

Appendix B Evidence Base

The purpose of this appendix is to provide the reader of the Core Strategy with a list of the key pieces of information that have been used to inform the preparation of the Core Strategy to date. However, it is acknowledged that this list is not comprehensive and there are further documents that have contributed to preparation of the Core Strategy. On this basis and given the emphasis on having a joint evidence base with the LSP, it is suggested that it will be more to practical to maintain and update the evidence base on the Council's website and delete it from the next version of the Core Strategy.

Recommended approach :-

To remove the evidence base section (appendix B) from the Core Strategy and ensure that an up-to-date evidence web page is maintained on the Council's website.

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Response no./Organisation	Summary of key issues	WCC officer response and Recommended Approach
87 (GOSE)	In addition to the documents listed, reference is made to specific studies which are listed on the website. It may be useful to also list these if they have informed LDF the preparation.	The documents listed in the evidence base provide a snapshot of information used to inform the Core Strategy policies. It is recognised that the evidence base will be updated on a regular basis. Given the advice set out in 'Planning Together. Updated practical guide for local strategic partnerships and planners' for a joint evidence base between the LSP and LDF it will be more to practical to maintain and update the evidence base on the Council's website and remove it from the Core Strategy.
	As your district falls partly within PUSH, need to ensure	Where evidence gathering studies have been

	<p>the evidence base has District wide coverage.</p> <p>Does the Retail and Town centre uses study cover a needs assessment for retail use and other town centre uses such as offices, leisure, hotels?</p> <p>Some of the studies listed in Appendix B which have informed document preparation appear a little dated, i.e. a cultural study (2002), Future of Winchester Study (1999), etc.</p> <p>Suggest publishing an overarching document that explains the production of its evidence base and why it believes it to be suitably up-to-date and robust. It might also include an audit trail of your discussions and negotiations with key agencies, such as the Highways Agency, Natural England, Environment Agency, etc.</p> <p>Suggest that you include the Habitats Regulations Assessment in Appendix B – only the SA report is included.</p>	<p>completed for the PUSH area, further studies have been undertaken, where necessary, for the rest of the District e.g. the Central Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment.</p> <p>The Retail and Town Centre Uses study, does include leisure uses. Given the status of Winchester Town Centre as a secondary shopping centre, it is not considered necessary to carry out a detailed needs assessment.</p> <p>The evidence base does contain documents which were published several years ago. However they are still relevant to the Core Strategy as the information has not changed during the intervening years.</p> <p>Noted – the Council is currently preparing ‘position statements’ with the key statutory agencies to ensure that there is an accurate record of their comments on the core strategy during its preparation.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><u>Recommend Approach:</u></p> <p>To remove the evidence base section from the Core Strategy and ensure that an up-to-date web page is</p>
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94 (Portsmouth Water)	Are disappointed no reference is made to Portsmouth Water or Southern Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plans. These are statutory documents that had extensive public consultation in 2008.	Winchester City Council are keen to continue detailed discussions with all utility companies throughout the LDF process. The Water Resources Management Plan will be included in the evidence base if it is specific to the Winchester District. It also recommended that reference to the Water Companies' management plans be added in the text accompanying Policy CP.7 (see response to comments on that Policy).
03199 (Sport England)	The evidence base should also refer to the Playing Pitch Strategy.	The Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study (part 3), includes the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy.