

**Your Place, Your Plan**

**‘Sustainable Development  
Objectives’**

**Summary of Comments and  
Issues Raised**

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

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/wcc-local-plan-sip>

The consultation ran from 15/02/2021 to 12/04/2021

### Introduction

It is important to have achievable objectives for the future of the district over the plan period. The 'sustainable development objectives' are classified under the headings of environment, economic or social objectives as together these underpin 'sustainable development'. Carbon Neutrality is a fundamental overarching objective with which the other sustainable development objectives must align.

The SIP Consultation questions regarding the sustainable development objectives were:

**Question 1** – Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? There are 8 sustainable environmental objectives these are:

- Positively contribute to achieving a carbon neutral district by 2030 through appropriately located development, good connectivity and sustainable design
- Reduce the number of places that experience poor air and water quality. Reduce waste and exceed current recycling targets
- Enable communities to respond and adapt to the effects of climate change ensuing that development is appropriately designed and located and can be adapted
- Ensure that development provides biodiversity net gain, and does not increase the loss of habitats or the risk of flooding and overheating
- Require development to be resilient to climate change challenges, innovative, energy efficient, sustainably constructed and designed and meet health and well-being needs
- Promote and encourage use of renewable energy sources to power new developments
- Strengthen and create healthy communities that are connected, with easily accessible open spaces and green / blue infrastructure, and support sustainable travel choices including walking and cycling
- Promote development that is innovative, energy efficient and appropriate to the local surroundings

**Question 1** also asked - If you disagree with the sustainable environmental development objectives, please explain why:

**Question 2** - Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? There are 8 sustainable economic development objectives these are:

- Grow opportunities for a range of high-quality, well-paid employment across the district including opportunities for graduates and younger workers.
- Aim to provide for new offices and workspace in easily accessible locations and to protect existing offices and workspaces which are located in areas with sustainable transport links or where they reduce the need to travel to work and which reflect the on-going changes in the way people work.
- Support development which is designed in a manner that actively encourages people to live, work and spend locally and supports a sustainable tourism economy
- Actively encourage development which supports the needs of new businesses and entrepreneurs of the future, particularly within the creative sectors including IT, Digital, Architecture, and emerging green growth sectors.
- Support long term sustainable employment opportunities in the market towns and rural communities.
- Support and ensure that new development is served by the appropriate infrastructure including cycling and walking, public transport, access to support superfast broadband and good mobile phone connectivity.
- Ensure that the city, market towns and rural communities across our district are attractive to visitors and are competitive and attractive to new inward investment.
- Support the long-term development of our high streets by promoting active shop fronts and actively managing the change in the mix of uses, whilst discouraging out of town retail developments.

**Question 2** also asked if you disagree with the sustainable economic development objectives, please explain why.

**Question 3** - Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives?

There are 7 sustainable social development objectives they are:

- Achieve a transport system that is balanced and is focused on sustainable transport modes that provides everyone with a real choice whilst supporting walking and cycling and tackles in and out commuting
- Provide and broaden the choice of homes to meet the identified need of our communities and to support long term economic growth
- Develop a built environment that is focussed more on people than private cars and respects and responds to local character so that we create communities and places where people want to live, work, study and play
- Promote active participation that supports an individual's right to participate in the activities and relationships of everyday life as independently as possible and support those individuals that are not able to do this

- Aim to create communities that are focussed on green spaces, reduces health inequalities and creates a healthy environment in the district by having good access to services, schools and facilities within walking distance
- Protect and enhance open space and community facilities as spaces for social engagement and community building/empowering neighbourhoods; ensure new developments provide spaces for social interaction and the building of new community networks
- Support the district's role as a thriving centre for education which integrates with the resident population

**Question 3** also asked - If you disagree with the sustainable social development objectives, please explain why:

**Question 4:** Do you have any other comments about the sustainable development objectives?

A summary of the responses received us set out below.

**1: Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? Please tick all that apply.**

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Positively contribute to achieving a carbon neutral district by 2030 through appropriately located development, good connectivity and sustainable design**

There were the following responses to this part of the question from Citizen Space.

Option	Citizenspace
Agree with the objective?	261
Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?	150
Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?	149
Not Answered	291

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Reduce the number of places that experience poor air and water quality. Reduce waste and exceed current recycling targets**

There were responses to this part of the question from Citizen Space.

Option	Citizenspace
Agree with the objective?	291
Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?	151
Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to	135

<b>achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	
<b>Not Answered</b>	270

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Enable communities to respond and adapt to the effects of climate change ensuing that development is appropriately designed and located and can be adapted**

There were the following responses to this part of the question from Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	275
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	142
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	132
<b>Not Answered</b>	283

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Ensure that development provides biodiversity net gain, and does not increase the loss of habitats or the risk of flooding and overheating**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	296
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	151
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	129
<b>Not Answered</b>	268

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Require development to be resilient to climate change challenges, innovative, energy efficient, sustainably constructed and designed and meet health and well-being needs**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	290

<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	138
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	141
<b>Not Answered</b>	282

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Promote and encourage use of renewable energy sources to power new developments**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	281
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	142
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	147
<b>Not Answered</b>	279

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Strengthen and create healthy communities that are connected, with easily accessible open spaces and green / blue infrastructure, and support sustainable travel choices including walking and cycling**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	285
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	139
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	141
<b>Not Answered</b>	282

**Do you agree with the sustainable environmental development objectives? - Promote development that is innovative, energy efficient and appropriate to the local surroundings**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

Option	Citizenspace
Agree with the objective?	286
Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?	140
Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?	129
Not Answered	275

**If you disagree with the sustainable environmental development objectives, please explain why:**

There were the following responses to this part of the question.

