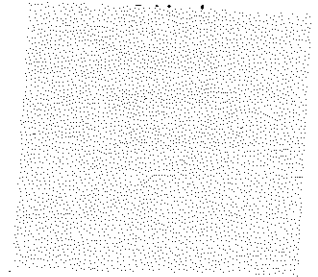


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Submission for Theme 3

Infrastructure, Implementation and Monitoring

Matter 19                      Monitoring

Monitoring for change and deviation from the forecast data is an important facet of responsive planning. In Tamworth this does not appear to be occurring (possibly due to insufficient staffing and resources).

By monitoring and reviewing data and deviation potential early changes may be identified and appropriately addressed.

I noted the downward trend in population growth and housing completions in 2012 resulting from incorrect data and omitted completions. I submitted a report with details and the suggestion of a meeting to overcome identified problems. The omitted completions were added to the 31st March 2013 residential land supply listing. The fact that these had been developed previously was not adequately recorded which erroneously appeared to inflate the 2013 figures. This distorted the downward trend. The fact that the Council failed to respond to my concerns at that time, or to take up my offer of support and help should be noted.

To conclude. I submit that the current monitoring arrangements are unsatisfactory and that the Council should review these with some speed to address the concerns registered.