

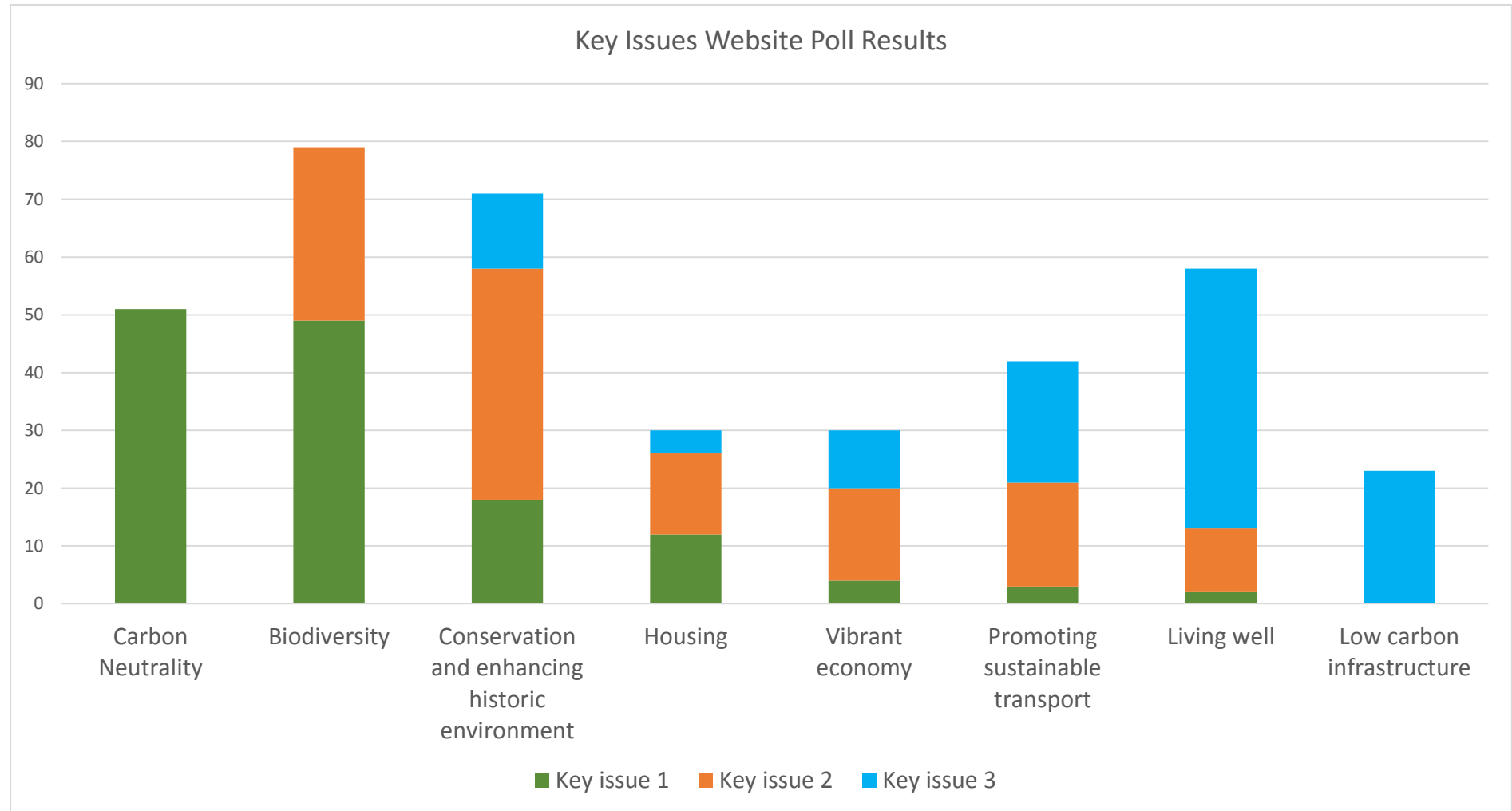
**Your Place, Your Plan**

**‘Current Visions’**

**Summary of Comments and Issues Raised**

## Winchester City Council Local Plan - Strategic Issues & Priorities Consultation

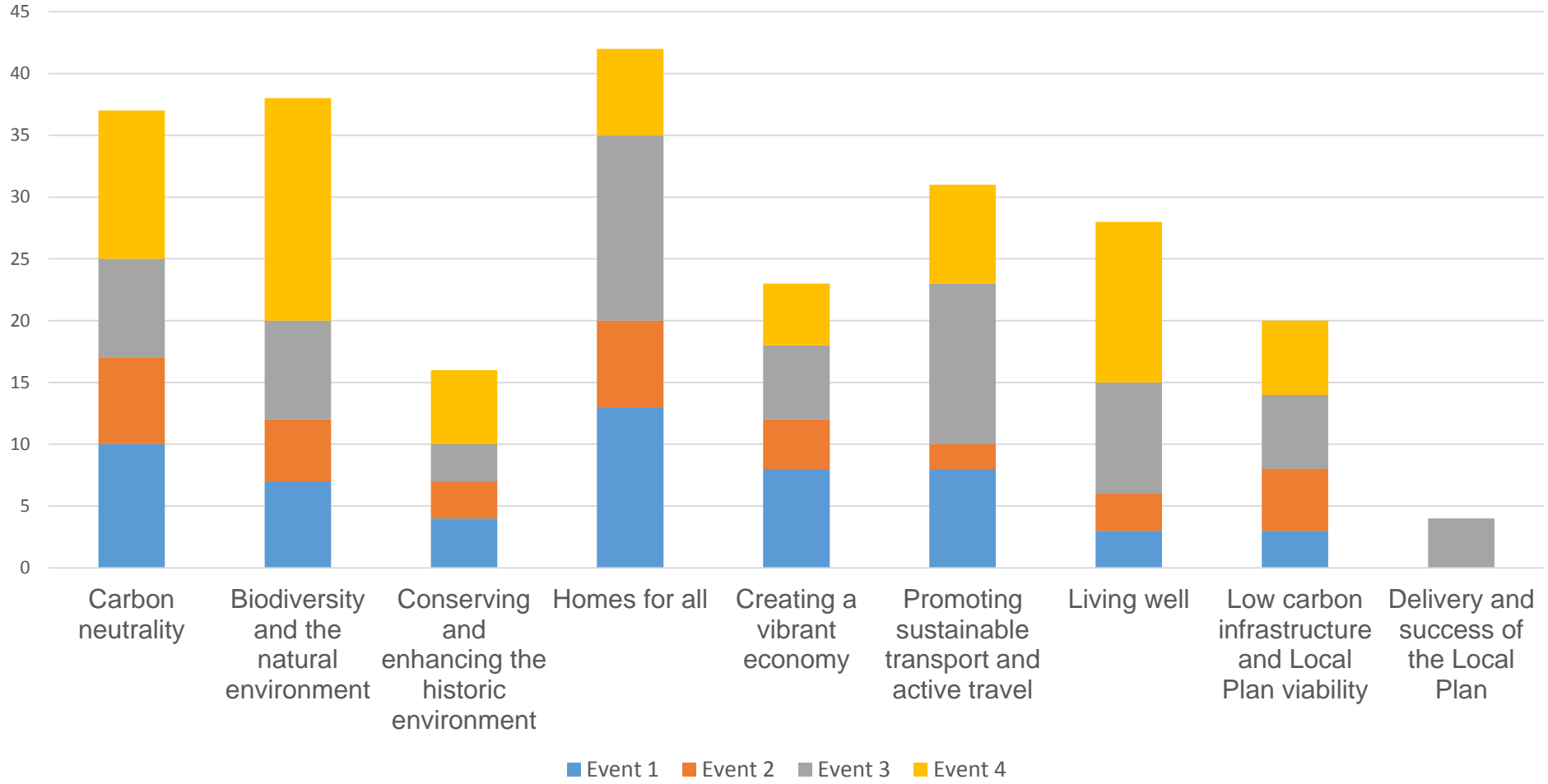
### Have Your Say poll result - What issues are the most important to you? (Select up to 3)



As the above chart illustrates, when people were asked at the virtual interactive events what were the top three issues Biodiversity came out at being the top priority, followed by conserving and enhancing the historic environment and then living well.

**Slido poll result from consultation events – What are the most important priorities to you in the new Local Plan? (Pick up to 3)**

### What are the most important priorities to you in the new Local Plan? (Pick up to 3) Slido Poll results



As the above chart illustrates 'Homes for All' came out as the most important priority, followed by biodiversity and the natural environment and carbon neutrality in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Twitter poll results – Which of these issues is important to you?



In terms of the Twitter polls, 'Conserving local history' came out the highest in the 1<sup>st</sup> poll (10<sup>th</sup> March) followed by 'Carbon neutrality' and when the identical poll was run again on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 'Living well' and having a 'Vibrant economy' came out the highest.

There were 603 direct responses to this part of the question.

Option	Citizenspace
Yes	205
No	184
Not Answered	214



## **Creating a vision for the new Local Plan**

It is important as part of the preparation of a Local Plan the council establishes a vision for the future that accurately reflects the aspirations of the community and there is a set of objectives that set out how the vision in the new Local Plan will be delivered. Consultation on the Strategic Issues & Priorities document included 4 alternative growth options (in terms of how new growth should be accommodated in the district) and it will be important that the preferred growth strategy is included in the updated Local Plan vision.

- 1) Is the vision in the current Local Plan still appropriate for inclusion in the new Local Plan?**
- 2) What, if anything needs to be changed?**

### **General comments:**

There was a wide range of views and ideas that were put forward in response to the above questions. The majority of people agreed that the vision in the current adopted Core Strategy was out of date as it was drafted some years ago and it was focused on housing, tourism and employment and a place to 'live, visit, work and do business'. It was considered that the challenges that are facing the district are significantly different and the vision needs to be updated to reflect that we are dealing with a period of accelerated change which has been a result of COVID-19 and climate change.

Allied to this, it was also pointed out that as the Local Plan is looking over a long period of time, the vision needed to be flexible to enable it to deal with changes that might be unforeseen at this moment in time.

### **Key points/issues:**

- 304 people commented that there needs to be a much greater emphasis on climate change and the carbon neutrality journey based on realistic and viable change objectives, promoting sustainable and attractive development, reducing and the use of technology and renewable energy to reduce and mitigate against CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, increasing and retaining green spaces, promoting biodiversity and reducing the impacts of climate change. The vision needs to reflect the behavioral change as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic which includes a shift away from high street shopping, more people working from home and the impacts of this on people's social, physical and mental health (C1, C4, C9, C15, C19, C33, C35, C40, C54, C59, C64, C75, C76, C79, C87, C88, C111, C118, C123, C138, C160, C164, C168, C190, C226, C227, C231, C239, C321, C347, C248, C253, C255, C260, C255, C260, C262, C280, C286, C291, C292, C293, C309, C331, C342, C343, C352, C353, C361, C363, C364, C365, C381, C383, C388, C388, C429, C436, C437, C439, C461, C462, C471, C483, C487, C497, C532, C548, C550, C570, C574, C578, C579, C570, C580, C593, C597, H61, E85, C597, E1224,

E1232, E1233, C580, E1244, E1246, E1233, E1242, H99, E882, E282, E1233, C355, C386, C480, C540, C554, C562, C130, C149, C291, C304, C314, C336, C382, C397, C399, C404, C407, C408, C421, C429, C471, C511, C513, C537, C534, C567, C568, C569, C588, C597, C601, C603, E1221, E1230, C549, E95, E97, E102, E105, E110, E119, E165, E167, E187, E216, E228, E240, E248, E249, E254, E278, C162, E286, E292, E299, E311, E322, E330, E344, E389, E399, E499, E528, E546, E583, E595, E619, E649, E727, E736, E741, E745, E588, E877, E886, E887, e888, E889, E892, E893, E896, C364, E897, E898, E900, E907, E909, E910, E911, E912, E913, E914, E915, E916, E917, E919, E923, E925, E926, E927, E929, E930, E931, E938, E939, E942, C233, E944, E946, E947, E950, E953, E955, E956, E961, E964, E966, C140, E969, E970, E971, E974, E976, E978, E979, E980, E983, E986, E987, E992, E993, E995, E996, E999, E1001 E1002, E1003, E1004, E1005, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1010, E1013, E1016, E1017, E1022, E1023, E1029, E1031, E1033, E1034, E1043, E1044, E1048, E1043, E1052, E1059, E1061, E1063, E1073, E1075, E1087, E1091, E1093, E1094, E1096, E1117, E1122, E1125, E1132, E1135, E1136, E1140, E1141, E1145, E1150, E1153, E1154, E1155, E1157, E1159, E1166, E1169, E1173, E1178, E1181, E1186, E1188, E1189, E1193, E1202, E1206, E1209, E1191, E1194, E1205, E1166, E1200, E368, E572, E928, E1025, E1030, E1218, E586, E1209, E739, E845, E937, E999, E580

- 18 comments supported the need to include principle of the fifteen minute neighbourhood in the vision and this concept should be taken in to account when considering the allocation of sites for future development across the district as this is a tool that will assist with the delivery of sustainable development by creating walkable neighbourhoods (C47, C76, C215, C309, C376, C383, C532, C535, C559, C457, C462, C489, C516, C483, C586, C597, E1218, E1242). A number of developers who promoting specific sites also referred to this concept in support of their scheme. Linked to this point was the need to reduce traffic congestion and pollution in central Winchester, to improve its ability to act as a public transport hub for the whole district, and to achieve its potential as a high quality historic urban environment where creative human interaction can take place.
- 2 comments stated that there was no change needed to the vision in the current Local Plan (E1133, E1149) and 2 people commented that nothing in the vision needs to change as there is only the need for a small number of additional housing to meet the 2038 target (C520, E520)
- 1 person commented whether there was a need to identify 3 specific geographical areas in the vision (E1244) whereas 1 person commented that wanted to ensure that the spatial strategy did reflect the 3 specific geographical areas (C121)
- 2 people commented that the vision does not currently represent the parishes in the more rural areas (E1233, E580)
- 1 person commented that the vision does reflect a major part of the district that is more sustainable (E1233)

## **Sustainability**



- 21 people commented that the vision should embed the UN Sustainability Goals (C255, C262, C79, C226, C231, C343, C461, C497, C523, C535, E845, E1232, C119, C118, C429, C516, C535, E1222, E1209, E1209)
- 1 person commented that there was a need to include reference to environmentally friendly, therefore, diverse, dynamic and environmentally friendly communities (C342)
- 1 person commented the need to ensure that there was audit trail to show the way that each development is going to offset its carbon footprint during the build and ongoing usage (E937)
- 1 person commented that the existing vision is directing growth in areas that are less sustainable areas/settlements and it is unlikely to be compatible with the carbon neutral goal (E580)
- 1 person commented on the need to ensure that climate emergency is addressed wholeheartedly and in full throughout the Local Plan (C550)

#### **Brownfield/Greenfield land**

- 46 people commented on the need to ensure that vision was clear that it will promote and prioritize the re-development and reuse of brownfield land, repurposing disused or redundant shops/offices/buildings/car parks in town centres over greenfield land and more imaginative use of land (C363, C195, C498, E882, C579, C32, C35, C44, C57, C91, C99, C146, C191, C199, C259, C274, C276, C280, C313, C318, C326, C351, C579, C450, C478, C546, C581, C521, E1042, C371, C371, C481, C445, C280, C292, C293, C487, C588, E167, E216, E572, C469, E1030, E1165, E937, E999)
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to refer to the redevelopment of redundant military areas (C478, C588)

#### **Landscape/Biodiversity/Recreation:**

- 188 people commented that the vision should incorporate and support a Green Belt to prevent urban sprawl (C53, C155, C183, C319, C498, E882, C579, E282, C351, C450, E1042, C534, C560, C588, C35, E563, C214, E95, E97, E102, E105, E110, E119, E165, E167, E187, E214, E216, E228, E240, E248, E249, E254, E278, C162, E286, E292, E299, E311, E322, E330, E344, E389, E399, E499, E528, E546, E583, E595, E619, E649, E727, E736, E741, E745, E588, E877, E886, E887, e888, E889, e892, E893, E896, C364, E897, E898, E900, E907, E909, E910, E911, E912, E913, e914, E915, e916, E917, E919, E923, E925, E926, E927, E929, E930, E931, E938, E939, E942, C233, E944, E946, E947, E950, E953, E955, E956, E961, E964, E966, C140, E969, E970, E971, E974, E976, E978, E979, E980, E983, E986, E987, E992, E993, E995, E996, E999, E1001, E1002, E1003, E1004, E1005, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1010, E1013, E1016, E1017, E1022, E1023, E1029, E1031, E1033, E1034, E1043, E1044, E1048, E1043, E1052, E1059, E1061, E1063, E1073, E1075, E1087, E1091, E1093, E1094, E1096, E1117, E1122, E1125, E1132, E1135, E1136, E1140,

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- 22 people commented that they wanted the vision to protect the valuable green spaces and local gaps surrounding Winchester and other settlements from encroachment as this is of exceptional quality (C73, C372, C472, C499, C259, C318, C321, C326, C483, C478, C337, C539, C554, C555, C589, C63, C118, C291, C404, C487, E216, E928).
- 16 people commented on the need for the vision to provide more consideration and protection of the district's countryside, wildlife, natural habitats and the rural economy not just larger settlements (C23, C119, C372, H122, C274, C321, C529, C556, C382, C429, E1221, C278, C241, C549, C572, E937)
- 11 people commented on the need for the vision to protect and giving stronger protection to the gaps between settlements, rural area recognizing the value of trees, woodlands and hedgerows that contribute towards the character and identify of the varied landscapes (C156, C208, C277, C287, C274, C244, C249, C305, C386, H128, E937).
- 8 people commented on the need for vision to recognise that more recreational space is required as a result of COVID-19 (H128, C149, C304, C513, C601, E1230, C192, E216) and facilities for culture and the arts (C601) and the vision needs to refer to leisure and sports (C214)
- 4 people commented on the need for the vision to protect biodiversity and prevent the destruction of natural and ecological habitats and the countryside (C243, E1165, E1176, E937)
- 2 people commented on the need for vision to have more stringent policies on light pollution and environmental health pollutions and air quality (C244, C398, )
- 1 person commented on the need for the vision to place more emphasis on the goals of the Natural Recovery Network (C549)
- 1 person commented the need to ensure that the vision fully considers the protection of rural landscape and countryside that lies to the north and west of Winchester which is considered to warrant special designation (C3), 1 person commented that the rural and green gaps to north of Winchester must be protected and conserved (C21)

#### **National Park:**

- 3 people commented that the vision needs to make sure that it picks up on the setting of the National Park and its special qualities (E1240, E1233, E580)
- 1 person commented that more consideration should be given in the vision of the role of villages that are part in and part out of the National Park in terms of the impact of development and infrastructure (C302)
- 1 person commented on the need for the vision to strengthen and protect the countryside from large scale development both inside and outside of the National Park (C335)

- 1 person commented on the need for the vision to reflect the fact that North Boarhunt to be considered as part of the SDNP (C492)
- 1 person commented on the need to strengthen the vision to allocate areas that are away and do not put pressure on the SDNP (E1116)

## Heritage

- 12 people commented that the vision needs to recognise and place more emphasis on the exceptional and invaluable quality and character of the rich historic and cultural heritage of the city and the setting of the surrounding countryside (C580, C63, C256, C279, C360, C594, C429, C452, C549, E167, E1218, E580) but it is more than just the city (C464) and the vision should make more specific reference to the protection of the existing historic and natural environment (C445, E580)
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to invest and regenerate Winchester city centre (C450, C63)
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to have a stronger emphasis on the quality of the environment and well being of people (C197, E1165)
- 1 person commented that the vision should highlight the importance of maintaining the quality of an historical small city (C299)

## Housing

- 24 people commented there was a need to ensure that vision supports rural areas and allows them to grow and respond proportionally to local affordable housing needs, whilst retaining their individual identity, distinctive characteristics, needs and rural character as otherwise they become less sustainable as they lose shops, services and facilities (C251, E882, C351, C114, C282, C39, C42, C144, C329, C371, C528, C292, C382, C588, E167, E216, E572, E928, E343, E586, E678, E999, C515, E1121)
- 23 people commented on the need for the vision to focus the vision on ensuring that all development is sustainable and better quality housing and development, social housing the use of technology to assist with mitigation of climate change and a local carbon lifestyle locally, including charging points and housing is designed in a way that allow people to work from home and multi-generational living and an ageing population (C352, C309, C336, C439, C453, C113, C480, C586, H128, C118, C291, C314, C397, C407, C408, C429, C603, C241, C549, C469, E937, C515, E580)
- 11 people commented that the vision needs to state that Winchester should take the bulk of housing as it is the most sustainable location but there is a real issue of affordability and more affordable homes should be built for single and young families (C5, C315, C336, C351, C478, C60, C481, C540, E114, E1116, E1149), 7 people commented that the larger settlements/market towns should accept and have an important role in meeting the district's housing requirements (C315, C528, C540, C557, C515, E678, E1162) whilst

- 7 people commented that the vision needs to place less emphasis on housing and more emphasis on maintaining and protecting the countryside (C394, C475, E187, E1030, E1165, E1176, E937)
- 6 people commented that it was important any development needs to be proportional (C329, C528, C528, C515, E167, C515)
- 5 people commented that the vision needs acknowledge that the towns and larger villages have seen enough development and losing their character and distinctiveness and need to remain as villages and protect them against suburban development smaller villages have not been allowed to develop (C5, C282, C49, C334, E1221)
- 3 people commented that the vision needs to be updated to reflect decisions about the most suitable distribution for housing in the future as it is currently based on where development was focused in the adopted LP (C323, E114, E1116),
- 2 people commented that the vision needs to focus on the point that homes should be created where there is a genuine need and settlements should not be allowed to merge together as they lose their identity (C101, E1116)
- 2 people commented that the vision should promote pedestrianised mixed use housing, hospitality, culture and small retail (C453, C355)
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to acknowledge that the settlements within the southern fringes of the district are some of the most sustainably located, with access to local areas of education, employment, and leisure along the M27 corridor and the rail line, connecting these settlements to each other as well as Southampton and Portsmouth (E678, E999)
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to have a wider outlook than just on Winchester, and need to consider at a strategic context/level (E739, E1116), and 2 people commented on the role Winchester has in delivering the growth needs across Hampshire which have higher numbers and or are otherwise constrained due to environmental and sustainability factors (E739, E1116).
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to be updated as it provides an opportunity to identify different areas of growth for homes, jobs and infrastructure and a proportionate amount growth (E586, C515)
- 2 people commented on the need for the vision to consider the availability of water resources and the disposal of wastewater (C299, E1025)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to state that Winchester is set in beautiful countryside with excellent transport links and overbuilding new residential homes close to the city will destroy the whole character and access to green spaces (C579)
- 1 person commented that there is currently too much focus in the current vision on larger housing developments and there is now a need to take account the diversify for self build and to build as green as possible in the rural and semi rural areas (C600) and 1 person commented that there is the need for housing for all ages (C276)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to reflect the fact that housing requirements are far in excess of what is required and no additional numbers are added (C487) and 1 person commented that there would a lower demand for housing as a result of Brexit (C511)