Summary of responses

32 ( minus 3 who don't want their comments published) respondents commented in relation to residential development. Concerns were made that there is a conflict between building new houses and sustainable development especially due to the number of houses proposed to be built. Others believe that development needs to be built on existing brownfield sites and not on greenfield land or existing structure and developments should be looked at before looking at new housing sites. Respondents raised that consideration needs to be given to sustainable design and zero carbon construction for the new houses that is being built. Concerns were also raised that sustainable design shouldn't be a reason to promote a new development or use it as justification for being on greenfield sites. (C31, C36, C54, C59, C95, C125, C136, C149, C163, C246, C248, C260, C274, C290, C375, C388, C394, C398, C429, C463, C469, C475, C479, C491, C498, C555, C561, C590, C283, E932)

18 (minus 1 who didn't want their comments published) Respondents made general comments (C40, C170, C189, C190, C191, C224, C273, C316, C336, C356, C461, C482, C514, C579, C586, C597, C600)

17 respondents believe that the target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 is unrealistic especially due to the timeframe to achieve it within. (C5, C17, C101, C187, C228, C241, C248, C315, C352, C382, C439, C445, C464, C480, C494, C540, C554)

14 respondents raised concerns regarding the level of detailed provided on the sustainable objectives. Concerns are raised that the targets are very general and that specific targets and performance measures would be required to ensure they are achieved. Respondents considered that more details were required on the each target and how these were going to be achieved (C23, C54, C186, C198, C234, C255, C306, C329, C416, C542, C574, C584, C321, C336)

14 respondents raised concerns that there was too much focus on sustainable development and achieving carbon neutrality/ carbon zero and this may overshadowing a number of other issues that need to be addressed. (C2, C7, C23, C207, C236, C378, C428, C559, C238, C293, C347, C348, C528, C539)

13 respondents commented on the transport objective. Concerns were raised that we need to ensure that sustainable transport is made by choice and not a requirement. Concerns were raised that the elderly population or disabled are not able to use walking and cycling as promoted as part of the objective or it's not always a viable option due to the weather or place of work. Concerns were raised that smaller villages and rural areas do not always have public transport and improvements were required. Suggestions were made that new developments should always include cycle lanes, workplaces should be located in areas with good travel links and commerce near major roads. One respondent supported the objectives creating sustainable travel choices for communities. The responded said that we need to ensure that the design for any development scheme is appropriate to its location and designing for walking, and separately for cycle traffic, particularly on commuter routes through provision of segregated facilities, can achieve higher levels of modal shift from driving. (C259, C299, C313, C355, C378, C437, C469, C543, C566, C578, C216, C10, C299, E1238, C283)

11 (minus 1 who didn't want their comments published) respondents agreed with the objectives but wished to add other comments. (C7, C36, C58, C103, C117, C149, C163, C170, C461, C603)

9 (Minus 2 who don't want their comments published) respondents commented on renewable energy. Whilst the comments generally agreed with the renewable energy objective some wished to see more included within the objective. Others raised concern that renewable energy sources needed to be in keeping with its surroundings, that it should cover all housing and not just new housing, but all new developments should have a form of renewable energy. One respondent raised that the method of creating energy was more important than the energy efficiency of a building or business. (C146, C308, C326, C343, C365, C392, C549)

7 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents commented in relation to the biodiversity objective. The respondents considered that more needs to be done for biodiversity, by concentrating on biodiversity net gain, rewilding schemes, increase in green spaces and by ensuring that environments and habitats are not destroyed or polluted. (C343, C321, C336, C342, C437, C342)

5 respondents raised concerns that there were too many objectives and should be simplified to ensure they are measurable and achievable. One respondent considered that they need to focus on fewer specific issues. (C144, C347, C348, C580, E1232)

5 respondents commented on the health and well being objective. The two main points raised were that people should have access to green open space and they



should have access to good and sustainable food and the ability to grow their own food. (C343, C516, C532, C535, C342)

4 respondents raised the issue of sustainable development in relation to reducing waste and exceeding recycling targets. Respondents considered that there should be a national policy for waste and that more should be able to be recycled and easier access to skips/recycling centres. (C57, C117, C290, C321)

3 respondents raised concerns of whether the objectives could be achieved and were realistic, especially due to many factors being out of the Council's control. (C60, C353, C471)

2 respondents believe there is no climate emergency. (C8, C523)

1 responded agreed with the objective and carbon neutrality. They think the local Plan should acknowledge nutrient neutrality and establish a detailed policy and objectives which seeks to achieve the aim of ensuring that new housing development enables a nutrient and nitrate neutral future (E739).

1 respondent considered the objectives are not complete, no reference to land use or protection and enhancement of landscape and cultural heritage (E1182).

1 response from a developer – The new North Whiteley extension will balance the achievement of economic, social and environmental objectives (E1128).

## **2: Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? Please tick all that apply.**

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Grow opportunities for a range of high-quality, well-paid employment across the district including opportunities for graduates and younger workers.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	271
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	129
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	75
<b>Not Answered</b>	299

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Aim to provide for new offices and workspace in easily accessible locations and to protect existing offices and workspaces which are located in areas with sustainable transport links or where they reduce the need to travel to work and which reflect the on-going changes in the way people work.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	237
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	118
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	106
<b>Not Answered</b>	325

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Support development which is designed in a manner that actively encourages people to live, work and spend locally and supports a sustainable tourism economy.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	268
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	139
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	118
<b>Not Answered</b>	292

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Actively encourage development which supports the needs of new businesses and entrepreneurs of the future, particularly within the creative sectors including IT, Digital, Architecture, and emerging green growth sectors.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	239
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	122
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	93
<b>Not Answered</b>	321

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Support long term sustainable employment opportunities in the market towns and rural communities.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	268
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	151
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	111
<b>Not Answered</b>	293

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Support and ensure that new development is served by the appropriate infrastructure including cycling and walking, public transport, access to support superfast broadband and good mobile phone connectivity.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	279
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	141
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	133
<b>Not Answered</b>	288

