

**Your Place, Your Plan**

**‘General Comments’**

**Summary of Comments and  
Issues Raised**

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

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

**Question: If you would like to make any general comments about local plan strategic issues and priorities, please do so in the space provided below:**

There were **603** responses to this part of the question. (Some respondents did not want to have their responses published) There were a number of responses that fit into more than one category and therefore you will see that the numbers for each category do not add up to 603 as some responses will be present in multiple categories.

### Summary:

The majority stated South Winchester needs a greenbelt while other responses commented on the complexity of the consultation process and length of the survey. Responses in regards to development stated that development on brownfield be prioritised before any greenfield development. Many stated again in this question their support for option 5 and opposed options 2 & 3 for housing development, which are both covered under the homes for all section. Many respondents detailed their opposition for the Royal Down development in Hursley and explained that transport is an important issue for many. Others made suggestions and commented on the Local Plan and process of this.

### Greenbelt – 75 responses

- 62 responses stated that South Winchester needs a green belt. **C217, C596, C141, C143, C97, C66, C87, C126, C145, C151, C152, C155, C156, C166, C172, C174, C180, C182, C215, C237, C306, C325, C388, C395, C397, C399, C405, C408, C417, C429, C432, C467, C494, C496, C510, C513, C567, C568, C569, C42, C291, C292, C286, C441, C470, C497, C111, C573, C147, C166, C114, C192, C242, C327, C363, C361, C372, C407, C461, C478, C489, C573**
- We do need a green belt to stop built up areas merging into one great urban sprawl **C15**
- We should respect and protect greenbelt **C19, C88**
- Support a green belt to protect our settlement gaps **C450, C458, C404, C148, C193, C233, C232, C234, C334, C241**

### Brownfield – 53 responses

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

- Always develop brownfield land first. **C562, C558**
- sensible to reuse or repurpose existing spaces in the community instead of starting from scratch **C37, C126, C257, C306, C345, C398, C404, C405, C69, C91, C94, C148, C232, C234, C407, C478, C489, C92, C97, C155, C95, C156, C208, C256, C305, C428, C464, C506, C517, C538, C546, C109, C236, C146, C164, C199, C232, C248, C372, C375**
- Please halt the seemingly unchecked sale and development of greenfield sites **C90**
- I strongly feel that new building should NOT be on greenfield sites **C390, C329**
- We live in a beautiful area, we are really worried about the encroachment of residential properties on our green fields **C108**
- Development should be confined to existing towns and villages, not spread around on green field sites. We need the green fields to enhance the environment/natural world. **C117**
- Developing on these local green and countryside areas will mean the Winchester area becomes a concrete block. **C150**

- Brown site conversion and that does not leave buildings and areas empty and prone to vandalism and graffiti is far more positive than ploughing up green space. **C177**
- Retaining the green space that we have and only developing on land that is already run-down/developed/derelict, e.g. Bushfield camp, River Park, Brookfield centre, Silver Hill, Barton Farm, Winchester Village. **C195**
- Whilst extra housing is needed in the Winchester area it is important to that this is not provided at the expense of open land, be it farmland or open spaces. **C196**
- I urge you to work with the CPRE to make use of the brownfield sites identified by them. **C414**
- WCC should not include any large-scale new green field development; it is the worst most carbon intensive form of meeting housing needs for Winchester's own population. **C429**
- Stop building on green open spaces. **C556**  
Make more use of existing Urban Areas and the amount of building plots that already have planning permission and now stand empty. The use of brownfield and reuse of existing must come more forward in the ethos of a greener looking council. **H7**

## **Comments on consultation process - 40 responses**

- 20 responses explained how difficult to fill in and understand. It is too long and take too much time to fill in, would put people off. **C489 C554, C58, C25 C60, C103, C136, C306, C379, C232, C246, C248 C83, C489, C479, C385, C502, C536, C489, C491**
- Others said that the way the feedback form is created makes it very difficult for anyone to disagree with the objectives. **C23, C5, C273 C561**