- 1 person commented that the vision needs to acknowledge that market towns and villages have a limited ability to sustainably increase local infrastructure (transport, medical, shopping and schooling) (C561) and 1 person commented that we do not have the ability to deliver the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration and should not be part of the strategic growth allocation (E1116)
- 1 person commented that the current vision does not enough have enough emphasis on villages that are located outside of the SDNP (C316)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to recognise that not all towns and villages want too many facilities and development (C93)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to acknowledge that since 2011 a lot of housing has been built against Policy (C136) and 1 person commented that there is no clarity about the overarching principles for planning for the area which means that numerous departures have taken place since the plan drafted (C186)
- 1 person commented that specific reference to Waterlooville and North Whiteley should be removed (C241) and 1 person commented that their role will diminish over the LP period (E1162). There was contrary view that North Whiteley should remain in the vision and it needs to specifically refer to further potential at North Whiteley to accommodate additional growth (E1128).
- 1 person commented that there should be more emphasis on unlawful development and settlement (travellers) (C278)
- 1 person commented that the vision should emphasis that there are major problems with permitted development and enforcement (C170)
- 14 people commented that the vision should acknowledge that the most important function of the vision is to agree how and where to provide homes for our current and future needs (C19, E95, E97, E102, E105, E110, E119, E165, E187, E368, E928, E1025, E1030, E999)

### **Services, facilities and the local economy**

- 13 people commented that the vision needs to acknowledge that there has been a massive change in retail and the use of retail areas and there will be fewer shops in the city centre and what opportunities and challenges this brings (C60, C87, C336, C404, C424, C429, E1221, E167, E216, E572, C469, E937, E999)
- 11 people commented that the vision needs to ensure that there was sufficient emphasis on the importance of local shops, local industry, small businesses and local schools to make them self sustaining which are all essential for the vision to be realised which will help with the climate emergency and shift towards more home working and reduce the need to travel (C309, C37, C329, C528, C557, C280, C293, C421, C424, C515, E1116)
- 11 people commented that the vision needs to recognise that online shopping habitats are unlikely to be reversed (C276, C280, C291, C292, C314, C399, C469, C483, C493, E167, C469)

- 10 people commented that the vision needs to support the regeneration of the city centre, environmental improvements and focus on town centres, jobs and the local economy and attract young local working population (C259, C351, C371, C561, C482, C346, C356, C521, E167, E116)
- 9 people commented that the vision needs to state that new development should be located in areas where this is appropriate and existing infrastructure and amenities including public transport and protect existing locations from over development (C472, C114, C431, E563, C469, E1165, E678, C515, E116)
- 4 people commented that the vision needs to support the diversification of the economy through the promotion of knowledge, tourism, creative, arts and education sectors (C273, C480, C452, H70)
- 3 people commented that the vision needs to focus on providing a good environment for businesses and start ups to grow and bringing local businesses into the city (C194, C245, C192)
- 3 people commented that the vision needs to acknowledge that as a result of the pandemic ensure that everyone has access to sustainable, healthy, nutritious, affordable and ethically sourced food and better food choices (C516, C241, C535)
- 2 people commented on the need to incentivize more independent shops and eateries (H128, C280, ) and 1 person commented on the need to bring people back into the city and town centres (C445)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to refer to and support faster Broadband for everyone (C77)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to give greater clarity on the future development at the University of Winchester and the Royal County Hospital as they have a large carbon footprint (C197)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to acknowledge that larger sites (Winchester MDAs) have historically been able to deliver infrastructure and a high percentage of the affordable housing when compared to smaller sites and provide a greater the critical mass that promotes self-sufficiency and a reduction in travel demand (E1116)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to protect and enhance rural businesses (C507)

## Transport

- 12 people commented that the vision needs to curb traffic and the reliance on the personal car and develop strategies to enhance the safety of people who use non motorised and active travel as the road network and infrastructure are already under pressure (C316, C336, C501, C445, C487, C513, E1218, E1218, E937, C515, E1121, E1116)

- 9 people commented that the vision needs to consider and have an integrate public transport policy, transport infrastructure, reduce traffic volumes, traffic congestion, the need to travel, promote active travel to reduce the environmental impact and a transport system for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that takes into account COVID learning (C27, C282, C394, C501, C538, C421, C424, E586, E1116 )
- 8 people commented that the vision needs to develop and support a sustainable transport system 21<sup>st</sup> century and a better cycle and footpath network (C538, H128, C276, C280, C292, E1230, E1121, E1116)
- 3 people commented that the vision needs to support car parking on outskirts and a park and ride system and redevelop the car parks in the centre (C280, E572, E1253)
- 2 people commented that the vision needs to take forward the aims and be in tandem with the Winchester Movement Strategy and reduce traffic congestion in the centre of Winchester (E1218, E1253)