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Ensure that the city, market towns and rural communities across our district are attractive to visitors and are competitive and attractive to new inward investment.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	257
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	125
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to</b>	77

<b>achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	
<b>Not Answered</b>	310

**Do you agree with the sustainable economic development objectives? - Support the long-term development of our high streets by promoting active shop fronts and actively managing the change in the mix of uses, whilst discouraging out of town retail developments.**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	250
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	135
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	101
<b>Not Answered</b>	316

**If you disagree with the sustainable economic development objectives, please explain why:**

31 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to the '*Support the long-term development of our high streets by promoting active shop fronts and actively managing the change in the mix of uses, whilst discouraging out of town retail developments*' objective. A number of the respondents disagree with discouraging out of town retail developments. These respondents considered that out of town retail developments were good for certain retailers like large supermarkets, larger shops, DIY and trade shops especially retail that needs a car as they were easier to get to and parking was generally easier. The respondents also considered that it reduced the traffic within the town centre.

A number of respondents considered that retail is likely to change due to change in habits with online shopping and that retail is unlikely to thrive on its own without other uses. One respondent suggested using the high street for more innovative and beneficial means. Another respondent disagreed with the development of high streets in small rural villages.

2 respondents considered that people need to live closer to the high street to encourage the use of its.

Whereas 2 respondents considered that the development of the high streets wasn't sustainable and that low carbon should be added to all objectives and we should support a more sustainable and circular economy with less retail therapy.

(C20, C22, C60, C75, C84, C95, C124, C208, C243, C244, C245, C248, C259, C290, C305, C343, C355, C385, C413, C429, C437, C445, C494, C543, C549, C574, C586, C590, C601)

26 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents commented on the '*aim to provide for new offices and workspace in easily accessible locations and to protect existing offices and workspaces which are located in areas with sustainable transport links or where they reduce the need to travel to work and which reflect the on-going changes in the way people work*' objective. Most of the respondents considered that there should be less emphasis on office accommodation, due to the changes in working from the pandemic and the likelihood that more people will be working from home. Others considered that there was a number of existing unlet offices and that existing buildings could be converted into offices to prevent more development. It was suggested that the need for office space should be reviewed following the pandemic. However, one respondent raised concern about existing office space that had been lost. One respondent considered we should avoid talking about growth and talk about quality of life and fairness of distribution.

Concerns were also raised about the use of public transport for travelling to work. Concerns were raised that public transport is out of the Councils control, others commented that they had no choice but to use the car, dependent on where they live and work. One respondent considered that we need to support new offices and workspace near existing services and facilities, accessed by walking, cycling and public transport or facilities. They considered that new development should be based on 15 minute neighbourhood. One respondent considered that there too much focus on the environment and not enough on growth. One respondent considered that the economic vision needed to be considered as a wider sub region.

(C1, C5, C10, C17, C23, C31, C37, C58, C61, C101, C124, C150, C156, C164, C167, C215, C276, C379, C388, C471, C509, C514, C528, C593, E1182, E1238)

20 respondents made general comments (C40, C103, C136, C163, C165, C166, C177, C189, C191, C313, C273, C317, C342, C416, C475, C482, C523, C542, C584, C597)

12 respondents commented on the objective *regarding growth opportunities for a range of high-quality, well-paid employment across the district including opportunities for graduates and younger workers*. Concerns were raised regarding the need to attract high-quality, well paid employment. Respondents considered that we should try to attract a wide range of jobs and skills and shouldn't limit the sectors we aim to attract and that everyone should have access to high paid jobs. One respondent considered that remote working would be happening and therefore this aim wasn't necessary, another suggested looking beyond Winchester when trying to attract high paid workers or graduates. One respondent highlighted that due to high house prices it is hard to attract graduates who are then unable to afford to live in the area. One

respondent also queries the link between high-quality jobs and carbon neutrality. (C15, C23, C36, C136, C150, C323, C329, C334, C356, C453, C479, C566)

8 respondents referred to the '*Support and ensure that new development is served by the appropriate infrastructure including cycling and walking, public transport, access to support superfast broadband and good mobile phone connectivity*' objective. One respondent considered that cycling should not be considered as a mode of transport, another considered that other outdoor sports should be protected. One respondents noted that mass public transit hubs (like rail) had not been included and considered that new development should be built around these transit hubs. Whilst other respondents considered that we shouldn't promote new development due to existing empty shops and offices and the need to consider existing infrastructure before adding more. One respondent suggested creating joined up footpaths and also safe cycling routes to encourage people to walk and cycle. (C27, C43, C57, C77, C214, C246, C429, C594)

8 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to the '*Support development which is designed in a manner that actively encourages people to live, work and spend locally and supports a sustainable tourism economy*' objective. Concerns were raised regarding encouraging more tourist to the area due to the impact it has on local residents and carbon neutrality. Comments were also raised about house prices and therefore it was difficult for people to live and work in the same area. Other considered that economic growth should be encourage in another area of the borough. One respondent agreed with the objective and considered that new development is served by appropriate infrastructure as these link with the environmental objectives (C2, C8, C60, C198, C346, C491, E739)

7 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents raised concerns about new development and the impact on green spaces and considered that any development should be carried out on brownfield sites first. (C81, C100, C264, C278, C326, C529)

7 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents disagreed with the objectives. The respondents raised concerns that the objectives focus on growth within the area and they did not feel this was necessary.(C274, C220, C224, C299, C425, C539)

6 respondents referred to the '*Ensure that the city, market towns and rural communities across our district are attractive to visitors and are competitive and attractive to new inward investment*' objective. One respondent suggested case studies to use to improve the high street and also suggested considering air bnbs and pop up shops in the high street. Other respondents agreed with the objectives but raised the issue that we need to ensure it doesn't result in excessive traffic or over-development and this was supported by another respondent who raised that we need to ensure that not all visitors arrive by car. One respondent however raised concerns that attracting more visitor may not make it attractive to inward investors.

