns Church Greenway Road Widnes	Proposed extension to north side to create Community room	Within existing centre	N/a
14/00318/HBCFUL	Grangeway Youth and Community Centre Grangeway Runcorn	Proposed removal of 2m high steel mesh fencing from three sides of ball court and replacement to same line with 6m high steel ball stop fencing, erection of 2.4m high steel mesh perimeter fencing and double gate to existing garden area and creation of new pedestrian access to Community Centre grounds from highway footpath	Within existing centre	N/a
14/00336/COU	Preston Brook Marina Marina Lane Runcorn	Proposed change of use of 42 no. leisure berths to residential moorings	Within existing centre	The proposal complies with Policies BE 1, TP 12, TP 15 and S22 of the Halton Unitary Development Plan and is acceptable.
14/00555/FUL	Halebank C Of E Controlled Primary School Heath View Road	Proposed redevelopment of existing school, comprising demolition of existing buildings (except nursery building) and erection of new single storey school	Within existing centre	N/a



	Widnes	building, car parking, landscaping, play areas and ancillary works		
15/00107/FUL	Croftwood Whitchurch Way Runcorn	Proposed single storey extension to existing care home	Within existing centre	N/a
15/00295/FUL	Palacefields Community Park The Glen Runcorn	Proposed construction of play and recreational facilities, including children's climbing apparatus and a wheeled sports facility.	Within existing centre	N/a
15/00508/FUL	Halton St Marys C Of E Primary School Castlefields Avenue South Runcorn	Proposed addition of 2 no. extensions to the front elevation of the school providing additional staff accommodation space and a secure lobby	Within existing centre	N/a
15/00585/HBCFUL	Fairfield Primary School Peel House Lane Widnes	Proposed extensions to both the junior and infant schools	Within existing centre	N/a
16/00076/FUL	Ormiston Chadwick Academy Liverpool Road Widnes	Proposed refurbishment of existing Artificial Grass Pitch to form extended pitch area with new playing surface, new 4.5m high ball stop fencing, replacement flood lighting, maintenance / sports equipment store	Within existing centre	N/a
16/00144/FUL	The Heath Specialist Technology College	Proposed phased redevelopment of existing high school comprising provision of separate construction and school	Within existing centre	N/a

	Clifton Road Runcorn	accessible zones, development of new school buildings, demolition of redundant buildings, hard and soft landscaping and provision of sports facilities		
16/00223/HBCFUL	Beechwood Primary School Grasmere Drive Runcorn	Proposed extension to existing play surface adjacent to southwest elevation of school including the construction of new retaining walls	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00202/COU	Land to the East of Wharford Lane And North of Sandymoor High School Runcorn	Proposed Change of Use to a sports ground including the provision of a new grassed playing field, two tennis courts, a 3G football pitch and associated works	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00216/FUL	St Michaels Catholic Primary School St Michaels Road Widnes	Proposed erection of standalone single storey meeting room within the grounds to the south of the school	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00279/COU	Unit 10B Whitworth Court Runcorn	Proposed change of use from office to enable use as gym / fitness studio	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00307/P3JPA	44 Victoria Road Widnes	Prior notification for proposed change of use at ground floor from retail for use as a Dance Studio	Within existing centre	N/a

18/00275/FUL	Cartref House Nursing Home 61 Derby Road Widnes	Conversion of existing care home to 9 no. apartments	Within existing centre	The proposal complies with Policies BE1, BE2, TP6, TP17 and GE27 and satisfies the requirements of the Core Strategy and the NPPF.
18/00532/PLD	23 South Parade Runcorn	Application for a certificate of proposed lawful development for use of the premises as a small children care home within the C3 (b) use class	Within existing centre	N/a
18/00582/DEM	Lord Taverners Woodside Youth Club Palace Fields Avenue Runcorn	Prior notification of proposed demolition of former youth club	Within existing centre	The Council had no objection to the demolition and full planning permission was not required.
19/00024/ELD	12 Lunts Heath Road Widnes	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use being the continuance of the use of the property as a small children's care home (use class C3b)	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00298/EDU	St Augustines Catholic Primary School Conwy Court Runcorn	Proposed erection of treehouse classroom within the school grounds	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00325/FUL	Open Land to Northeast of Village Street to The East and West of Keckwick	Proposed erection of 235 dwellings and 100 extra care apartments, together with car parking, landscaping, roads, bridges,	Allocation	The site is allocated for development and forms parts of the

	Brook and to the West of the West Coast Rail Line	footways, drainage infrastructure and associated works		Sandymoor Masterplan.
19/00359/COU	10 Coronation Drive Widnes	Proposed change of use from a former care home to a place of worship and meditation with ancillary living accommodation	Within existing centre.	The proposal complies with policies BE1, BE2 and H8 of the UDP and Core Strategy.
19/00500/COU	4 Bamford Close Runcorn	Proposed change of use from dwelling house (use class C3) to residential care home for up to two children (use class C2)	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00548/FUL	25 - 27 Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire	Proposed single storey wrap around extension to existing annexe to create contemporary teaching space for pre-school children (resubmission of refused application 19/00224/FUL	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00615/HBCFUL	Chesnut Lodge School Green Lane Widnes	Proposed extension to school to provide one extra classroom	Within existing centre	N/a
20/00206/HBCFUL	Land At Moor Lane Widnes	Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a 2-storey leisure centre	Within existing centre	N/a
21/00102/FUL	Boat House Cholmondeley Road Runcorn	Proposed demolition of existing facilities and development of new clubhouse incorporating changing facilities, gym, social areas and ground floor boat and canoe	Within existing centre	N/a

21/00161/FUL	East Lane House East Lane Runcorn	Proposed demolition of the existing vacant office building and the erection of apartment block and townhouses totalling 153no. dwellings (use class C3), a 66no. bedroom care home (use class C2) and an 85no. bedroom hotel (use class C1) with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking	Within existing centre	N/a
22/00004/FUL	Land At Naylor Road Widnes	Proposed development of a two-storey special education needs and disability school (SEND) (use class F), as well as hard and soft landscaping, multi-use games area (MUGA) and sports pitches, creation of on-site car parking and creation of new vehicular	Adjacent to existing centre	The proposed development is consistent with Policies GR1, GR2, C1, C2 and HC10 of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, and paragraph 95 of the NPPF which recognises the importance of ensuring sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. <sup>51</sup>
22/00056/COU	Former Doctor's Surgery 18 Lugsdale Road	Proposed change of use of the site from doctors to an SEN school, with associated car park layout changes and ancillary work	Within existing centre	N/a

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<sup>51</sup> [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Development Management Committee, 09/05/2022 18:30 \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

	Widnes			
22/00072/COU	59 Coroners Lane Widnes	Proposed change of use from former residential care home (use class C2) to 3. no residential dwellings (use class C3) along with internal and external remodelling	Within existing centre	The proposed change of use to 3no residential dwellings in this location would be an acceptable use for the land given the application site is designated as a primary residential area on the DALP Policies map. The means of access to the development are acceptable and a sufficient amount of parking would be provided as advised by the Council's Highways Officer. The proposal would bring back into use the vacant property that is in a prominent location and would also provide residential accommodation in the borough.
22/00625/COU	Westway Delph Lane	Proposed change of use from a residential dwelling to a care facility) operating as a children and young person's specialist	Within existing centre	N/a