### **Other more detailed and individual responses:**

- The consultation is heavily weighted in favour of promoting new housing developments, which generate income for the Council both in the form of payments from the developers and ongoing Council Tax revenue. **C313**
- You have not established that your objectives are the most democratically supported. You have chosen your priorities for your objectives; I do not accept them. Harness local involvement through the Parish Councils. **C40**
- I cannot understand how developments, like the proposed Royal down, can cause such a stir and the only way concerned residents can voice their concerns officially is by contributing to the Local Plan. A Plan that seems out of date now, overwhelmingly large in its scope and worryingly potentially off-putting to the public. **C588**
- It would help if this consultation had been better. Many of the questions appear to be set to give a predetermined answer. Overall, the plan lacks imagination and does not go far enough. **C584**
- An excellent if somewhat over complicated survey **C75**
- I very much welcome the genuine consultations launched by the current WCC administration. I also fully endorse the priorities that balance the climate emergency with suitable development in the District. I am convinced that the scattergun approach of the previous Local Plan did considerable damage to rural and semi-rural Hampshire, and that the ambitious goals now set can best be achieved by focusing development within Winchester and on new large-scale developments nearby. **C160**
- Not real consultation but a secret agenda already composed. **C274**
- The online events were very good, but nonetheless this has been quite a complex consultation to respond to which rendered comment on some options difficult for those without a detailed understanding of planning and associated issues. **C352**
- Completing this consultation document is extremely time-consuming and rather difficult. In common, I suspect, with many other respondents I have strong views on certain subjects but little knowledge and a few opinions on others. **C425**
- I am a Parish Clerk and I have listened to all of the online events which were very good, but this is a complex document for most people and too lengthy to answer.

You have tried to incorporate too many issues 'nine sections' into this Strategic Issues & Priorities consultation. It is not clear enough at the start that you can just answer a single section and no more. **C439**

- I am sorry this an outrageous abuse of the term consultation. The framing of the questions is biased. Many did not allow for a neutral or alternative answer. The Homes for All questions were particularly restrictive. Has the questionnaire been assessed by market research experts to ensure it meets the standards required for such a significant piece of work? There was a huge emphasis on climate change above many other pressing plan issues that had scant mention. For example, there were virtually no questions about issues such as gypsy and traveller sites affecting many of our communities. **C482**
- I would really like to be more engaged on this, but has taken be several goes, and some hours in order to complete, I suspect many will fall at the first hurdle. It would be great to have loads of public engagement but the information and the questions asked need to be more understandable to enable this **C385**
- This is a theoretical exercise, which will eventually have little impact on what actually happens in our area. **C101**
- Emails or leaflets should be sent to households to tell them of the surveys etc that the council are doing so that we can get more involved. It should not be kept for the select few. **C514**
- This website has been an absolute nightmare to navigate. **C489**
- The trouble with this whole business is that it is all talk and precious little action. **C417**
- I really wish you had provided relevant links to the Local Plan documents so respondents might have a fighting chance of giving a really informed answer (**C222**)

## **‘Yes’ to option 5 – 39 responses**

*Covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

- **C141, C143, C97, C88, C126, C145, C151, C152, C155, C156, C166, C172, C174, C215, C182, C237, C325, C388, C397, C399, C404, C408, C417, C442, C467, C494, C496, C510, C567, C568, C569, C292, C327, C361, C407, C461, C241, C489, C337**

## **Transport – 25 responses**

*The majority of the responses in this topic is covered under the Sustainable Transport section*

### **Cycling**

- Cycle Winchester wants to promote cycling not to protect/enhance the leisure interests of a minority but because it is an important means of travel for many residents and has the potential to be part of a radical and entirely positive transformation for the city: improving the health and well-being of those who live and work here; helping tackle the climate emergency and problems of congestion; and being part of the creation of a more attractive and vibrant city centre as it faces the challenge of shaping a new future for the high street. **C578**
- Cycleway access to the City from the South via the major access roads such as Romsey Road and St Cross Road areas needs urgent improvement. **C111**
- Reduction in car traffic. **C61**
- Consider a Boris bikes or Bristol scooter scheme for fun and accessible transport around the city. **C556**
- We would also like to see more bespoke/secure cycle parking in the City centre, e.g. around/adjacent to the high street area, similar to the good provision adjacent to platform 1 at the railway station **C399**

