

LOCAL PLAN VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Outline of Presentation

- Introduction - NPPF and PAS guidance
- The Council Plan and feedback from the Strategic Issues and Priorities consultation
- Proposed Vision and Objectives

National Planning Policy Framework

- Succinct and up-to-date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of the area (para 15)
- Plans should be prepared positively in a way that is aspirational but deliverable (para 16)
- Where large scale development is proposed policies should be set within a vision that looks further ahead (at least 30 years); (para 22)
- Planning policies should set out a clear economic vision and strategy, which positively and proactively encourages sustainable economic growth (para 82)
- Policies should set out a clear design vision (para 127)

The Planning Advisory Service

- The Local Plan must contain a vision which should be aspirational but realistic.
- It should set out the intended character of the plan area, based on current trends and trajectory of key data such as that related to population and economy.
- Objectives should flow from the vision, establishing the way in which the plan area will deal with the identified critical issues
- Together, these should be clear, realistic, locally distinctive and spatial in planning terms
- Generalised aspirations are not locally specific and don't communicate how a difference can be made through the plan.
- The objectives should flow from the critical issues and support the delivery of the spatial vision
- A useful starting point is to specifically define the problems you are trying to solve

PAS Advice continued:

- Does the vision reflect council and community priorities?
- Does the vision describe your area as opposed to **anywhere**?
- Do you get a clear sense of what the place will be like in the future?
- Can you translate this into planning policy and outcomes that can be delivered?
- Is it clear where change will happen in economic, physical and social terms?
- Is it concise and easy to understand?
- How will you measure success of achieving the vision?

The Council Plan: Priorities

- Tackling Climate Change and Creating a Greener District
- Living Well; all residents to live healthy and fulfilled lives with the right mix of facilities to support good physical and mental health for everyone
- Homes for all, homes that are affordable and built in the right area for the changing communities
- A vibrant local economy, restoring the vibrancy of the high streets and develop and retain the business base. And begin the transition to a greener more sustainable economy.
- Providing high quality, good value, resilient services.

Summary of the key points raised in the Strategic Issues and Priorities consultation

Question: Is the vision in the current Local Plan still appropriate for inclusion in the new Local Plan?

The local plan vision should:

- be updated to acknowledge the different challenges facing the District
- recognise a shift away from high street shopping and towards more people working from home
- refer to climate change and Winchester City Council's carbon neutrality goals
- refer to 15 minute neighbourhoods, promote sustainable and attractive development , reduce and mitigate CO2 emissions
- ensure the vision is not Winchester centric and supports the market towns and rural area
- promote and prioritise brownfield land, protect the countryside, increase green spaces/biodiversity

Feedback from the Strategic Issues & Priorities document



Quick recap: Key points to consider when drafting a new vision for the Local Plan:

- The Vision needs to address current spatial issues facing the district.
- It needs to be clear where a local plan and planning policies can make a difference, and where realistically it is not the correct document to address a particular issue.
- The up-dated Vision needs to be specific to the Winchester plan area, and deliverable. It will need to reflect the different spatial issues which face different parts of the district, by ensuring that it is not Winchester-centric
- There needs to be a direct and easily understood link between the Spatial Issues, the Vision and the Policy Objectives
- The spatial priorities in the current local plan, the Council Plan, and those which have been identified through the consultation process have now been reviewed which have helped to inform the proposed new Vision

Next steps...

- Draft Vision and Objectives prepared for comment
- Emerging Vision and Objectives will guide production of draft policies and be published as part of the Plan for consultation
- May change as detail of Local Plan is worked up
- Plan will need to demonstrate how Vision and Objectives will be delivered.