	Daresbury	care facility for a maximum of six residents.		
22/00417/HBCFUL	The Brindley Theatre, High Street	Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary.	Adjacent to existing centre	N/a
23/00057/PRIOR	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn	Prior notification of proposed remodelling of school to include removal of a redundant garage, and the erection of a two-classroom extension	Within existing centre	N/a

## Health

**TABLE 7: MAJOR PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE (PROVISION OF HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS)**

Planning Reference	Type	Decision Date	Address	Town	Total Dwellings	Provision of Health Impact Assessment
20/00594/FUL	Full	21/04/2023	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire	Widnes	12	No

			WA8 6DZ			
22/00374/FUL	Full	31/05/2023	The Croft 1 Halton Lodge Avenue  Runcorn  Cheshire  WA7 5YQ	Runcorn	16	No
22/00370/REM	Reserved Matters	02/08/2023	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal  Red Brow Lane  Cheshire	Runcorn	97	No
23/00128/FUL	Full	21/09/2023	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre  Runcorn	Runcorn	63	No
22/00318/FUL	Full	10/11/2023	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road  Widnes	Widnes	328	Yes



22/00377/FUL	Full	21/12/2023	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Widnes	Application limited to 99 dwellings	No
21/00319/FULEIA	Full Planning Application with Environmental Impact Assessment	22/12/2023	Land At Crows Nest Farm Delph Lane Daresbury Runcorn Cheshire WA4 4AW	Runcorn	151	Yes (Partially included in EIA)
20/00476/FUL	Full	01/02/2024	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	Runcorn	29	No
22/00462/FUL	Full	20/02/2024	Woodfalls Farm Stockham Lane Runcorn Cheshire	Runcorn	59	No

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22/00638/FUL	Full	27/03/2024	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane  Hale  L24 4AX	Widnes	13	No
22/00543/OUTEIA	Outline Planning Application with Environment al Impact Assessment	27/03/2024	Sandymoor South Phase 2  Windmill Hill Avenue East  Runcorn  Cheshire	Runcorn	250	Yes

## Housing

**TABLE 8: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR SELF-BUILD DWELLINGS**

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Address	Location	Description of Development	Status (31/03/2024)
20/00033/FUL	10-Jul-20	Land at 386 Hale Road	Widnes	Proposed erection of two storey detached dwelling on a similar footprint and in the same location as the previously demolished dwelling and erection of single storey detached garage at 386 Hale Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8UT	Site Not Started

22/00144/FUL	28-Jul-22	Land Adjacent to 22 Kemberton Drive	Widnes	Proposed erection of a dwelling on Land Adjacent To 22 Kemberton Drive Widnes	Site Not Started
15/00423/FUL	13-Jan-16	St.Lukes Vicarage, Coroners Lane, Farnworth	Widnes	Proposed erection of 2 No. two storey detached dwellings on Land to Northwest of The Junction Of Coroners Lane And Pit Lane Widnes	Site Completed
15/00423/FUL	13-Jan-16	St.Lukes Vicarage, Coroners Lane, Farnworth	Widnes	Proposed erection of 2 No. two storey detached dwellings on Land to Northwest Of The Junction Of Coroners Lane And Pit Lane Widnes	Site Completed
17/00078/FUL	26-Apr-17	Land adjoining 5 Weston Road	Runcorn	Proposed erection of 1 no. three storey dwelling house and creation of access on Land Adjoining 5 Weston Road	Site Completed
17/00425/FUL	03-Nov-17	Land To The North West Of The Rookery, Hobb Lane	Runcorn	Proposed development of 1 no. detached dwelling with integral garage, turning area and garden space at Land to The Northwest Of The Rookery Hobb	Site Completed
17/00509/REM	08-Feb-18	Barn To The Rear Of Morphany Cottage	Runcorn	Application for approval of reserved matters on permission 16/00453/OUT for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (together with discharge of conditions 5 to 11 inclusive for development of 1 no. 4 bedroom 1.5 storey dwelling	Site Completed
18/00289/FUL	28-Nov-18	Rear of (Ivy Cottage) 106 Runcorn Road	Runcorn	Proposed erection of dwelling with access from Moss Lane within the rear garden area at Ivy Cottage 106 Runcorn Road Moore Cheshire WA4 6UB	Site Completed
17/00309/FUL	08-Nov-17	317 Upton Lane	Widnes	Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new 2 storey dwelling at 317 Upton Lane	Site Completed

20/00053/REM	17-Nov-20	Land at side of 137 Runcorn Road	Runcorn	Application for approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of outline permission 17/00602/OUT at Land to The East Of 137 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire	Site Under Construction
18/00559/FUL	21-Dec-18	Land to rear of 21 Highlands Road	Runcorn	Proposed erection of one detached dwelling on land to rear of 21 Highlands Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4PS	Site Completed
19/00521/FUL	11-Dec-19	The Chains, Warrington Road	Runcorn	Proposed construction of 1no. two storey, four bed detached dwelling, single storey detached garage and associated works at The Chains Warrington Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1TB	Site Completed
19/00530/FUL	31-Mar-20	Rose Farm Barn, Moss Lane	Runcorn	Proposed demolition of single storey block of 9 stables and construction of 1 no. single storey dwelling at Rose Farm Barn Moss Lane Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6WF	Site Completed
21/00367/FUL	20-Sep-21	Land Between Grange Road North and Grange Park Avenue	Runcorn	Proposed erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with access and ancillary works at Land Between Grange Road North and Grange Park Avenue Runcorn	Site Under Construction
21/00295/FUL	11-Nov-21	Church End Farm, 5 Church End, Hale	Widnes	Proposed subdivision of plot, conversion and extension of existing annexe to form single dwelling at Church End Farm 5 Church End Hale Liverpool L24 4AX	Site Completed
23/00336/OUT	10-Jan-24	2 Moss Lane, Moore, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 6UN	Runcorn	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for erection of 3 bed detached dormer bungalow at	Site Not Started

## Nature

**TABLE 9: PLANNING PERMISSION LOCATED IN PRIORITY HABITAT AREAS**

Planning Reference	Location	Site Designation	Proposal	Measures
14/00161/FUL	Sandymoor North Phase 1, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 4	Development of 219 dwellings	Conditions 4 and 17 sets out the requirements for survey work and biodiversity and ecology/habitat enhancement <sup>52</sup>
15/00152/FUL	Manor Park, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 4	Extension to warehouse storage	Condition 2 (drawings) and the Ecology Report submitted with the application documents set out the requirements for reasonable avoidance measures to minimise the potential impacts on great crested newts <sup>53</sup>
15/00332/FUL	Johnsons Lane, Widnes	Woodland and Orchard Tier 3 and FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 3	Solar photovoltaic farm	Condition 9 sets out the requirements for the habitat management plan <sup>54</sup>
20/00064/FUL	Clifton former Land Fill Site, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 1	Application for power generating facility	Conditions 8,9 and 10 set out the requirements for protection of breeding habitats, the Biodiversity Management Plan and the Reasonable Avoidance Measures for protection of the common lizard and terrestrial mammals <sup>55</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> [DN\\_1400161FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>53</sup> [DN\\_1500152FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>54</sup> [DN\\_1500332FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>55</sup> [DN\\_2000064FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