One respondent raised the concern that any growth needs to be carbon neutral. (C4, C321, C360, C394, C441, C561)

6 respondents considered that the objectives were very generally and more specific targets were required. Respondents also raised concerns of how the objectives were going to be implemented. (C23, C186, C239, C365, C336, C452)

5 respondents considered that there were too many objectives and that they should be simplified so the targets could be met. (C144, C306, C347, C348, C580)

4 respondents raised concerns of the lack of reference to affordable housing within the objectives and believe it is an issue as workers in the lower paid jobs are unable to afford accommodation within the area. (C61, C63, C336, C353)

4 respondents said that they agree with the objectives. (C117, C461, C469, C600)

4 respondents referred to the '*actively encourage development which supports the needs of new businesses and entrepreneurs of the future, particularly within the creative sectors including IT, Digital, Architecture, and emerging green growth sectors*' objective. The respondents raised concerns regarding the sectors of businesses that were suggested to be supported, they considered that they were too niche and should be encouraged as part of wider businesses. One respondent considered that we should attract more inward investment and be an attractive location for companies to locate to. (C46, C123, C198, E739)

3 respondents considered that sustainable food infrastructure was required to serve any new development. (C516, C532, C535)

2 respondents raised the need for high quality broadband and digital infrastructure especially in rural locations. (E1238, E1232)

1 respondent referred to the '*support long term sustainable employment opportunities in the market towns and rural communities*' commenting that the areas are irrelevant due to remote working and larger enterprises are hiring from market and rural towns without demanding the need to be in another location. (C150)

1 respondent considered that there should be more emphasis on carbon neutral and low impact.

1 respondent considered that the objectives are too general and need greater definition and some are unclear.

**3: Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? Please tick all that apply.**

**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Achieve a transport system that is balanced and is focused on sustainable transport**

**modes that provides everyone with a real choice whilst supporting walking and cycling and tackles in and out commuting**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizens Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	264
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	144
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	132
<b>Not Answered</b>	298

**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Provide and broaden the choice of homes to meet the identified need of our communities and to support long term economic growth**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	235
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	119
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	80
<b>Not Answered</b>	334

**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Develop a built environment that is focussed more on people than private cars and respects and responds to local character so that we create communities and places where people want to live, work, study and play**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizens Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	223
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	128
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	107
<b>Not Answered</b>	344

**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Promote**



**active participation that supports an individual’s right to participate in the activities and relationships of everyday life as independently as possible and support those individuals that are not able to do this**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizen Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	254
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	126
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	74
<b>Not Answered</b>	314

**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Aim to create communities that are focussed on green spaces, reduces health inequalities and creates a healthy environment in the district by having good access to services, schools and facilities within walking distance**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizens Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	271
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	142
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	127
<b>Not Answered</b>	292

**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Protect and enhance open space and community facilities as spaces for social engagement and community building/empowering neighbourhoods; ensure new developments provide spaces for social interaction and the building of new community networks**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizens Space.

<b>Option</b>	<b>Citizenspace</b>
<b>Agree with the objective?</b>	267
<b>Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?</b>	124
<b>Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?</b>	92

Not Answered	302
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**Do you agree with the sustainable social development objectives? - Support the district’s role as a thriving centre for education which integrates with the resident population**

There were the following responses to this part of the question on Citizens Space.

Option	Citizenspace
Agree with the objective?	240
Agree that the objective reflects the key issues that are facing the district?	114
Agree that the objective supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality?	73
Not Answered	332

**If you disagree with the sustainable social development objectives, please explain why:**

33 (minus 1 who don’t want their comments published) respondents referred to the ‘*Develop a built environment that is focussed more on people than private cars and respects and responds to local character so that we create communities and places where people want to live, work, study and play*’ objective.

A number of the respondents raised concerns regarding moving away from the use of private cars. They considered that the private cars is essential for rural residents due to inadequate public transport, is needed for many for a good quality of life, needed by older people and due to the lack of schools and facilities in villages the car is needed to access facilities. A number of respondents raised that public transport was inadequate and expensive and that more would need to be provided including park and ride or dial a ride facilities. Others raised that many areas lack suitable paths, cycle ways and bridle ways so people aren’t able to walk or cycle. One respondent considered that people should be able to choose their method of transport and space should be provided to put them. Others considered that all cars would soon be electric which would address the issue. Respondents considered that if enough parking isn’t provided then streets become hazardous due to on street parking. One respondent highlight that an integrated and joined up transport network provides a number of challenges and you need to invest and develop local transport services.

Other respondents considered that we do not need vast new housing estates or developments and that any new developments should be on brownfield sites. Others raised that development should be built around existing infrastructure to avoid the need to travel.

One respondent questioned the need to focus on growth and one suggested improving broadband access so that people are able to work from home.

(C2, C5, C57, C84, C95, C117, C124, C140, C146, C150, C170, C208, C215, C216, C245, C267, C274, C276, C278, C290, C305, C317, C352, C356, C394, C413, C437, C493, C542, C576, E739, E1238)

20 respondents commented on the '*Achieve a transport system that is balanced and is focused on sustainable transport modes that provides everyone with a real choice whilst supporting walking and cycling and tackles in and out commuting*' objective.

A number of the respondents raised concerns that there was too much focus on walking and cycling and that using the car was necessary when travelling further distances or travelling to work. One respondent raised that some businesses need a car to operate. The respondents raised that public transport is limited within the rural villages and countryside and therefore not a suitable alternative to the car. Concerns were raised that the objectives was too much 'anti-car'. Two respondents raised concerns that the car was important for elderly, disabled or infirm who are unable to use public transport, walking or cycling. One respondent highlighted that there is no reference to electric charging points and considered that electric vehicles would become mainstream.