### **Balance between Winchester as a city and other settlements**

- 189 people commented that the vision should not be Winchester-centric and it should consider and support the role and the important character of the market towns and rural areas by creating a coherent and consistent vision for the whole of the district. This is on the grounds that Winchester City has one third of the District's population and is a vitally important centre particularly for the northern part of it and should be promoted as such (C19, C497, C580, C119, C316, C579, E282, C243, H128, C118, C429, C482, C487, C534, C588, E1221, E1230, C138, C144, C192, E95, E97, E102, E105, E110, E119, E165, E167, E228, E240, E248, E249, E254, E278, C162, E286, E292, E299, E311, E322, E330, E344, E389, E399, E499, E528, E546, E583, E595, E619, E649, E727, E736, E741, E745, E588, E877, E886, E887, e888, E889, e892, E893, E896, C364, E897, e898, E900, E907, e909, E910, e911, E912, E913, e914, E915, E916, E917, E919, E923, E925, E926, E927, E929, E930, E931, E938, E939, E942, C233, E944, E946, E947, E950, E953, E955, E956, E961, E964, E966, C140, E969, E970, E971, E974, E976, E978, E979, E980, E983, E986, E987, E992, E993, E995, E996, E999, E1001 E1002, E1003, E1004, E1005, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1010, E1013, E1016, E1017, E1022, E1023, E1029, E1031, E1033, E1034, E1043, E1044, E1048, E1043, E1052, E1059, E1061, E1063, E1073, E1075, E1087, E1091, E1093, E1094, E1096, E1117, E1122, E1125, E1132, E1135, E1136, E1140, E1141, E1145, E1150, E1153, E1154, E1155, E1157, E1159, E1166, E1169, E1173, E1178, E1181, E1186, E1188, E1189, E1193, E1202, E1206, E1209, E1191, E1194, E1205, E1166, E1200, E572, E928, E1025, E1030, E1209, E845, E999)
- 1 person commented that the vision should show how Winchester will be a special place and not just a clone of others (C192)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to set out a more joined up decision making for the city and the surrounding suburbs in the form of three-dimensional spatial strategy (E1218)
- 1 person commented that there should be a strategic overview of how the town as whole should develop, building on its strength and address the problems by developing the work on the Vision for Winchester (E1253)

## Summary of most popular key headlines:

The need for the vision to:

- be updated as it was drafted some years ago and it is currently focused on housing, tourism and employment and a place to 'live, visit, work and do business'
- acknowledge that the challenges that are facing the district are significantly different and we are dealing with a period of accelerated change as a result of COVID-19
- incorporate behavioral change as a result of the COVID 19 which has resulted in a shift away from high street shopping, more people working from home and the impacts of this on people's social, physical and mental health and the need for more recreational space
- specifically refer to climate change, the Winchester City Council's carbon neutrality journey and UN Sustainability goals
- promote sustainable and attractive development, the use of technology and renewable energy to reduce and mitigate against CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- ensure the vision is not Winchester centric and it should support the role and importance of the market towns and the rural area
- refer to the concept of a 15 minute neighbourhoods whilst acknowledging that this does not work everywhere especially in the rural area the peripheral part of the Winchester
- be clear that it will promote and prioritize the redevelopment, repurpose of brownfield land/disused buildings
- stop urban sprawl by incorporating and exploring ways of protecting the countryside (such as Green Belt), increasing and retaining green spaces, countryside, promoting biodiversity, protecting wildlife, natural habitats and the gaps between settlements
- address the setting of the South Downs National Park
- place a greater emphasis on the rich historic and cultural heritage
- allow settlements to grow and respond in a proportional way to accommodate any additional growth
- ensure that there was a greater emphasis on the ensuring the development is sustainable, better quality, flexible and multi-generational housing that is accompanied by environmental improvements and a focus on town centres
- ensure affordability and the need for the accommodation for single and young families
- locate development where there is already existing infrastructure
- promote start ups and attracting new businesses to the district
- curb traffic, reduce pollution and create an integrated public transport system including park & ride



## Question 2

**Are there any elements of the Winchester Town Forum's Winchester 2030 document that could be used to help inform a vision for the Local Plan (which covers the whole of the district outside of the SNDP)?**

### General

- 30 people commented that the Local Plan needs to be taken in the context of the wider area/district and their needs (C23, C79, C111, C119, C192, C226, C227, C231, C236, C241, C253, C262, C278, C292, C315, C325, C331, C348, C361, C364, C382, C428, C487, C494, C497, C523, C539, C540, C559, C596),
- 17 did not know about the Winchester Town Forum vision (C40, C61, C81, C100, C164, C186, C198, C199, C215, C216, C326, C327, C334, C346, C351, C404, C477)
- 16 people agreed that Winchester Town Forum vision could be used to inform the Local Plan (C38, C75, C103, C148, C149, C160, C168, C190, C250, C282, C329, C515, C570, C586, C593, C601)
- 12 people commented that the Winchester Town Forum vision does not reflect the remainder of the district especially those parishes in more rural areas (E1233, C208, C236, C241, C244, C255, C278, C290, C293, C314, C437, C539),
- 9 people disagreed that the Winchester Town Forum vision could be used to inform the Local Plan (C177, C234, C278, C306, C498, C514, C539, C559, C584),
- 6 people commented that they had no idea/not enough information/they were not qualified to answer about the Winchester Town Forum vision (C130, C220, C245, C416, C492, V498)
- 6 people commented that there needs to be a balance of the Winchester Town Forum vision (C79, C226, C461, C487, C540, C580)
- 5 people commented that it needed to take into consideration the view of other organisations (C291, C314, C567, C568, C569)
- 5 people commented that they had not read the Winchester Town Forum vision (C136, C276, C330, C376, C560)
- 5 people commented that the Winchester Town Forum vision needs to care about our history, heritage and setting of historic character of the city (C342, C394, C441, C574, C580),
- 4 people thought that the Winchester Town Forum vision was not applicable (C19, C93, C278, C305)
- 3 people commented that it needs flexibility to be able to change with changing times and technology should be the vision for the whole of the district (C277, C386, C528)
- 2 people thought that the Winchester Town Forum vision probably could be used (C21, C491)
- 2 people were not sure what the Winchester Town Forum vision was trying to achieve (C155, C156)