21/00565/FUL	Land SE of Junction between Weaver Road and Cholmondely Road, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 1	Installation of 100MW battery storage facility	Conditions 7 and 8 (breeding birds' mitigation and protection measures, Biodiversity Management Plan) <sup>56</sup>
22/00260/FUL	350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 4	Extension to warehouse storage	Condition 5,7 and 9 set out the requirements for breeding birds protection, Environmental Management Plan and Off-site Ecological Mitigation. <sup>57</sup>
23/00193/FUL	Land SE of Junction between Weaver Road and Cholmondely Road, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 1	Installation of a 135kw ancillary sub-station	Conditions 6,7,9 and 10 set out the requirements for reasonable avoidance measures for terrestrial mammals, common lizards, breeding birds protection and the biodiversity mitigation plan <sup>58</sup>

**TABLE 10: PLANNING PERMISSIONS LOCATED WITHIN COASTAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

Planning Reference	Location	Description
22/00047/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Roads	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA

<sup>56</sup> [DN\\_2100565FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>57</sup> [DN\\_2200260FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>58</sup> [DN\\_2300193FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

	and The River Mersey	
22/00325/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road  And The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA
22/00460/FUL	Pickerings Pasture Mersey View Road  Widnes	Retrospective application for proposed erection of a brazier beacon in celebration of the Queens platinum jubilee
22/00546/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road  And The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA
22/00586/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road  And The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA a
23/00093/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road  and The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA

**TABLE 11: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR LOSS OF PROTECTED TREES (01/04/2023 AND 31/03/2024)**

Planning Reference	Location of TPO	Description	Number of Trees Felled	Reasoning why Tree(s) given Permission to be Felled
23/00177/TPO	Tunnel Top Cottage Northwich Road Runcorn Cheshire WA4 4JY	Proposed removal of oak tree under TPO 070 at	1	Tree has died
23/00202/TPO	All Saints Vicarage Daresbury Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AE	Proposed tree works to groups G2, G3 and A5 of TPO 011 at	1	A specimen in extensive decline and displaying symptoms of bleeding cankers
23/00270/TPO	12 McKeagney Gardens Widnes Cheshire WA8 8TP	Proposed felling of tree protected by a tree preservation order 103 at	1	To prevent further damage to the land and to prevent further injuries.

**TABLE 12: NO OBJECTION RAISED FOR LOSS OF TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA (01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024)**

Planning Reference	Location of Tree	Description	Number of Trees Felled
23/00210/TCA	8 Village Farm Chester Road Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AS	Proposed works to tree standing within the conservation area, felling of 1 x Field Maple situated in the rear garden at	1
23/00278/TCA	90 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6TZ	Proposed work to T1 Conifer fell and T2 Laburnum fell at	2
23/00439/TCA	St Pauls Church Vicarage Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7QU	Proposed works to tree standing within the Conservation Area - Fell 1 no. Silver Birch tree to provide area for gardening / food growing project at	1



23/00457/TCA	9 Pheasant Field Hale Liverpool L24 5SD	Proposed works to trees standing in a conservation area: removal of three large Poplar trees at the rear boundary of property at	3
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## Open Space

**TABLE 13: ON-SITE OPEN SPACE SECURED BY A SECTION 106 AGREEMENT (01/04/2014 TO 31/03/2024)**

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Location	Proposal	Obligation Secured	Status
14/00087/FUL	17/09/2014	Land on the north-side of Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	In-lieu of on-site open space provision	£35,692.42	Funds received and secured for Wood Land Pond
16/00024/FUL	17/05/2016	Land to the northeast of Abbots Park and bounded by the M56 and Chester Road, Preston Brook, Runcorn	In-lieu of on- site open space	£22,299.75	Funds received
17/00389/FUL	20/06/2018	Land to rear of Appleton Village Pharmacy, Widnes	In lieu on-site open space	£11,714.64	Funds received
20/00028/FUL	19/11/2020	Canal Walks site, Halton Road Runcorn	In-lieu of on-site open space	£35,501.66	Funds received
21/00613/FUL	17/03/2022	Former site of Express Dairies Perry Street/Sewell Street Runcorn	In lieu on-site open space	£8659	Funds received

**TABLE 14: OFF-SITE OPEN SPACE SECURED BY A SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Location	Reason for Requirement	Obligation Secured	Status
13/00042/FUL	16/04/2015	Former HDL, Queens Avenue, Widnes	Loss of designated greenspace Off-site open space contribution	£12,890.82	Funds received
13/00235/FUL/ 14/00476/S73	20/03/2015	188 Derby Road, Widnes	Off-site open space	£17,452.64	Funds received
15/00015/FUL	25/04/2016	Land at Crossway, Widnes	Provision and establishment of off-site open space / boundary improvements to King George V playing fields	£12,890.82	Funds received
15/00493/FUL	21/01/2016	Land bounded by Grangeway, Pine Road and Thorn Road, Runcorn	Loss of greenspace/in-lieu of on-street open space in the locality	£37,596.76	Funds received
20/00618/S73 application to vary condition of 17/00351/FUL	03/01/2023	The New Inn 294 Hale Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8PZ	Off-site open space	£13,750.21	No funds received
21/00161/FUL	06/02/2023	East Lane House East Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2UR	Open space (in lieu of on site provision)	£196,865.98	No funds received

22/00318/FUL	10/11/2023	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes	Off-site open space	£153,785.90	50% received
22/00377/FUL	21/12/2023	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Off-site open space	£71,995.92	No funds received
22/00638/FUL	27/03/2023	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX	Off-site open space	£21,204.52	Funds received

**TABLE 15: LOSS AND GAIN OF SPORTS/PLAYING PITCH PROVISION**

Planning Permission	Location	Proposal	Loss/Gain Detail
16/00076/FUL	Ormiston Chadwick Academy Liverpool Road Widnes	Proposed refurbishment of existing Artificial Grass Pitch to form extended pitch area with new playing surface, new 4.5m high ball stop fencing, replacement flood lighting, maintenance / sports equipment store	Refurbishment -no loss or gain
17/00202/COU	Land to the East of Wharford Lane and North of Sandymoor High School Runcorn	Proposed Change of Use of vacant land to a sports ground including the provision of a new grassed playing field, two tennis courts, a 3G football pitch and associated works	Creation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3g synthetic grassed football pitch</li> <li>• 2 synthetic grassed tennis courts</li> <li>• Grass pitched running track.</li> </ul> Facilities are available for public use
20/00206/HBCFUL	Land At Moor Lane	Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a 2-storey leisure centre	The proposal will replace the existing facility at Kingsway, Widnes

	Widnes		
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## Retail

**TABLE 16: COMPLETIONS OF MAIN TOWN CENTRE USES WITHIN DESIGNATED CENTRES (GAIN AND LOSS)**

District/Town Centre	Location Address	Planning Reference	Completion Date	Description	Loss/Gain	Floorspace (GIA) (SQM)
Widnes Town Centre	1A Deacon Road	23/00247/COU	31/03/2024	Proposed change of use from residential flats to offices	Loss	Loss of 85sq.m of E(c)(ii)