Whilst three other respondents agreed that we should be prioritising pedestrians and cyclists and the objective should go further. One considered that the objective doesn't reflect the urgency of achieving radical changes.

1 respondent considered that the wording of the objective should be changed to including prioritising sustainable transport modes, tackle unnecessary car travel and ensure everyone has a choice.

(C17, C23, C43, C76, C77, C190, C198, C214, C248, C259, C299, C313, C378, C462, C566, C578, C584, E1218, E1232)

17 respondents commented on the number and wording of the objectives. The respondents considered that there were too many objectives and questioned the wording of the objectives. It was considered that there were too many items in each statement and they need to be simplified to help them be achieved and prioritise the objectives. Others raised concerns that there are no performance indicators, so it is unclear how the objectives would be achieved. (C136, C144, C165, C177, C186, C234, C241, C255, C306, C336, C347, C348, C379, C452, C463, C574, C580)

14 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to the '*Support the district's role as a thriving centre for education which integrates with the resident population*' objective. The respondents disagreed with the objective and considered that there were too many students within the area. It was considered that the students do not integrate with the local populations, and bring a huge influx of cars. It was considered that the university is a source of pollution, traffic and

parking. Concerns were raised that the housing was used for students and therefore resulted in a loss of local housing, affordable and council housing for local residents. Respondents considered that students should not take priority over local residents and that the university was destroying the community socially and environmentally.

Other considered that learning could be done online rather than travelling to the university and one residents considered that the objective needed a zero carbon focus. (C8, C197, C215, C257, C282, C316, C329, C346, C365, C375, C491, C514, C516)

14 respondents had general comments (C40, C58, C101, C103, C191, C220, C256, C273, C482, C494, C523, C532, C586, C593)

13 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to the *'Provide and broaden the choice of homes to meet the identified need of our communities and to support long term economic growth'* objective.

The respondents considered that emphasis was needed on the type of housing that was required and that there should be a key emphasis on affordable housing and housing for younger people in the local area. It was considered that we needed to ensure that we boost the housing supply and a choice of homes was required to meet the need.

While other respondents disagreed with the objective. They considered that no more housing was needed and that existing developments like Barton Farm already provided the housing required and no further housing should be built until they were sold.

1 respondent raised a query of how it related to carbon neutrality and one respondent raised concern with long term economic growth and considered that it should be sustainable and organic growth.

(C1, C4, C61, C150, C342, C375, C469, C475, C514, C556, C597, E1238)

10 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to the *'Aim to create communities that are focussed on green spaces, reduces health inequalities and creates a healthy environment in the district by having good access to services, schools and facilities within walking distance'* objective. The respondents considered that there should be no out of town developments or development on green spaces and that the 'green spaces' should be on brownfield sites.

1 respondent considered that residents should be encouraged to take an active role in creating green spaces. Two respondents considered they should have access to good food and be encouraged to grow their own food. One respondent considered that people with learning disabilities liked to live together rather than in communities.

In contrast one respondents considered that not all people like green spaces and they like urban living and do not care about community living. (C15, C53, C164, C156, C343, C416, C514, C516, C535)

7 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to the '*Protect and enhance open space and community facilities as spaces for social engagement and community building/empowering neighbourhoods; ensure new developments provide spaces for social interaction and the building of new community networks*' objective. The respondents considered that we need to ensure we don't over develop as this can lead to social problems.

Others considered that there are limited facilities in some areas for people to socialise and this should be focused on, two respondents considered that local community groups need to be empowered to help achieve the objective and one respondent considered that too much money is spent on community vanity projects that have little use for the community. (C31, C326, C371, C410, C514, C594)

5 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents stated that they agreed with the objectives and they should be used to assess new housing developments. (C36, C100, C388, C461)

3 respondents considered that additional objectives were required to address all issues. Respondents considered that development need to be sensitive to existing communities and building upon the communities that are already in place, and should enhance existing communities. Another respondent highlighted the importance the countryside has on people's health and wellbeing. (C236, C428, C429)

2 respondents commented on the '*Promote active participation that supports an individual's right to participate in the activities and relationships of everyday life as independently as possible and support those individuals that are not able to do this*' objective. One respondents considered that 'provide infrastructure such as allotments, meeting spaces, and activity areas to support this' should be added to the objective. The other respondent considered the objective was meaningless. (C343, C590)

2 respondents stated they disagreed with the objectives. (C10, C224)

#### **4: Do you have any other comments about the sustainable development objectives?**

#### **Do you have any other comments about the Sustainable Development Objectives?**

There were the following responses to this part of the question.

11 respondents answered 'no' to this question

24 respondents referred to transport in their responses.

One respondent questioned the meaning of sustainable transport.

A number of respondents raised concerns regarding encouraging cycling and walking as sustainable modes of transport. The respondents considered that due to the distance and the hills within the borough cycling and walking is not a reasonable alternative to the car. One respondent raised that cycling and walking is not possible for all people due to mobility issues. One respondent highlighted that there isn't space for footpaths and cycle paths in some areas. Others considered that there needed to be more cycle routes, the roads should be wider so cars and cycles can share the road and it needs to be safer for cyclists.

Other respondents considered that there needed to be a more integrated public transport system and the number and frequency of the buses needed to be increased especially to rural villages. One respondent highlighted that people aren't able to use public transport because of the nature of their jobs and other respondents highlighted that public transport was being reduced in some areas which is contrary to the objective.

30 respondents referred to green spaces within their comments. The respondents considered that existing green spaces should be protected and housing developments should not be built on these areas. It was considered that brownfield sites and previously developed land should be used. The respondents considered that we need to protect the existing green spaces, ensure there is a rural gap between sites/villages, ensure we preserve the character of the district and have a green belt to protect the area. It was also considered that green spaces are required to protect the landscape and habitats within them.