- 2 people thought the Winchester Town Forum vision was waste of public funds that could have been better spent on issues facing the district / not sure what value can be drawn from it (C155, C539)
- 2 people commented that the Town Forum vision was irrelevant to the rest of the district as Winchester has facilities that majority of local villages only dream of (C5, C8)
- 2 people comments that the LP should endorse Section 4, 5 and 6 of the Winchester Town Forum vision (C343, C365)
- 2 people commented that the current LP based on creating new houses where no new jobs and facilities (C160, C168)
- 1 person commented that you should start again (C191)
- 1 person commented that needs to take account of the views of the majority of people to ensure that it takes on board the silent majority (C523) and the interconnectedness with the surrounding towns and villages (C293),
- 1 person was unsure why the collaborative work undertaken around Silver Hill was not mentioned as it was an inclusive process (C507)
- 1 person commented that it needs to reinforce good design and biodiversity net gain (C528)
- 1 person commented that it was unrealistic to be carbon neutral by 2030 (C248)
- 1 person commented that it did not contain a large number of people's opinions (C292)
- 1 person was unaware of the OneGreatWin (C452)
- 1 person commented that there should be a chance to produce a vision for the district (C482)
- 1 person commented that the Winchester Town Forum vision was fine but what is vitally important has not been addressed (C550)
- 1 person commented that it was a consultants joy ride (C60)
- 1 person commented that the Winchester Town Forum vision does not address how the statutory development will deliver housing, jobs and infrastructure and where difficult decisions need to be made (C559)
- 1 person commented that as they were one of the developers delivering the largest urban extension project in Winchester they were concerned why they was not asked to contribute towards the Vision (C260)
- 1 person commented that there needs to be local housebuilders who have a vested interest in the City and villages involved in the process (C340)
- 1 person commented that it would be interesting to consider the reverse and to explore to whether other parts of the district that are outside of the SDNP but are adjacent might benefit from creating corridors to SDNP (C549)
- 1 person commented that the Winchester Town Forum vision was very relevant to Winchester (C144)
- 1 person commented that it is important that whilst maintaining and enhancing local distinctiveness (C528)
- 1 person commented that the Winchester Vision is more about culture and approach to be used to achieve the vision (C123)
- 1 person commented that there was support for a shift away from "big city centre projects" and a move towards building resilient communities (C515)

- 1 person commented that there should be more about the preservation, display and protection of unique historical character of Winchester (C574, C476)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to take into account falling birth rate (C53)
- 1 person commented that it should take into account Ecology (C556)
- 1 person agreed with all but the first six critical values (C54) and 1 person commented that Values 2 and 5 would be valuable additions to the Vision (C54)
- 1 person commented that they supported the 5<sup>th</sup> objective (C597) and 1 person supported part 3 Section 4 (C578)
- 1 person commented that development work that has been completed and how infrastructure expansion and improvement will be delivered (C125) and 1 person commented that housing development has not taken place with key infrastructure such as roads (C125)
- 1 person commented that the vision must be flexible to be able to change with time and changing technologies (C277)
- 1 person commented on the need to improve transport, infrastructure and air quality; create a green and environmentally friendly area are equally relevant to not just Winchester but the rest of the district (C342)
- 1 person commented that there was a need for the vision to acknowledge that all areas of Winchester feel a sense of community and not just the centre and the need to boost the placing of people coming into the city centre (C356), the city needs to be accessible and make the city accessible to the visually impaired and for disabled people which is a serious omission in the handbook on the Vision for Winchester (C542)
- 1 person commented that there was a need for the vision to retain its importance as an area of natural beauty and protection of the environment need to limit the number visiting through access charges, parking limitations and perhaps even fewer shops, pubs, cafés and restaurants (C529)
- 1 person commented that the Winchester Town Forum vision does not go far enough, need for a city masterplan to guide development over the next 20-30 years to 2050 allowing Winchester to become a zero carbon city (C550)

### **Transport**

- 15 people commented that the theme 'City by Walking' does not relate to the communities that live on the peripheral parts of Winchester Town (C291, C314, C363, C372, C397, C399, C407, C408, C421, C494, C513, C567, C568, C569, C603)
- 14 people on the hand supported the 15 minute town (C42, C47, C160, C168, C190, C383, C457, C462, C489, C515, C516, C586, C597, C601)
- 11 people commented that Winchester is a hub or centre and it should be promoted as such but it must be easily accessible to "out of town" as well as "town" residents (C79, C119, C226, C227, C231, C253, C255, C262, C347, C461, C497)

- 6 people commented that they would support efficient, low pollution public transport, walking and cycling (C353, C394, C493, C501, C528, C586), electric vehicles (C528) and cycle friendly radial routes on Andover Rd, Romsey Rd, Stockbridge Rd and St Cross Rd (C396)
- 6 people commented that there needs to be a greater emphasis on public transport and desire to travel less and reduction in car use (C42, C168, C239, C280, C352, C383)
- 5 people commented that there needs to be a balance with access available to residents of the town as well as those out of town (C487, C494, C567, C568, C569)
- 3 people thought that the 15 min city could be appropriate for other areas (C429, C532, C542)
- 2 people commented that the vision needs to identify anything that relates to sustainable public transport not just creating existing highways and byways (C12, C249) and sustainable aims and objectives should be cascaded down through the district (C600)
- 2 people commented that the 15 min city could support and encourage more diversity in the retail offer with the encouragement to independent retail and food entrepreneurs and a diversification such a local food shop that is also a community hub, giving streets and spaces back to people to be used in creative ways, creating hub/pause spaces for community gardens/public community squares, mapping access to food and all public realm spaces and open spaces for all ages and genders (C516, C535) and small green or grey spaces or blue for meeting and enjoying (C586)
- 1 person commented that there needs to be a reduction in emissions (C501), 1 person commented that there is a lack of understanding regarding cycle and traffic management (C248), and 1 person commented that the 15 minute city could be interpreted as putting all growth within 15 minutes of the city (C559)
- 1 person commented that there should be a linked 15 minute walking or cycling should not be adopted into the vision as this level of localization and regionalization that this would drive into community is too extreme for social and economic sustainability (C76) and a 15 minute city idea across the district is not useful / realistic (C353, C513)
- 1 person commented that if Free Ports are to be developed then land in Hampshire close to thee should form part of the overall plan (C274)
- 1 person commented that there should be more pedestrianised roads an support small housing, hospitality, independent retail and other small company offices at a local hub scale (C453)
- 1 person commented that there should be the creation of a northern relief road to speed traffic around the city in the event of issues on the M3/A34 to avoid goods traffic using local roads (C543)