**TABLE 17: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR MAIN TOWN CENTRE USES (GAIN AND LOSS)**

Area	Location Address	Planning Reference	Stage of Development	Description	Floorspace (Gross)
<b>Runcorn</b>					
	The Brindley Theatre, High Street	22/00417/HBCFUL	Site Not started	Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some	0.99

				proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary, all at The Brindley Theatre	
	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd, West Lane	23/00153/FUL	Site Not Started	Proposed extension to existing restaurant including a new remote refuse store to be formed within the car park and associated works to the site. Relocation of the customer order displays and amendments to fenestration at Mcdonalds Restaurants	017
	Runcorn Library, Granville Street	23/00450/HBCCOU	Site Not Started	Proposed change of use from existing library ( use class F1 ) to health and education hub with multi-purpose spaces ( use class E ) at Runcorn Library	0.06
<b>Widnes</b>					
	1A Deacon Road	23/00247/COU	Site Completed	Proposed change of use from residential flats to offices	0.02

	58 Albert Road	23/00293/COU	Site Not Started	Proposed change of use from retail to form 1 No. bedroom apartment and 1 No. studio apartment at first floor level	0.01
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**TABLE 18: APPLICATIONS FOR RETAIL DEVELOPMENT IN EDGE OR OUT OF CENTRE LOCATIONS**

Area	Location Address	Planning Reference	Stage of Development	Description	Sequential Assessment / Impact Assessment	Floorspace (Gross)
Widnes Out of Centre	The Blundell Arms, Hale Road	21/00156/COU	No start	Proposed change of use of the ground floor (270m2) of the public house (use class sui generis) to convenience store (use class E)	Sequential	Loss of 270sq.m of public house (SG)  Gain of 270sqm of convenience store (E (a))
Widnes Out of Centre	Aldi Food store, Green Oaks Way	21/00278/ FUL	Under construction	Replacement food store	Sequential	Gain of 412sq.m of convenience store (E (a))

**TABLE 19: COMPLETED OFFICE AND RETAIL USE**

District/ Town Centre	Location Address	Planning Reference	Status	Description	Loss/Gain of Office or Retail	Floorspace (GIA) (SQM)
Runcorn Out of Centre	22 Grange Road	14/00310/COU	Complete	Change of use from former shop to one bedroomed dwelling	Loss of retail	44sq.m
Widnes Town Centre	The Establish- ment, Victoria Square	15/00491/COU	Complete 2015	Change of use of first floor from a hotel to office space	Gain of office space	929sq.m

**TABLE 20: LONG TERM VACANT UNITS RUNCORN OLD TOWN**

Ref	Street Number	Road	Footprint (sqm)	Primary Shopping Area
OT008	8	Church Street	137.00	No
OT018	28	Church Street	117.1	Yes
OT021	32	Church Street	56.80	Yes
OT037	68	Church Street	48.45	No
OT038	70-72	Church Street	53.20	No
OT061	55	Church Street	56.70	Yes
OT065	67	Church Street	18.25	No
OT067	69	Church Street	90.00	No
OT113	5-6	Granville Street	262.00	Yes
OT117	2	Granville Street	32.40	Yes
OT129	44	High Street	68.82	No
OT161	35-37	High Street	89.44	No
OT162	39	High Street	21.66	No
OT186	3	Loch Street	33.30	No
OT194	12	Regent Street	72.60	No
OT195	14	Regent Street	14.62	No

OT197	26	Regent Street	13.76	No
OT203	50	Regent Street	36.00	No
OT205	3-5	Regent Street	42.90	No
OT206	7	Regent Street	31.60	No
OT209	13	Regent Street	42.75	No
OT210	19	Regent Street	25.20	No
OT211	21	Regent Street	36.75	No
OT215	29	Regent Street	32.66	No
OT217	33	Regent Street	13.00	No
OT242	3	High Street	47.00	No
OT243		Fryer Street	49.00	Yes

**TABLE 21: LONG TERM VACANT UNITS, HALTON LEA, RUNCORN**

Ref	Street Number	Road	Footprint (sqm)	Primary Shopping Area
HL009	207	Town Square (Above)	353.03	Yes
HL010		Town Square (Above)	16.72	Yes
HL011	213	Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL012	74	Town Walk	62.24	Yes
HL017	84-85	Forest Walk (South)	408.77	Yes
HL019	38	Orchard Walk	315.87	Yes
HL042	6	Orchard Walk	111.48	Yes
HL043	118	River Walk	278.71	Yes
HL044	201	Town Square (Above)	91.04	Yes
HL047		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL049	5	Town Walk	353.03	Yes
HL050	4	Town Walk	62.24	Yes
HL051	10	Town Walk	92.90	Yes
HL052	92-93	Forest Walk	3,716.09	Yes
HL060	82-83	Forest Walk (South)	232.26	Yes



HL066	39	Orchard Walk	394.83	Yes
HL068	97	River Walk	62.24	Yes
HL076	77	Town Square	102.19	Yes
HL078	3	Town Walk	143.07	Yes
HL079	2	Town Walk	76.64	Yes
HL080	73	Town Walk	92.90	Yes
HL082	12	Orchard Walk	134.71	Yes
HL083	11	Town Walk	120.77	Yes
HL089	9	Town Walk	214.55	Yes
HL093	8	River Walk	111.48	Yes
HL094		Town Square (Above)	149.57	Yes
HL095	10	Orchard Walk	111.48	Yes
HL104		Town Square (Above)	875.14	Yes
HL105		Town Square (Above)	1,569.58	Yes
HL110	12	Halton Lea	1,223.00	Yes
HL111	13	Halton Lea	358.00	Yes
HL131	1	Halton Lea	265.00	Yes
HL136	1	Halton Lea	265.00	Yes
HL156		Northway	2,023.00	No
HL162		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL163		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL164		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL165		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL166		Town Square (Above)	322.40	Yes
HL168		Town Square	378.50	Yes

**TABLE 22: LONG TERM VACANT UNITS WIDNES TOWN CENTRE**

Ref	Street Number	Road	Footprint (sqm)	Primary Shopping Area
W016	1	Brook Street	29.76	Yes

W022	46	Albert Road	31.50	No
W025	52-56	Albert Road	257.25	No
W029	66	Albert Road	45.90	No
W031	70	Albert Road	51.78	No
W307	72	Albert Road	89.10	No
W039	86	Albert Road	38.48	No
W096	65-67	Albert Road	76.00	No
W099	71	Albert Road	402.17	No
W101	75	Albert Road	63.11	No
W103	79	Albert Road	59.40	No
W128	15	Albert Square	138.60	Yes
W130	18	Albert Square	50.40	Yes
W131	20	Albert Square	72.80	Yes
W141	9	Albert Square	164.90	Yes
W145	15-16	Albert Square	501.62	Yes
W146	19	Albert Square	97.30	Yes
W149	25	Albert Square	89.40	Yes
W150	26	Albert Square	82.15	Yes
W152	28a	Albert Square	129.94	Yes
W157	17	Albert Square	170.45	Yes
W196	4	Robert Street	16.00	No
W199	3	Rylands Street	13.75	No
W297	152	Widnes Road	51.25	Yes
W308	7-11	Widnes Road	142.54	No
W309	13	Widnes Road	79.29	No
W310	15	Widnes Road	26.25	No
W311	17	Widnes Road	70.20	No
W312	19	Widnes Road	30.80	No
W313	21-23	Widnes Road	693.12	No
W315	27-29	Widnes Road	76.18	No