29 (minus 2 who don't want their comments published) respondents also considered that agricultural land should be protected to grow food and reduce imports from other countries. (C15, C19, C21, C31, C33, C88, C108, C114, C155, C156, C164, C177, C229, C351, C352, C376, C379, C406, C407, C414, C455, C511, C512, C529, C542, C336, C455, C561)

A number of respondents referred to the issue of traffic. One respondent highlight that they would like to see a reduction of city traffic and cars and commercial vehicles (non electric) restricted from the city centre at certain times. One respondent suggested a northern by-pass to reduce traffic. One respondent highlighted the traffic issues that Winchester is often used to avoid M3 and A34 congestions. Other suggested making better pedestrian links within the city to avoid the use of cars, provide access and parking for elderly and disabled and make the access by rail more attractive. (C8, C304, C305, C321, C396, C554, C46, C160, C168, C192, C299, C323, C63, C75, C127, C197, C208, C243, C244, C293, C425, C480, C494, C514)

21 respondents referred to major developments within their comments. One respondent considered that sustainability must not be the only criteria for consideration when allowing major developments. One considered that the objectives were ignored when development is considered. A number of respondents objected to proposed developments including Royaldown and Micheldever station whilst another respondent considered that should be no more developments like Barton Farm. One respondent raised concerns about the changes to the hospital.

18 (minus 2 who don't want their comments published) respondents made general comments (C40, C139, C163, C189, C191, C220, C224, C248, C278, C299, C316, C323, C325, C542, C574, C600)

12 respondents commented on the deliverability of the objectives. The respondents raised concerns of whether the objectives could be delivered within the proposed timescale. Others considered that they could not be delivered and this has not been considered within the objectives. Others considered that sustainable development need to be defined and that within the objectives it needs to be made clear of how they will be achieved and goals should be set. Others considered that we need to be realistic on what we can achieve and that the objectives should be made clearer. (C17, C26, C36, C234, C353, C372, C388, C394, C429, C453, C513, C316)

7 respondents commented on community within their responses. The respondents considered that we need to create community hubs that support elderly and poorer members. Others suggested enhancing the community facilities including, arts and cultural facilities, community centres and village halls for clubs and classes, large spaces for adult exercising and more community leisure spaces to allow communities to socialise. One respondents considered that we need to create communities that are focused on green spaces, reduce health inequalities, healthy environment and have good access to services. One respondent considered that leisure amenities should be built in conjunction with new housing developments. (C20, C407, C526, C602, C371, C439, C563)

6 respondents commented on affordable homes. The respondents considered that housing affordability is a key issue for the Local Plan. It was considered that affordable housing should be provided for less well paid workers so they did not have to travel to the city for work, affordable living for younger people to help the next generation move into the city and more social/council housing and less large houses. (C11, C352, C437, C548, C559, C597)

5 respondents commented on the wording of the objectives. They considered that the objectives were too broad and need more details and a measurement of how they are to be achieved and how they are to be delivered. It was considered that the objectives should be simplified and have more direct language with an aim for zero greenhouse gas emissions. (C54, C78, C341, C469, C487)

The respondents considered that the green spaces should be protected for future generations, for well-being and good health for people to use them. Others suggested that residents should be given an active role in creating green spaces for vegetable growing or creating wildlife habitats. Another suggested using green spaces to provide space for adult exercise.

3 respondents considered that the heritage of Winchester, the historic environment and conservation areas needed to be considered within the objectives. (C462, C548, C239)

3 respondents raised concerns regarding the impact on the environment. The respondents considered that population growth conflicts within environmental sustainability, biodiversity concerns and carbon neutrality. Rivers are at risk of being depleted and contaminated with nitrates. One respondents considered that we need to preserve wildlife and vegetation in the small areas that area provided. (C491, C149, C439)

2 respondents commented on infrastructure. The respondents considered that there is a lack of recognition of the role of supporting infrastructure to meet the existing and future needs of the community and population. They considered that the infrastructure cannot cope and is already on the limits of capacity. (C23, C43)

2 respondents highlight that we need to considered the changes that have happened due to covid especially the way we work. (C32, C150)

Respondents considered that there is too much emphasis on development and that further development is not justified. Respondents raised concern about the impact on the environment and traffic from large developments.

1 respondent highlighted that communities are car dependent due to the dispersal of developments and there their proximity to facilities.

1 respondent considered that you need to allow people the choice to park within the city or use the park and ride facilities.

1 respondent considered that the objective focused on a short term goal or carbon gain rather than long term goals.

Others highlighted that the objectives could only be achieved on new developments due to the requirements.

1 comment was received from a developer highlighting that their proposed site could meet the requirements of the objectives and minimize reliance on private car.

1 respondent considered that we needed smaller developments, although another respondent raised concerns about piecemeal development. Respondents considered that we should restrict large greenfield projects and protect villages from urban



spread. Respondents considered that we should build small scale development on brownfield sites.

1 respondent considered that the design of large developments should be reconsidered following covid and another believed that large private garden space allocation should also be reconsidered.

1 response from a developer considered that the objectives align perfectly with site opportunities for sustainable village extensions. (C81, C95, C100, C125, C256, C267, C272, C282, C290, C317, C318, C326, C335, C398, C487, C493, C596, C58, C59, C113, C192)

2 respondents referred to the city centre in their responses and considered that we should concentrate on redeveloping the city centre to take account of changes in working pattern/commuting, changes in retails and promote more residential living in city centre. The other respondent also considered that we should focus on rejuvenating urban centres. (C87, C259)

43 respondents referred to carbon neutrality or sustainable development within their response.

