

CABINET

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NON-DOMESTIC RATES – RURAL SETTLEMENT LIST 2005/06

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

One of the criteria for awarding non-domestic rate relief for village shops, post offices or village food stores is that the premises must be “within the boundaries of a qualifying settlement”, as outlined under Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

The settlement list must be compiled and approved by the Council three months prior to the commencement of the financial year for which it is effective, and during these three months it must be made available for Public Inspection. The whole of England is treated as rural apart from urban areas that have a population of more than 10,000. Maps issued by the former Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR) designate rural areas. For Winchester City Council the map indicates that the whole of the district is to be treated as rural apart from the Winchester Town area. The map is the starting point for compiling the settlement list with the criteria that each settlement must -

- Be wholly or partly within the authority’s area
- Appear to the billing authority to have had a population of 3,000 or less on the preceding 31<sup>st</sup> December, and
- Be wholly or partly within a designated rural area (as specified in a designation order)

The settlement list as outlined in Appendix A has been compiled with the assistance of the Development Services Department, as in previous years. It is the same as the current list.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the list of Rural Settlements shown in Appendix A be approved for the year 2005/06.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:****1      CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):**

- 1.1      Granting relief under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 supports the key priority *to achieve a strong and diverse urban and rural economy which builds on local strengths and offers opportunities for all*. It also supports the social inclusion tenant to *help people access the services they need*.

**2      RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

- 2.1      The Mandatory element of any relief granted is funded by the National Non-Domestic Rating Pool, and the Discretionary element is funded 75% by the NNDR Pool, and 25% by the Council. Budget provision is made for the Council's costs. There are no significant resource implications of approving the list.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Winchester District Local Plan

**APPENDICES:**

Appendix A – Rural Settlement List 2005/06 (Note: the relevant maps can be viewed at Planning Reception in Avalon House)

**APPENDIX A****RURAL SETTLEMENT LIST****2005-2006**

In accordance with SECTION 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 the following is the Rural Settlement List for Winchester City Council. Unless otherwise indicated settlements are based on parish boundaries.

Beauworth  
Bighton  
Bishops Sutton  
Bishops Waltham-

with the exception of those properties within the boundary H1 of Inset Map No 42 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Boarhunt  
Bramdean  
Cheriton  
Chilcomb  
Colden Common -

with the exception of those properties within the boundary H1 of Inset Map No 6 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Compton and Shawford  
Corhampton and Meonstoke  
Crawley  
Curdrige  
Denmead -

with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H1 of Inset Map No 41 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Droxford  
Durley  
Exton  
Hambledon  
Headbourne Worthy -

with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H1 of Inset Map No 40 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Hursley  
Itchen Stoke and Ovington  
Itchen Valley  
Kilmeston  
Kingsworthy -

with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H1 of the Inset Map No 40 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Littleton and Harestock - with the exception of those properties in the area known as Harestock shown within the Boundary H1 of the Inset Map No 48 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Micheldever  
New Alresford - with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H1 of the Inset Map No 43 of the Winchester District Local Plan.

Northington  
Old Alresford

Otterbourne  
Owslebury  
Soberton  
South Wonston  
Southwick and Widley  
Sparsholt  
Swanmore  
Tichborne  
Twyford  
Upham  
Warnford  
West Meon  
Wonston

The following settlements are not based on parish boundaries.

Knowle as indicated within the boundary H.1 on Inset Map No 19 of the Winchester District Local Plan

Shedfield as indicated within the Blue Boundary shown on Inset Map No 49 of the Winchester District Local Plan held within the Finance Department

Shirrell Heath as indicated within the Red Boundary shown on Inset Map No 49 of the Winchester District Local Plan held within the Finance Department

Waltham Chase as indicated within the Boundary H1 on Inset Map No 49 of the Winchester District Local Plan

Wickham as indicated within the Boundary H1 on Inset Map No 38 of the Winchester District Local Plan