W319	33b	Widnes Road	57.40	No
W333	65	Widnes Road	29.25	No
W363	17-18		266.43	Yes
W425	57-61	Widnes Road	345.90	No
W433	116	Widnes Road	116.29	No
W438	102-104	Widnes Road	218.82	No
W439	106	Widnes Road	50.51	No
W498		Widnes Road	151.27	No
W549	Magistrates Court & Police Station	Kingsway	2,016.27	No
W569	Rear of 1	Frederick Street	60.00	No

**TABLE 23: CHANGE OF USE OF UPPER FLOORS**

Location	Address	Planning Reference	Status at April 2024	Previous Upper Floor Use	Proposed Upper Floor Use
Widnes Town Centre	52 - 56 Albert Road	19/00372/COU	Under Construction (stalled)	Restaurant - E (b)	Residential - C3
Halton Lea, Runcorn	Grosvenor House, Northway	20/00354/COU	Under Construction	Office - E (g) (i)	Residential -C3
Runcorn, Out of Centre	31 - 33 Ashridge Street	22/00640/COU	Completed (Retrospective)	Public House - SG	Residential – C3

**TABLE 24: CHANGE OF USE TO RESIDENTIAL**

Location	Address	Planning Reference	Status at April 2024	Previous Upper Floor Use	Number of Residential Units Created
Runcorn, Out of Centre	22 Grange Road	14/00310/COU	Completed	E (a)	1
Widnes, Out of Centre	281 Warrington Road	14/00338/COU	Completed	Bookmakers SG	1
Widnes Town Centre	52 - 56 Albert Road	19/00372/COU	Under Construction	Restaurant E (b)	7
Halton Lea Town Centre	Grosvenor House, Northway	20/00354/COU	Under Construction	Offices E (g) (i)	5
Runcorn, Out of Centre	31 - 33 Ashridge Street	22/00640/COU	Completed (Retrospective)	Public House -SG	1
<b>Total Dwellings Created</b>					<b>15</b>

**TABLE 25: PROGRESS OF RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRE ALLOCATIONS**

Allocation Reference	Location	H/a	Proposed Use	Progress
TC1	Land to the north of the Brindley (former Brindley Mound), Runcorn Old Town	0.42	Retail & Leisure	22/00417/HBCFUL approved: Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre.
TC2	Bus Interchange, Car Park and Former HDL, Runcorn Old Town	0.54	Retail	Not progressed

TC3	Widnes Retail Park (Phase 2)		Retail	Not progressed
TC5	East Lane House	1.14	Mixed (Retail, Leisure & Residential)	Demolition approved: 22/00065/DEM. 21/00161/FUL.
TC6	Sandymoor Local Centre	1.35	Retail	Completed development of a local district centre to include Retail units 1 & 2: Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food, Use Class E(a) and/or Restaurants and Cafes, Use Class E(b); Retail units 3 & 4: Takeaways, Use class Sui Generis - hot food takeaways; Retail unit 5: Veterinary Practice, Use Class E(e). Elderly living facilities for the over 55's in the form of: an apartment block providing 20no. one bed flats and 24no. two bed flats, and 5no two bed bungalows - all Use Class C3(a) Dwelling houses; together with ancillary development including cycle stores for 20no cycles, and landscaping etc  planning permissions: 21/00053/COND; 21/00177/COND; 21/00628/FUL; 21/00688/COND; 22/00029/COND; 22/00432/COND; 23/00230/NMA
TC7	TA Centre	1.44	Mixed (Retail & Residential)	Not progressed
TC8	Library, Grosvenor House, Former Magistrates Court, Police Station et al, Halton Lea	2.32	Mixed (Office, Retail, Leisure and Residential)	20/00354/COU; 21/00185/NMA Change of use of part of the building to 5 apartments

TC9	Albert Square car park		Retail	Not progressed
TC10	Daresbury Local Centre	0.39	Retail	Not progressed
TC11	South Widnes (West Bank)		Retail	Not progressed

**TABLE 26: PLANNING DECISIONS CITING POLICY HC4**

Planning Reference	Location	Proposal	Decision	Policy HC4 Cited
23/00104/ADV	Borax Uk Gorsey Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0RP	Proposed advertisement consent for the display of various non-illuminated signage	Permitted 12/05/2023	Yes
23/00126/ADV	Smart Storage Hutchinson Street Widnes Cheshire WA8 0PZ	Proposed replacement corporate advertising display comprising 3 no. externally illuminated fascia signs and 26 no. non-illuminated vinyl signs	Permitted 01/06/2023	Yes
23/00211/ADV	32 Church Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1LR	Proposed new signage	Permitted 22/06/2023	Yes
23/00235/ADV	Kammac Gorsey Lane	Application for advertisement consent for proposed installation of 2 illuminated flex face boxes	Permitted 27/06/2023	Yes

	Widnes Cheshire			
23/00174/ADV	B And M Home Bargains Earle Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TA	Application for advertisement consent for display of: 1 no. Illuminated building sign, 2 no. Illuminated flexface signs, 2 no. product panels non-illuminated, 1 no. totem sign non illuminated, 1 no. post sign non-illuminated, 1 no. set of 2 click & collect signs and 1 no. welcome sign	Permitted  11/07/2023	Yes
23/00249/ADV	Land South Of A558 Daresbury Expressway Runcorn	Application for advertisement consent for 2x V Stack Signage and 16x Flag Poles	Permitted  03/08/2023	Yes
23/00260/ADV	Former HSS Hire Group Plc Moor Lane Widnes WA8 7AL	Application of advertisement consent for 4 fascia signs, 2 quattro dot signs, and various directional and promotional signs around the site relating to a drive-thru unit and a totem sign	Permitted  18/08/2023	Yes
23/00252/ADV	Daresbury Laboratory Keckwick Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AD	Advertisement consent for the proposed installation of fascia sign	Permitted  18/08/2023	Yes
23/00151/ADV	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd West Lane	Proposed relocation of 1 digital freestanding sign	Permitted  24/08/2023	Yes

	Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PE			
23/00313/ADV	Land North Of A5080 Derby Road Widnes	Application for advertisement consent for 3x V Stack Signage and 13x Flag Poles	Permitted 14/09/2023	Yes
23/00340/ADV	Land North Of A5080 Derby Road Widnes	Application for advertisement consent for 2x V Stack Signage and 8x Flag Poles	Permitted 25/09/2023	Yes
23/00418/ADV	Land South Of South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Application for advertisement consent to display signage on the front wall of the building between the top of the ground floor windows and the sill of the first floor windows	Permitted 10/11/2023	Yes
23/00431/ADV	14 Evenwood Close Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1TZ	Application for advertisement consent to renew company logos on four items to front of premises	Permitted 21/11/2023	Yes
23/00433/ADV	51 - 53 Halton Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5QU	Application for advertisement consent for a building fascia sign	Permitted 21/11/2023	Yes