The majority of the respondents considered that there is too much emphasis on carbon neutrality. They considered that carbon neutrality should not be the lead and that it's not the role of the local plan. It is considered that the Local Plan should deliver sustainable new development. The respondents also raised concerns that the target cannot be achieved and were unrealistic with many questioning why the target is ahead of the national target. Others considered that there were too many objectives and that they should be simplified. Others also questioned how the objectives and carbon neutrality target were going to be implemented and considered that they need goals and should be monitored.

Respondents also considered under this heading:

- We should take action on methane gas not just carbon
- We should encourage development with the most sustainability benefits to come forward first
- Questioned where our energy and electricity would come from with this approach.
- Sustainability should be defined
- Balance all environmental objectives
- Support sustainable development and acknowledged a balance between growth, supporting local communities and protect the environment.
- Sustainable food
- Limits to growth
- Sustainable development is restrictive and expensive for houses and offices
- Should mention UN sustainability goals

(C136, C144, C226, C227, C231, C236, C252, C253, C262, C274, C282, C292, C309, C314, C327, C331, C343, C347, C348, C361, C364, C365, C397, C399, C408, C416, C428, C464, C482, C487, C515, C516, C535, C567, C568, C569, C584, C119, C149, C336, C356, C461, C532)

2 respondents commented on climate change. One respondent considered that there should be more emphasis on climate change, whilst the other respondent considered there is no climate emergency. (C523, C342)

2 (minus 1 who don't want their comments published) respondents referred to renewable energy in their response. They considered that the current infrastructure grants are a waste of money, contractors take all the grants up in their pricing. The other respondent considered that existing housing stock needs renewable energy. (C543)

4 respondents referred to Economic objectives. The respondents considered that we need dynamic businesses and to create a supportive environments for businesses. That we need to develop more workspace and accommodation to bring young people and the generation growing up more opportunity to afford to buy. They also consider that sustainable development was best achieved by enhancing performance of market towns and villages by supporting localized economies and that there should be more synergy with small and large businesses. (C194, C439, C557, C603)

1 response from a developer considered that Mill Mead would provide space for dwellings and biodiversity (C583)

1 respondent referred to waste in their comments. They raised that there is no mention of waste, reduction in council generated waste and reduction in waste in the community both homes and businesses (C542)

### **34 Email responses relating to Sustainable Development Objectives**

#### Social sustainable development objective (8)

These have been incorporated into the social sustainable development objectives above. (E739, C342, E1128, E1182, E1232, E1238, E1218, E1230)

#### Economic sustainable development objective (8)

These have been incorporated into the economic sustainable development objectives above. (E739, C342, E1128, E1182, E1232, E1238, E1218, E1230)

#### Environmental sustainable development objective (10)

These have been incorporated into the environmental sustainable development objectives above. (E739, C1238, C342, C283, E1128, E932, E1182, E1232, E1218, E1230)

#### **Agree with objectives**

4 respondents stated that they agreed with the objective to provide and broaden choices of homes. One of the respondents considered it should be in line with the NPPF, the overall quantum of housing growth has not taken into account unmet need from neighbouring districts and the standard methodology should be seen as a minimum. One respondent considered that the social objectives needed to be updated to reflect the need to broaden the choice of homes and improve availability of affordable homes. They considered that new housing is needed to support local services and facilities. One respondent considered that we needed to boost housing supply and that housing affordability is a key issue.

2 respondents stated that they agreed with the objectives and did not provide any further comment.

2 respondents agreed with the sustainable employment opportunities. They considered that the right level of provision of new homes in market towns/villages was needed with the right homes in the right places. They also supported community facilities and employment opportunities in existing villages.

1 respondent considered that the environmental objectives were not complete and needed to include a land use objective.

1 respondent considered that the economic objectives were incoherent and mixed up objectives and policies for achieving them.

1 respondent considered that there needed to be a robust approach to addressing needs of the district, help towards WCC being carbon neutral, address climate change and a high standard of biodiversity achieved.

1 respondent considered that the objectives should be worded flexibly to help ensure high quality and bespoke approaches towards energy and sustainability and seek to accommodate emerging pace of change.

1 respondent agreed with the objectives but considered they need to conform with the current and emerging national planning guidance including the planning reform.

1 respondent considered that there was too much emphasis on carbon neutrality and that the new plan focus should be on building sustainable homes.

1 respondent considered that aiming to make the whole district carbon neutral by 2030 is unrealistic.

1 respondent had no problems with the objectives overall but considered that plans need to be formulated, costed and implemented in stages, with key reviews built in to measure success. They also considered that housing, business facilities and infrastructure needed to be effective, flexible and affordable.

1 respondent considered that the objectives needed to be simplified and seem repetitive. They considered that the objectives needed to differentiate between sustainable objectives for rural communities, legacy communities and new developments.

1 respondent considered that more priority should be given to brownfield sites and undeveloped planning applications before considering greenfield sites. They also considered that more affordable housing for young people was required.

1 respondent considered that an additional environmental objective was required to reflect the update to paragraph 175 of the NPPF - that any development within the setting of the National Park should be sensitively located and designed to avoid adverse impacts on the designated landscape.

1 respondent considered that the objectives do not provide a framework for assessing policies and proposals. They considered that the objectives are subjective, assessed against carbon neutral credentials. They supported a new objective that new development does not increase risk of flooding.

1 respondent considered that the objectives and relationship with the Local Plan integrated impact assessment scoping report was not explained and confusing. They considered that the response options to the objectives were leading and limited. They considered that the overarching objectives should be sustainable development and land use planning and suggested other objectives were required.

1 respondent welcomed the overarching objectives of the plan for carbon neutrality and suggested further environmental objectives to include nature conservation, protection, enhancement and expansion of ecological network and protection and enhancement of landscapes.