### **Buses and Park and ride**

- The bus network is currently not a city for purpose - it does not serve key residential districts and is prohibitively expensive. As a resident of Oliver's Battery, I either have to drive to the city or to a Park and Ride as the bus only comes to our area twice weekly. Even when it does, it is around £8 for 2 adults to travel to the city and back - this is significantly more expensive than parking in the city. Until the buses present a good value option compared to driving the city will not meet its carbon neutrality goals. **C156**
- The local bus service is not equally available to all. One example is Oliver's Battery. **C202**
- Promote Park and ride **C417, C596**

### **Carbon neutrality/sustainable transport**

- Invest in green transport schemes **C596**
- While I think the commitment to carbon neutrality is a worth commitment, I fear that a rigid commitment to that goal will have unintended negative consequences. I think it will divert resources, attention and opportunities away from meeting needs that are more pressing. e.g. job creation, debt reduction, **C207**
- Let's have a more focus on helping the residents of Winchester achieve carbon neutrality through coordinated action lead by the council. **C215**
- There must be a focus on not only the built environment, but also the sustainable transport and travel infrastructure that connects the people and places. **C396**
- Look at installing several ZIP cars (electric if possible, obviously), maybe in car parks or on other Council land, so that there is not a need for so many city centre dwellers to have their own cars but instead to join a car share scheme or hire a ZIP car just as and when needed. **C131**
- Make developments less car orientated. Instead, more environmentally friendly transport should be encouraged such as bus, train, walking, and cycling. **C414**

### **Other more detailed and individual responses:**

- Get rid of road closures, stupid bollards need loads more city centre parking. **C191**
- We should accept the long-term continued use of private cars and make it easy for them to be electric and hydrogen by removing perceptions that refuelling is difficult. **C245**
- As far as transport is concerned, it is a city with complex needs. The centre of law, city council and county council offices, large hospital, prison, and much else. Just closing off most of the streets and giving them over entirely to cyclists and walkers does not solve the problem of traffic. **C216**
- Please consider the fact that Winchester is a small city. It already suffers from the burden of too much traffic. Making the traffic travel more slowly simply increases the air pollution. More Park and Ride would help. Cycling is simply too dangerous when mixed with motor traffic, that is why more people will not do it. Many of the elderly are not able to walk far. More support for Public Transport would help. There needs to be a PROPER bus station, where disabled and elderly people at least can shelter - ideally protection from the weather for everyone. **C330**
- Local Plan policies should be made wider ranging in that public transport should be made greener as well as encouraging more people to rely on this form of travel outside the well-served areas. There needs to more thought on serving the rural areas, especially those where the only option is the car **C342**
- Lead the way by removing cars from the city centre by introducing a 21st century public transport system that doesn't just move people from Park & Ride centres to the city centre, but enables everyone in Winchester to easily reach the city centre, so it can become a location we can all access, without having to use our cars to reach it. **C538**
- In Kings Worthy, we do not need any further large-scale development. Kings Barton is not yet complete. The local roads are not suitable for either large vehicles or an increase in volume. There are many narrow bridges, which are pinch points. The surfaces of

many of the roads are already deteriorating due to increased use and poor maintenance. **C527**