22/00299/ADV	Cestrian Court 2 Eastgate Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1NT	Application for advertising consent for the installation of 16 non-illuminated signs for car park management system	Permitted 29/11/2023	Yes
23/00467/ADV	The Hillcrest Hotel 75 Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 9AR McDonalds Restaurants Ltd West Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PE	Application for advertisement consent for installation of 6no. new fascia signs	Permitted 15/12/2023	Yes
23/00461/ADV	Land To The North Of Horns Garage Lunts Heath Road Widnes Cheshire	Application for advertisement consent for V Stack Sign, small monolith signs, swing sign, flag poles and flags	Permitted 18/01/2024	Yes
24/00030/ADV	Unit 2A The Hive Earle Road Widnes	Application for advertising consent to erect a company sign above the main entrance	Permitted 06/03/2024	Yes

**TABLE 27 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED FOR HOT FOOD TAKEAWAY'S**

*Prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022 development of/change of use to hot food takeaways was not closely monitored, as such there may be some data gaps.*

District/Town Centre	Location Address	Planning Reference	Percentage of Hot Food Takeaways in Retail Centres	Date of Planning Permission	Floorspace (GIA) (SQM)	Description
Hale Local Centre	6/7 Ivy Farm Court, Town Lane, Hale	19/00332/COU 23/00372/S73	1 of 10 = 10%	09/04/2020	132	Proposed change of use from former NHS clinic to mixed use pizza cafeteria and takeaway
Bechers, Local Centre, Widnes	4 Danescroft	20/00353/COU	2 of 8 = 25%	27/08/2020	80	Proposed change of use from former pharmacy to snack/sandwich bar (Use Class A3)
Widnes Town Centre	45 Albert Road	22/00154/COU	4 of 136 = 3%	12/07/2022	95	Proposed change of use from former betting shop to a hot food takeaway
Widnes out of Town Centre	Land Adjacent, East And South East Of Intersection Between Johnsons Lane And Gorsey Lane, Widnes	23/00429/FUL		05.02.2024	70	Proposed removal of existing Munch Mobile food truck adjacent to Johnsons Lane and installation of new Munch Mobile truck in existing space. Installation of new 20ft long, 6ft tall gate in existing fence line to match existing.

## Transport

TABLE 28: PLANNING PERMISSIONS WITH TRAVEL PLANS (01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Address	Proposal
21/00161/FUL	06/02/2023	East Lane House East Lane Runcorn	Proposed demolition of the existing vacant office building and the erection of apartment block and townhouses totalling 153no. dwellings (use class C3), a 66no. bedroom care home (use class C2) and an 85no. bedroom hotel (use class C1) with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking
21/00628/FUL	12/08/2022	Land Bounded By Pitts Heath Lane and Otterburn Street Sandymoor Runcorn	Proposed development of a local district centre to include Retail units 1& 2: Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food, Use Class E(a) and/or Restaurants and Cafes, Use Class E(b); Retail units 3 & 4: Takeaways, use class Sui Generis - hot food takeaways; Retail unit 5: Veterinary Practice, Use Class E(e). Elderly living facilities for the over 55's in the form of: an apartment block providing 20no. one bed flats and 24no. two bed flats, and 5no two bed bungalows - all Use Class C3(a) Dwelling houses; together with ancillary development including cycle stores for 20no cycles, and landscaping
22/00094/COU	03/11/2022	Unit 1 Melba House Picow Farm Road Runcorn	Proposed change of use to Class B8 (Storage or Distribution), together with associated external alterations

22/00101/FUL	12/10/2022	Riverside College Kingsway Widnes	Proposed alterations to fenestration of existing facade to main building and four storey extension to main building to create engineering workshops and classrooms, plus new substation to west of the site
22/00106/S73	19/05/2022	Unit 1 Land Off Gorsey Lane Widnes	Section 73 to vary conditions 21 and 22 of permission 21/00010/S73, Section 73 to vary condition 1 of permission 19/00240/FUL and amended by application 20/00611/NMA
22/00130/FUL	24/11/2022	81 High Street Runcorn	Proposed demolition of existing building and the erection of up to 66 independent living apartments with ancillary support services and communal facilities, together with associated landscaping, amenity space and car parking
22/00152/FULEIA	20/12/2022	Land Off Lovels Way Halebank, Widnes	Proposed storage and distribution unit (B8 use) with ancillary offices (E(g)(i) use), electricity substation, two security gatehouses, vehicle wash, highways infrastructure including accesses, car parking, service and delivery areas and associated other works including ground works, drainage and landscaping
22/00260/FUL	08/11/2022	Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn	Proposed extension to existing warehouse (use class B8), ground works and associated works

22/00278/S73	03/08/2022	Land To the West of Junction Between Hardwick Road and Astmoor Road Runcorn	Section 73 to vary condition numbers 2, 7, 8, 13 and 17 of planning permission 20/00536/FUL [Proposed employment development comprising 13 units totalling 2545 sqm metres to provide E(g), B2 & B8 uses]
22/00307/REM	17/01/2023	Land to the South of Newstead Road Bound by The London and Western Railway and Ditton Brook	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 20/00445/OUT for the erection of two storage and distribution buildings (Use Class B2/B8) including ancillary office space/staff facilities (Use Class E(g)(i)) with associated loading bays, HGV/car parking, landscaping, pedestrian/cycle connections and associated infrastructure (dual unit scheme)
22/00308/REM	17/01/2023	Land to the South of Newstead Road Bound by The London and Western Railway and Ditton Brook	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 20/00445/OUT for the erection of a single storage and distribution building (Use Class B2/B8) including ancillary office space/staff facilities (Use Class E(g)(i)) with associated loading bays, HGV/car parking, landscaping, pedestrian/cycle connections and associated infrastructure (single unit scheme)

23/00057/PRIOR	23/03/2023	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn	Prior notification of proposed remodelling of school to include removal of a redundant garage, and the erection of a two-classroom extension
22/00370/REM	02/08/2023	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal  Red Brow Lane  Cheshire	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA (Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except for access, for the residential led mixed use development of the site, comprising of residential (Use Class C3), employment (Use Class B1) and local centre uses (Use Class A1-A4/D1) and associated infrastructure, landscaping and land remodelling) for erection of 97 No. dwelling houses and associated works at

**TABLE 29: COMPLETIONS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLYING WITH PARKING STANDARDS (01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024)**

Address	Planning Application Reference	Description of Development	Compliance with Car Parking Standards
Daresbury Laboratory Keckwick Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AD	23/00117/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (scale, access, appearance, layout and landscaping) for the erection of two laboratory and office buildings including associated drainage and earthworks pursuant to outline application ref: 21/00166/OUT at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.

Borax Uk Gorsey Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0RP	22/00194/FUL	Proposed alterations to yard and building envelope, inclusion of operations hub and sheltered loading areas along with associated mechanical and electrical equipment to ensure client functionality at	Not applicable – the proposal is ancillary to the existing employment use, no additional parking deemed to be necessary
Saffil Ltd Pilkington Sullivan Site Sullivan Road Widnes WA8 0US	22/00369/FULEIA	Proposed installation of an additional production line, involving an extension to an existing building and the installation of associated plant and machinery at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5WA	23/00236/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing changing rooms and construction of two storey extension within the footprint of the main college building to provide a new music hub with music practice rooms, band rooms and two classrooms. Construction of a new build teaching block providing three ICT classrooms, laboratory and six classrooms, with staff and sanitary facilities. Associated landscaping and covered walkway at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Riverside College Kingsway Widnes Cheshire WA8 7QQ	23/00234/FUL	Proposed re fenestration of existing façade to main college building and new four storey building housing engineering workshops and classrooms, plus new substation and switch room to west of the site at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.