## Housing

- 8 people commented that you should develop brownfield sites first for housing (C114, C256, C274, C280, C475, C478, C500, C586), reuse the old Army camp at Badgers Farm Road (C114), presumption against large scale greenfield sites (C388) and maintaining unspoilt countryside (C394, C500) and build on car parks in the centre (C452)
- 3 people commented that COVID-19 has resulted in a vacant office space that should be used for housing (C114, C274, C388)
- 2 people commented that new housing that is being built is not offering quality of living with walking routes and additional facilities or creating the need for car use (C149, C160)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to identify opportunities for all ages to self build homes which are affordable with eco-credentials (C58) and housing for first time buyers and people wishing to downsize (C388)
- 1 person commented that small developments in smaller places have a greater impact (C274)
- 1 person commented that the vision should encourage each settlement and community to be sustainable by itself (C309)
- 1 person commented that market towns and larger villages will need to grow to enable them to continue to be vibrant (C315)
- 1 person commented that the vision should take into account residents views on overbuild of housing and transport links (C563)

#### **Decision making**

- 11 people commented the need for more involvement of local organisations such as Parish Councils and the majority of people outside Winchester City need to be consulted on (C87, C144, C286, C372, C382, C397, C399, C404, C408, C421, C603)
- 5 people commented that decisions should take account of a wide range of local views and priorities in an open and transparent way (C27, C42, C76, C197, C372)
- 5 people commented that there should be greater and better meaningful engagement, consultation with local expertise and committed people / members of the public (C47, C155, C282, C353, C436) in a collaborative way and identify a Champion (C356)
- 2 people commented that the vision should encourage people and residents to take control of where they live and make the area feel theirs (C15, C335)
- 1 person commented that there needs to be strong leadership with the council and community working together to solve problems (C352) and the need to develop widespread consensus , trust and a more creative open inclusive leadership (C356)
- 1 person commented that there needs to be an emphasis on small improvements at a local level is admirable and necessary but it is not sufficient basis for the Local Plan (C123)
- 1 person commented on the need to keep our heritage and farming life styles alive and being able to pass them onto our children and the City is run completely differently from the countryside (C278)
- 1 person commented that there was not enough focus on the settlements that are outside if the SDNP (C316)
- 1 person commented that the level of consultation needs in the rural areas needs to be of equal significance (C429)

- 1 person commented on the need to minimise carbon and pollution thus protecting the historic environment are welcomed (C326)
- 1 person commented on the need to ensure that climate change is at the heart of decision making (C481)
- 1 person commented that it needs to reflect the new challenges and declining high streets (C326)
- 1 person commented that the Council needs to employ a 'Making things happen person/organization' (C356)

#### **Facilities**

- 3 people commented that our entire lives, open space home working and online shopping has altered as a result of COVID-19 (C32, C124. C388)
- 2 people commented on the promotion of amenities for culture, leisure, recreation and well being (C280, C394)
- 1 person commented on the need to encourage pop up parks and community orchards (C15)
- 1 person commented that housing should have a village green space for community interaction (C149)
- 1 person commented that the vision needs to promote the growth of businesses and promotion of enterprise (C280)
- 1 person commented on the need to give small businesses a voice (C356)
- 1 person commented that there should be more emphasis on services and facilities to outlying neighborhoods to reduce the need to travel (C383)
- 1 person commented that Winchester will remain a key centre for services and continues to be accessible (including by the car) (C293)
- 1 person commented that resilience and a healthy environment rich in biodiversity are core to the very nature of our planet's survival and should be at the heart of the vision (C321)
- 1 person commented that the vision should limit new commercial and retail growth (C394),
- 1 person commented that retail outlets are no longer a viable business model for town, offices and homes offer no amenity value to attract visitors (C574)
- 1 person commented in the need to take account of how Winchester's high street has suffered pre and post pandemic

#### **Ecology/nature conservation/sustainability**

- 2 people commented that there is a need to protect green spaces for biodiversity, health and wellbeing (C478, C481)
- 2 people commented that Greenbelt should be a priority (C256, C274)
- 1 person commented on the need to bring local countryside, produce and food into the heart of our city and villages (C57)
- 1 person commented that there should be a greater emphasis on open space and nature as a result of the pandemic (C388)
- 1 person commented that there needs to be a commitment to ecology (C441)

- 1 person commented on the need to develop brand guidelines for sustainability where heritage, culture and biodiversity meet (C356)
- 1 person commented that the vision should state no building on farmland and a big new town would destroy the culture and lifestyles of many people who live there (C566)

**Summary of key headlines:**

**The need to:**

- ensure that the Local Plan is balanced and it reflects the needs of the whole of the district
- use some of the elements of the Winchester Town Forum vision to inform the Local Plan but acknowledged that it does not reflect all of the district especially those parishes in the more rural areas
- use City of Walking as a concept but acknowledge that it does to relate to communities that live in the peripheral parts of Winchester Town
- support for efficient, low pollution transport, greater emphasis on public transport and cycle friendly radial routes
- develop brownfield sites first for housing and reuse vacant office space for housing
- involve more organisations such as Parish Councils with better and more meaningful engagement and consultation
- acknowledge that COVID-19 has changed the way we want to live, work and shop
- protect green spaces for biodiversity, health and wellbeing