- Twyford is affected by WCC activity especially traffic generated by City based employment and other attractions e.g. shopping, education, hospital  
While recognizing Twyford's policy dependence on the South Downs for Planning purposes, TNP recognizes that its integral relationship to WCC in all other directions. Cycle route to Winchester and Colden Common/ Fair Oak/Bishops Waltham traffic management on B3335 **C593**
- The Local Plan needs to recognise that those living in rural areas have limited (or no) public services available locally and limited (or no) public transport available. Rural communities will still have a need to visit market towns and Winchester regularly to access public services, particularly older residents. In the absence of a regular bus, service there needs to be sufficient parking provision close to services. There also needs to be significant investment in electric vehicle charging points in rural communities as well as in Winchester car parks to support the transition to electric vehicles, as those in rural areas are most likely to continue to need to use a car. **C293**
- Winchester city centre transport interchange **C299**
- The closure of Andover Road north is very undesirable. The diversion of the traffic through a very densely populated Winchester Avenue will be disastrous for all road users. **C504**

### **Comments on LP and LP process – 26 responses**

- Please put more effort into writing simple English and setting clear measurable goals... Give all the elected Councillors a voice, not only the Cabinet Members. **C574**
- Listen to people do not blindly go ahead ignoring people's views because you are on a mission of your own **C576**
- Insufficient focus on meeting the SA requirements **C36**
- I think the Plan is too focused on Carbon Neutral and not the main objective, which is the need to build more sustainable housing. This would cover most of the areas to achieve a move towards carbon Zero. The Consultation document is too repetitive and too wordy. Little emphasis is placed on local villages and rural areas with too much input on Winchester Town. **C144**
- As a fairly intelligent and interested resident, I attended one of the online briefings and have spent quite a lot of time trying to do this survey. However, I have found it very hard to do. Without reading many of the supporting documents, it is often difficult to understand the issues and come to an opinion. I put "I don't know" in lots of places even though I had actually tried hard to come to an opinion. My point is, how useful is a survey like this when for lots of residents it is just too demanding? Is it just paying lip service to the democratic process? Is there a target response below which the findings are null & void? **C359**
- I welcome the opportunities this consultation document provides. I look forward to the analysis and actions that result that review **C382**
- Please keep your objectives clear and deliverable. Please do not attempt to achieve goals, which are attainable only on a truly national level. Conversely, do not accept nationally imposed targets without question if they do not suit our local needs. However, do set ambitious targets for integrating town and country, by encouraging the latter and preventing the former from encroaching. **C57**
- Shedfield Parish Council welcomes this early engagement in the Local Plan revision, and wholly endorses the over-arching emphasis on meeting the climate emergency while creating a vibrant and liveable environment. **C168**
- I have recently completed a survey on transport, which was undertaken by Hampshire County Council. Can I assume that the local plan will take into account these views and outcome of this survey in relation to the Winchester District? **C280**

- As part of the emergence of the Reg 18 draft, as a Local House builder Alfred Homes would welcome the opportunity to engage with the City Council over the emerging Local Plan and discuss in more detail the general housing delivery policies coming forward, as well as how the land at Littleton Nursery and Alrebury Park could assist the Council in meeting its housing objectives. **C340**
- The focus for the district as a whole on the Winchester City is disappointing and shows a very real lack of understanding of the needs for this DISTRICT local plan. **C348**
- Just make sure the population are kept in the loop about developments in any of the sectors. Communication is the most valuable tool **C500**
- Other higher priorities come along, and often override whatever is in the Local Plan, it seems to me. It also seems that the all-important strategic infrastructure arrives too late. Forward planning in that respect is an abysmal failure. The priorities seem to be focused on numbers of homes built, regardless. For existing residents, this is an issue. **C101**
- There are two main ways of approaching the local plan review: a clean slate start again; or tweak what exists adding a few green zero carbon bells and whistles. I think that it is time for you to start again and get some clarity about just what role WCC should fulfil moving towards the middle of the century. **C186**
- I would like to see the major public institutions (Council, Hospital, University) actively supporting the objectives of the Local Plan, especially climate change, sustainable economic development, and wellbeing - and for them to be held publicly accountable for their actions on these measures. **C197**
- I have lived in Winchester for 30 years and not seen the progress that a city of our heritage and history and character should be able to achieve. The council traditionally have supported big business over small independent traders. These independent traders bring heart, soul, and character to our towns and villages. The appalling management over the redevelopment at the bottom end of Winchester is a perfect example of not delivering. Think outside the box. Get young people on your team from a wide range of backgrounds. They are the future. **C452**
- Food is one of the basics of human life and should be embedded in the local plan. **C516**
- This is one of the most innovative plans that I have read and, as such, it is commendable. As will be apparent from my comments, I am not convinced the approach is sound. However, the objectives may still be achieved, but in a more traditional planning policy way - i.e. it is important that the plan fits the approach required by the NPPF19 **C559**
- The Local Plan does not properly support the needs of the existing community of Winchester, let alone that of the future. In terms of the environment, climate change (and responsibility), public services, quality of living and preservation of the cultural and historical importance of the area, the proposals pay only lip service to these critical issues that we all face. Not enough thought, planning, consultation or research has been carried out that reassures my husband and I that the plan provides a credible solution. **C575**
- Local plan does not take into account wild and people's wellbeing. Please DO NOT build on green fields sites which would make flooding even worse than it already is and would lose a vast amount of wild life, which it already has had an impact on especially in our area. **C512**
- There is a climate emergency - yes. No -the WCC Local Plan will not solve it. It is a fiction, and somewhat self-indulgent, to believe it might. Care for the aged, good schooling and social services, safe and well maintained roads, well insulated housing, subsidised solar installations on each house, abundant EV charging ACROSS the area (not just urban) and good broadband in the rural areas will do the trick. It is a truism that building less houses uses less energy. Re-examine the argument for continuously housing stock. **C539**