Superior Catering Pitt Street Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TG	22/00500/FUL	Proposed single storey front extension to provide additional production space and enlarged ancillary shop facility, and customer car park at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Asda Stores Ltd West Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PY	22/00608/FUL	Proposed erection of 1 no. coffee shop drive thru unit (Class E Use) and associated works at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Gateway Recovery Centre Bennetts Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0GT	23/00043/FUL	Proposed dormer extension to existing sports hall with alterations, replacement of existing boundary fences and resubmission of previously permitted overspill car park at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Land To The North Site Entrance To Croda Europe Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8UB	22/00496/FUL	Proposed development comprising new site parking area segregated from the site goods entrance and heavy goods vehicles, together with new gatehouse at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Ten Lock Flight Crossville Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5TW	23/00232/FUL	Proposed erection of a substation, electric vehicle rapid charging hub consisting of 8 high power chargers and associated electrical equipment at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Land West Of St Michaels Road ( Off Ditton Road ) Widnes WA8 0TH	22/00623/FUL	Proposed development of a battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure and equipment at	Not applicable - proposed unit will not significantly increase parking demand nor will it contribute toward increased trip generation. The proposals



			therefore have no significant highway implications.
St Patricks Nursing Home Crow Wood Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 3PN	23/00213/HBCFUL	Proposed single storey extension to an existing care home to provide 16 additional bedrooms with ancillary care facilities and the addition of air source heat pumps at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Beechwood Hotel Beechwood Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PZ	23/00324/FUL	Retrospective patio addition to external area with resin gravel surface, timber picket fence and festoon lighting on timber posts at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Land And Buildings To The Rear Of 162 - 164 Albert Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 6LJ	23/00383/COU	Proposed change of use from a mixed use comprising light industrial, office space and retail sales, to Class E use comprising of a wellness and therapy centre, associated cafe and retail sales at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.

**TABLE 30: PLANNING PERMISSIONS WITHIN THE MONITORING PERIOD 01/04/23 TO 31/03/24 WITH 30 MINS OF BUS STOP OR TRAIN STATION**

Planning Reference	Location	Development Type	Bus Stop	Train Station
20/00476/FUL	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN		X	X

20/00594/FUL	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ		X	
21/00723/FUL	48 Guernsey Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 3YH		X	
22/00104/FUL	Former Doctors Surgery 2 - 6 Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ		X	
22/00318/FUL	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes		X	
22/00374/FUL	The Croft 1 Halton Lodge Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5YQ		X	
22/00377/FUL	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire		X	
22/00439/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR		X	
22/00452/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR		X	
22/00462/FUL	Woodfalls Farm Stockham Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PT		X	
22/00543/OUTEIA	Sandymoor South Phase 2 Windmill Hill Avenue East Runcorn Cheshire		X	
22/00565/FUL	81 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UA		X	

22/00638/FUL	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX		X	
22/00639/S73	59 Coroners Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 9JB		X	
23/00016/FUL	Former Workshop And Land To Side And Rear Of 34 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6TZ		X	
23/00128/FUL	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn		X	
23/00143/REM	Land At Daresbury Park Red Brow Lane Warrington WA4 4BB		X	
23/00163/FUL	132 Halton Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5RW		X	
23/00166/FUL	19 Lilac Crescent Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5JX		X	
23/00179/NMA	Land At Terrace Road Widnes WA8 0DL		X	
23/00184/OUT	93 Heath Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7NU		X	
23/00262/OUT	Land North Of 60 Wilmere Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5UR		X	
23/00265/FUL	Land Adjacent To Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire		X	

23/00336/OUT	2 Moss Lane Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UN		X	
23/00392/FUL	1 Norton Tower Cottage Norton Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PX		X	
23/00413/FUL	Land To The North East Of Junction Between Wilmere Lane And Lunts Heath Road Widnes Cheshire		X	

**TABLE 31: PLANNING PERMISSIONS WITH TRAVEL PLANS (01/04/2023-31/03/2024)**

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Address	Proposal
23/00236/FUL	21.11.2023	Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5WA	Proposed demolition of existing changing rooms and construction of two storey extension within the footprint of the main college building to provide a new music hub with music practice rooms, band rooms and two classrooms. Construction of a new build teaching block providing three ICT classrooms, laboratory and six classrooms, with staff and sanitary facilities. Associated landscaping and covered walkway at
23/00246/COND	03.07.2023	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4YX	Application to discharge condition no(s). 2 ( Travel Plan ) of planning permission 23/00057/PRIOR at

20/00594/FUL	21.04.2023	<p>Appleton Village Pharmacy</p> <p>Appleton Village</p> <p>Widnes</p> <p>Cheshire</p> <p>WA8 6DZ</p>	Proposed demolition of existing pharmacy and construction of residential development comprising 12no. two bedroom apartments; cycle and bin storage at ground floor and commercial unit (Use Class E) at ground floor, with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works at
22/00369/FULEIA	01.06.2023	<p>Saffil Ltd</p> <p>Pilkington Sullivan Site</p> <p>Sullivan Road</p> <p>Widnes</p> <p>WA8 0US</p>	Proposed installation of an additional production line, involving an extension to an existing building and the installation of associated plant and machinery at
23/00246/COND	03.07.2023	<p>Cavendish High Academy</p> <p>Lincoln Close</p> <p>Runcorn</p> <p>Cheshire</p> <p>WA7 4YX</p>	Application to discharge condition no(s). 2 ( Travel Plan ) of planning permission 23/00057/PRIOR at

22/00496/FUL	08.06.23	Land To The North Site Entrance To Croda Europe  Foundry Lane  Widnes  Cheshire  WA8 8UB	Proposed development comprising new site parking area segregated from the site goods entrance and heavy goods vehicles, together with new gatehouse at
22/00417/HBCFUL	31.07.23	The Brindley Theatre  High Street  Runcorn  Cheshire  WA7 1BG	Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary, all at
22/00370/REM	02.08.23	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal  Red Brow Lane  Cheshire	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA (Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except for access, for the residential led mixed use development of the site, comprising of residential (Use Class C3), employment (Use Class B1) and local centre uses (Use Class A1-A4/D1) and associated infrastructure, landscaping and land remodelling) for erection of 97 No. dwelling houses and associated works at

23/00261/COND	02.08.23	Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn WA7 1SE	Application to part discharge condition no(s). 13 ( Electric Vehicle Charging Point ) and 14 ( Travel Plan ) of planning permission 22/00260/FUL at
22/00542/HBCFUL	24.08.23	59, 63, 65 High Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1AH	Proposed change of use from vacant commercial/retail ground floor units with vacant commercial/retail/residential space above into mixed community based commercial and arts use, including new youth centre and new build two storey extension (Number 57) comprising of 7 photovoltaic solar panels to the east end of terrace adjacent number 59, existing buildings comprise basements, ground plus two storeys, less than 18m height at
23/00128/FUL	21.09.23	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn	Proposed demolition of existing buildings (including 26 existing dwellings, the existing local centre incorporating the Bethesda Church, and part of the Tricorn Public House), the infilling of the existing subway; the construction of a new local centre (comprising 63 extra-care dwellings, with associated communal facilities, ground floor retail floorspace (Use Class E) and 2 bungalows (extracare)); a replacement church / community facility (Use Class F1 / F2 / E ); the change of use of the retained Tricorn Public House and associated Stables into 10 dwellings; the erection of a further 59 dwellings together with improved public realm, play facilities, improvements to open space, hard and soft landscaping works; and other associated infrastructure and works at