(E1182, E1092, E1005, E1082, E1069, E1070, E1114, C515, E1138, E1149, C597, E1221, E1228, E1233, E1237, E1240, E1242, E1209, E1244, E1246)

### **Any other comments?**

1 respondent considered that more emphasis is needed on the new climate change and biodiversity policies.

1 respondent considered that it is important that a comprehensive approach is taken that recognises the importance of deliverability/viability.

1 respondent considered that themes are repetitive and have a lack of clarity. It is suggested that the Council should streamline the objectives into two categories and strike an appropriate balance between environmental and societal objectives.

1 respondent considered that due to the importance of Winchester's heritage including its buildings this should be included within more of the objectives. The heritage of Winchester contributes to all three sustainable development objectives.

1 respondent considered that care needs to be taken over trying to achieve the carbon neutral target year of 2030. The sustainability development objectives appear to place much reliance on net effects and could lead to some contradictions. Also suggest a culture and creative sector as an objective.

1 respondent considered that the objectives of the Local Plan should be SMART and should focus and monitor closely the achievability of the objectives.

1 respondent considered that smaller homes should remain as smaller homes rather than being extended at a later date as this takes away smaller affordable properties in small rural villages.

1 respondent highlighted a number of points the objectives should achieve but considered that the matter should include suitable flexibility to ensure new development is deliverable.

1 respondent considered that due to the impact of COVID on retail space in the city centres and wider settlements more space should be made for leisure activities and redundant retail space is used for accommodation for young people.

(C342, E1128, E1121, E1218, E1228, E1230, E1233, E1092, C352, E1224)

### **Carbon offsetting fund – should it be used as a last resort and if it is established how should money be used?**

2 respondents stated that they neither agree or disagree with the statement.

2 respondents considered that any carbon offsetting would need to be compliant with the regulations and meet the relevant tests. They also considered that there would need to be clear accountability as to how the funds are spent and how they are linked to development.

1 respondent considered that a climate change intervention fund could be a feasible method of collecting pooled contributions from small scale non-strategic developments. By adopting a climate change mitigation infrastructure development plan, non-strategic growth could contribute towards the implementation of specific projects via a CIL type of charge, the pooled contributions from which could be used to fund carbon reduction projects across the district. Such a fund could help to achieve some of the '100 small wins' identified as a desired outcome from the 'One Great Win' consultation exercise.

(E1005, E1082, E1121, E1069, E1114)

### **Carbon neutrality/ climate change**

1 respondent considered that carbon neutrality and the climate crisis need to be considered together and this should be made clear. They also considered that it needed to be made clear what is meant by sustainable development.

2 respondents raised queries about the objective of becoming neutral by 2030 and questioned why it is ahead of the UK target of 2050.

1 respondent questions why Winchester was aiming to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. They considered it would increase the cost of living.

1 respondent considered that a plan based around the climate emergency is not in the interests of the residents of the District. They considered that every justification in the plan for carbon neutrality to be either incorrect, or a total inversion of reality and misleading.

1 respondent agreed with the overarching vision and aspirations of the Local Plan. The respondent considered that we have to learn from our past mistakes and so the Council should include climate change implications in every strategic decision. The planning system must work for people and the environment and any development in the countryside there must be a clear evidence of need for housing and necessary infrastructure to support it.

1 respondent considered there should be an audit trail to show how each new development is going to offset its carbon footprint.

1 respondent considered that the countryside is part of the solution to the climate emergency and every effort must be made to protect it.

1 respondent considered that the purpose of the planning system as stated in the NPPF should be the Local Plans stated goal. Achieving sustainable development in the planning process will result in overall carbon reductions, while also delivering important objectives as laid out in the NPPF. It is important that the final sustainable development objectives agreed provide a framework to enable the sustainability of the new Local Plan to be appraised and assessed.

Two respondents considered that the approaches put forward need to be carefully considered and supported by clear evidence if they are to be adopted into policy. They also raised concerns regarding some of the policy suggested and considered that they may add more time to considering applications and would also need input from other expertise.

1 respondent considered that the spatial strategy of the Local Plan should be appropriately formulated to address the Council's Climate Emergency agenda. They consider that the spatial/locational strategy that the Council choose to adopt in delivering growth requirements will be critical. They have provided further discussion on how important this will be.

1 respondent agreed that the objectives supports the fundamental aim of the Local Plan to achieve carbon neutrality.

1 respondent welcomed the overarching objective of the Plan for carbon neutrality. They advised that the plan recognises and incorporates the role of the natural environment to help deliver climate mitigation and adaptation across the district.

(E739, E1182, E343, C523, E937, E1092, E1133, E1005, E1232, E1069, E1121, E1242, E1246)

### **Email from developer (E1137)**

1 response from a developer considered that by working with the Council and local community they could achieve the environmental, economic and social objective set out through the development of the site.

### **8 Letter responses**

5 respondents referred to greenfield/brownfields in their responses.

The respondents considered that we need to keep the open green land. Support was given for sustainable house building on brownfield sites but not on greenfield sites. Concerns were raised that building on greenfield sites was not good for the environment and caused pollution, adds to traffic and overstretches existing facilities. The respondents supported a greenbelt.

2 respondents referred to the objectives. One respondent agreed with the objectives but considered sustainable needed defining. The other responded considered the carbon neutrality objective was too ambitious. They considered that the environmental objectives need more focus on fewer specific issues, the economic objectives need to include an objective to improve access to digital infrastructure in rural locations and the social objectives needed review especially in relation to transport in rural areas. No reference to charging points in the district.

1 respondents referred to climate change and agreed that the local plan needs to be prepared through the climate change lens.

### **1 Have you say poll response**

1 response was received that supported carbon zero and considered the other objectives were possible to achieve. The respondent raised that we should learn from European cities that are ahead of us in achieving these goals.