- Winchester Food Partnership wishes food, as one of the basics of human life, to be embedded in the Winchester Local Plan. This is backed up in statements in the National Planning Policy Framework and the National Design Guide. **C535 C532**
- It seems incredulous that on one hand you are talking about zero neutral emissions and the other hand are consideration a huge development creating new roads, traffic and destroying natural habitats. Also taking away green spaces for us as families to enjoy **C406**
- The consultation states that the Biodiversity Action Plan needs to be updated. This revision should reflect the need to provide nest sites for rapidly declining urban bird species such as Swifts, House Sparrows and Starlings - nest sites used by these urban bird species are protected or replaced when repairing or renovating existing buildings **C270**
- Sport England would welcome reference to our Active Design guidance within the Winchester Local Plan. The Active Design guidance was co-produced by Sport England and Public Health England. It establishes a set of 10 principles that promote activity, health and stronger communities through the way we design and build our towns and cities. **C524**

## **Development – 22 responses**

### *Covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy and Housing Needs*

- In relation to the promotion of this consultation on Facebook, Denmead was referred to as a Town, which shows that some do not see it as a village anymore. My worry is this. Any further large-scale house building will completely spoil the place, it will lose its Village feel, the local school will not be able to cope and neither will the doctors surgery together with other services. Building more services to meet the extra housing whilst solving one problem will make Denmead bigger still and make it more like a town not a village. Those living here like Denmead the way it is, that is why they moved here and want to retain its Village feel and status and do not want it spoilt with further development. **C50**
- Small and medium sized sites can make an important contribution to meeting local housing requirements. This is particularly the case in the early years of the Plan period, during which time larger scale developments are less likely to be delivering housing. Smaller sites not only meet the social objectives of sustainable development but can also meet socio-economic objectives through supporting the incremental growth of smaller settlements and sustaining key services and facilities. **C80**
- We must build more council/social housing for rent and less 4/5 bedroom houses. Most importantly the Council should campaign to end the 'Right to Buy Scheme' as has happened in Scotland. **C548**
- Quite honestly, everyone who lives here agrees that the size of the city of Winchester is what makes it so attractive. **C216**
- Please do not allow Winchester to become any larger than it is. **C220**
- Retain the character of existing areas, protect habitat and the environment, and build quality development within or close to the larger settlements/infrastructure. Embrace new technology and create high-skilled local economy. **C296**
- It seems to me that concentrating new housing mainly in 1 place, by effectively adding large suburbs on to a city, increases car congestion and journey times - please investigate this suggestion, as I am not a traffic expert. **C304**
- The state of the river Itchen should a major consideration. Provision of adequate water supplies should be a greater priority and considered before any development takes place. Developers should contribute to the cost of water supplies **C93**
- There needs to be consistency in policy for infill sites. If a settlement has a development plan in place it should still be possible to have infill plots. A piece of land's characteristics does not change depending on a policy e.g. MTRA3 / MTRA 4 where one allows infill and one does not. Infill being defined as "a small gap within an otherwise built-up street