23/00236/FUL	21.11.23	Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire	Proposed demolition of existing changing rooms and construction of two storey extension within the footprint of the main college building to provide a new music hub with music practice rooms, band rooms and two classrooms. Construction of a new build teaching block providing three ICT classrooms, laboratory and six classrooms, with staff and sanitary facilities. Associated landscaping and covered walkway at
22/00608/FUL	11.12.23	Asda Stores Ltd West Lane Runcorn Cheshire	Proposed erection of 1 no. coffee shop drive thru unit (Class E Use) and associated works at
22/00377/FUL	21.12.23	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of residential development (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, access/egress, car parking, drainage, and other necessary supporting infrastructure at
21/00319/FULEIA	22.12.23	Land At Crows Nest Farm Delph Lane Daresbury Runcorn	Proposed development of 151 residential dwellings (comprising a mix of 3, 4, and 5 bedroom houses) and associated works at



		Cheshire WA4 4AW	
23/00450/HBCCOU	26.01.24	Runcorn Library Granville Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1NE	Proposed change of use from existing library ( use class F1 ) to health and education hub with multi-purpose spaces ( use class E ) at
20/00476/FUL	01.02.24	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	Proposed refurbishment of existing Carnegie Library building to provide a new community hub, demolition of Waterloo Centre, erection of new build development of 29 one-bedroom supported living / extra care apartments with ancillary facilities, provision of access, parking and landscaping at

20/00477/LBC	12.02.24	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library  Egerton Street  Waterloo Road  Runcorn  WA7 1JN	Application for Listed Building Consent for proposed refurbishment of existing Carnegie Library building to provide a new community hub, demolition of Waterloo Centre and remedial works to adjacent listed building at
24/00015/LBC	20.02.24	Widnes Railway Station  Victoria Avenue  Widnes  Cheshire  WA8 7TJ	Application for Listed Building consent to replace like for like the existing waiting shelter on platform 1 at
23/00509/COND	05.03.24	Ikon House  Tudor Road  Runcorn  Cheshire  WA7 1TA	Application to discharge condition no(s). 5 (Scheme Identifying Areas of Parking), 10 (Bat and Bird Boxes Scheme) and 11 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) of planning permission 21/00046/FUL at

23/00077/S73	12.03.24	Former Tarmac Site And Former Stobart Site  Foundry Lane  Widnes  Cheshire  WA8 8YZ	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As amended) for variation of condition 1 attached to consented application for reserved matters ( 21/00470/REM - Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of permission 20/00352/HBCOUT (Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) up to 86 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access)) to substitute new plans as listed for the previously approved plans at
22/00543/OUTEIA	27.03.24	Sandymoor South Phase 2  Windmill Hill Avenue East  Runcorn  Cheshire	Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved (except means of access) for residential development comprising up to 250 dwellings, electricity sub stations, along with recreational open space, landscape and other related infrastructure at
22/00638/FUL	27.03.24	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane  Hale  L24 4AX	Proposed development of 13 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, access/egress, parking, and associated works at

**TABLE 32: NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 30 MINUTES PUBLIC TRANSPORT (31/04/2023 -31/03/2024)**

Planning Reference	Location	GP	Hospital	Primary School	Secondary School	Employment Area	Major Retail Centre
18/00356/FUL	Daresbury Hall Daresbury Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AG	X	X	X	X	X	X
20/00476/FUL	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street aterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	X	X	X	X	X	X

20/00594/FUL	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ	X	X	X	X	X	X
21/00319/FULEIA	Land At Crows Nest Farm Delph Lane Daresbury Runcorn Cheshire WA4 4AW	X	X	X	X	X	X
21/00723/FUL	48 Guernsey Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 3YH	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00104/FUL	Former Doctors Surgery 2 - 6 Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00257/FUL	4 Chapel Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 4NX	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00318/FUL	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00370/REM	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal Red Brow Lane Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00374/FUL	The Croft 1 Halton Lodge Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5YQ	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00377/FUL	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X

22/00439/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00452/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00462/FUL	Woodfalls Farm Stockham Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PT	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00543/OUTEIA	Sandymoor South Phase 2 Windmill Hill Avenue East Runcorn Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00565/FUL	81 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UA	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00638/FUL	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00639/S73	59 Coroners Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 9JB	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00016/FUL	Former Workshop And Land To Side And Rear Of 34 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6TZ	X	X	X	X	X	X

23/00077/S73	Former Tarmac Site And Former Stobart Site Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8YZ	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00128/FUL	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00143/REM	Land At Daresbury Park Red Brow Lane Warrington WA4 4BB	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00163/FUL	132 Halton Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5RW	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00166/FUL	19 Lilac Crescent Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5JX	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00179/NMA	Land At Terrace Road Widnes WA8 0DL	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00184/OUT	93 Heath Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7NU	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00262/OUT	Land North Of 60 Wilmere Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5UR	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00265/FUL	Land Adjacent To Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X

23/00336/OUT	2 Moss Lane Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UN	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00392/FUL	1 Norton Tower Cottage Norton Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PX	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00413/FUL	Land To The North East Of Junction Between Wilmere Lane And Lunts Heath Road Widnes Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00483/S73	The Doctors 67 Victoria Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7RS	X	X	X	X	X	X

## Waste

**TABLE 33: PROVISION OF SITES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT PURPOSES (2014 TO 2024)**

Planning reference	Year of Permission	Status of Development	Facility type	Site Name	New Capacity (tonnes per annum)	Waste Hierarchy position
14/00613/FUL	14/15	Unknown	Incinerator Bottom	Ash Recycling Land Bounded by Dismantled Railway and South of Johnsons Lane Widnes	250000	Preparing for re-use/ Recycling



15/00180/FUL	15/16	Operational	Landfill restoration	Hedco Closed Landfill Site, Desoto Road, West Bank Estate, Widnes	32800	Disposal
15/00256/FUL	15/16	Operational	Anaerobic Digestion (extension	Refood UK Ltd, Desoto Road, Multi Modal Gateway, Widnes	20000	Other Recovery
15/00332/FUL	15/16	Unknown	Inert land raise (followed by installation of solar scheme)	South of Johnsons Lane, Widnes	189600	Disposal
16/00124/FUL EIA	16/17	Operational	Waste Transfer Station	WSR Recycling Ltd Ditton Road Widnes	100000	Recycling
16/00158/COU	16/17	Operational	Processing and storage of wood facility	Land To the Northwest of Junction Between Ditton Brook and Stewards Brook, Foundry Lane, Widnes	150000	Other Recovery
17/00435/WST	17/18	Unknown	Biomass boiler at Waste Transfer Station	GSH Waste Recycling LTD Pickerings Road Widnes	0	Other Recovery
18/00417/S73	18/19	Operational	Energy from Waste facility – variation of condition to increase amount of fuel delivered by road	Runcorn Energy from Waste Facility Barlow Way Off Picow Farm Road	250000	Other Recovery
19/00008/FUL	18/19	Unknown	Proposed extension to the	Secanim Desoto Road Widnes	0	Other Recovery

			raw material reception building			
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