

Appendix 1 – Evidence Base studies					
Evidence base	Timing	Current position	In house/ commissioned	Cost estimate	Anticipated requirement for new plan system
Ongoing/completed studies					
Housing needs assessment	Required early in the process and updated through process.	Currently underway,	Commissioned	£50,000 initially - (commissioned in partnership with strategic housing).	Yes , binding overall target but need to keep needs assessment up-to-date and reflect sub-county needs, also help with defining type/mix of housing and meeting affordable needs.
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Undertaken at the outset and updated at each key stage	Likely to take 6-9 months. Call-for sites process in preparation but not net commenced due to Covid. (SP identified as lead from Strategic Planning team. Role for additional staff member to also support this process (SK?).	In-house	Staff time	Yes – new system map based and specific. HELAA will provide basis for site identification and further analysis.
Transport strategy review	In parallel with CS update	Underway, Transportation led commission first element of this underway but will require further work to develop options/strategy.	First part of review commissioned. Will require further development of the project and be used to inform local plan preparation	??	Yes (in part) – already commissioned but will aid spatial distribution of development. Further work will be brought forward via a further decision.
Rural settlement assessment	Undertaken at the outset and updated at each key stage	Underway led by Sam Banks and NDP team. Worked stopped due to Covid but now looking to resume.	In house	Staff time	Yes – again required to help define areas the specific areas where growth, renewal or protection should be focussed.

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Additional studies – for consideration as part of subsequent decision					
Strategic flood risk assessment	Level 1 SFRA recently updated and completed. More detailed Level 2 for sites required for draft plan.	Level 2 assessment not required until proposals are being drafted but SHLAA will need to make general assessment.	Commissioned	Depends upon approach and number of sites expect at least circa £80,000	Yes – continuing need to avoid development in flood prone areas. Likely to be one of the key constraints in part of the county. Although may not be need for local policy as national policy likely to be amended.
Employment Land Assessment	Required to provide evidence for draft plan	Not yet started, need to discuss scope with economic development. SP drafted a brief for the work.	In house and/or commissioning depending on requirements and staff capacity	£25-£50,000	Not yet clear – WP main focus on housing but likely that there will be some continuing requirement to consider need for employment land and define areas/sites within the new plan.
Town Centre and Retail Assessment	Required to provide evidence for draft plan	Not yet started, need to discuss scope with economic development. SP identified to lead on commission.	Commissioned	£30,000	Not yet clear – WP main focus on housing. Town centre/retail policies may be covered by national policy but there may be need to define specific areas or uses in the new plan. Likely to be need to encourage housing and be more flexible – so traditional retail assessment may not be required..

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Climate Change requirements	Throughout process	Not yet started need to scope out requirements	In house and/or commissioning depending on requirements and staff capacity.	£30-£50,000	Yes – but may be different than initially anticipated. May be national standards/policies are introduced for developments but there will be need to address climate change at least when considering distribution of development and need to maximise walking, cycling and links to public transport. In order to develop locally specific policies.
Green Infrastructure/Open space needs	Undertaken at the outset and updated at each key stage.	Some evidence base development and networking with local groups by BM in 2019. Need to make assessment of further requirements. Should be able to complete using in-house resources		In-house staff resources.	Yes – need to identify sites but likely to be national green infrastructure standards so evidence requirements may be more at site/area level.
Natural Environment	Undertaken at the outset and updated at each key stage.	Not yet started need to scope out requirements		£20-£30,000	Yes – likely to be need to improve identification/definition of local categories.
Historic Environment	Undertaken at the outset and updated at each key stage.	Not yet started need to scope out requirements		£20-£30,000	Yes – need to continue to identify the location of internationally, nationally and locally designated heritage assets. But may

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Sustainability Appraisal	Prepared in parallel with the Plan update (published alongside the plan through key consultations.	Not yet commissioned	Commissioned	£100,000 over entire plan making process	No - proposal to abolish the Sustainability Appraisal system and develop a simplified process for assessing the environmental impact of plans
Habitat Regulations Assessment	From draft plan preparation.	Not yet commissioned	Commissioned	£50,000 over entire plan making process	Yes - likely to need to continue to undertake HRA.
Design based evidence	Later in process – to support design guide/code	Not yet commissioned	Not yet clear	Unknown	Yes – emphasis in WP on design as part of preparing local guides/codes. Not yet clear on timing but may be required in parallel with or shortly after adoption of LP.
Master planning for key sites in “growth areas”	Unclear but likely to be at late LP stage.	Not yet commissioned	Not yet clear – may be as part of new roles for professional officers.	Unknown	Yes – together with design codes emphasis on white paper on master planning to provide more details for sites as part of confirming permission in principle.
Economic Viability assessment	Draft plan – updated for publication stage and for EIP	Not started – leave for later stages.	Commissioned	£60,000	Not yet clear - with new proposals for national infrastructure levy need for viability assessments may reduce.