frontage, or ribbon (more than 6 dwellings)." Where land is classed as outside a development boundary (e.g. up to 500m) provided it is within a ribbon of existing dwellings, it should not be classed as countryside - since it is not isolated in the countryside and forms part of that settlement. Priority needs to give to small sites, and allocations made for self-build sites. People generally prefer small developments than large developments. Self-build sites need to be available within each settlement. People should not have to move to other areas in order to be able to self-build a dwelling. All settlements should be aware of the demand for this type of build (and identify the numbers who would like to undertake this type of development), allocating sites for self-build (which WCC agree will obtain planning permission) in each settlement. **C121**

- need to encourage/tempt young adults, and older residents on established suburban estates/developments where their sizeable houses/gardens are now too much for them (perhaps like ourselves in a few years' time!) back into the city centre, to keep it vibrant, post-Covid, and resist building on the green fields and rolling hills with ancient woodland that are the glorious and precious never-to-be-replaced- once-they-are-gone backdrop to our ancient and indeed former capital city. **C131**
- I would like to see existing Settlement Gaps retained and new Settlement Gaps identified under this new Local Plan. These help to define communities, and also are able to provide open spaces for people to benefit from. **C190**
- WCC should under no circumstances accept any overflow from the other PfSH authorities, they should do a better job of regeneration within their own boundaries. **C429**
- You cannot create a sustainable community by ignoring the distress and environmental destruction of large developments built solely for the benefit of investors, which do not meet the needs of the existing population and destroys communities. **C555**
- Developments going on in and around Winchester are excessive and we should be discouraging people from adding to the population as a whole. We do not need more offices in the area but more local industry would benefit all. Winnall Trading Estate should be used more effectively, and promoted with its transport links to the M3. **C514**
- Please review the options to give a better distribution of development throughout the District with emphasis on existing settlements in the south of the District **C341**
- Focus on new homes in strategic locations with really good transport links, well lit footpaths and cycle routes. Incentives to make existing older property more energy efficient, maintain open spaces and promote biodiversity. **C218**
- There are a lot of reasons for concentrating houses in towns but some greenfield development seems inevitable. However, we should continue to try to provide clear space around our towns and villages. **C198**
- Conserving and enhancing the Historic environment- settlement Gaps need to be preserved to maintain the local distinctiveness and historical setting of various communities. Block expansion development needs to be resisted, in if takes place should not be to the detriment of existing communities. **C249**
- More emphasis on countryside policies, as proven so important for the wider community for health and wellbeing. The slow destruction of the countryside is having an impact on biodiversity with loss of natural habitats. **C244**
- Winchester City Council has in recent years failed to seize the opportunity for housing developments to improve biodiversity. Ex farmland not rich in wildlife has been developed but without taking this opportunity to help struggling species. **C294**
- Land should be allocated for open space/biodiversity in addition to development, especially in applications over a certain size. Need for stronger protection for those historic items and buildings, which are not protected by listing as Conservation Area status is not necessarily enough to stop demolition and development of the site. **C342**
- The developers appear to get their way by giving a token gesture to the Council, which then allows them to do whatever they want. They should be made to fulfil their commitment regardless of the cost to them. **C514**

## **Not in support option 2 & 3 – 21 responses**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy and Housing Needs*

**C94, C92, C109, C129, C325, C83, C91, C94, C292, C327, C361, C407, C461, C92, C520, C68, C520, C68, C102 C558 C557**

## **Oppose Royal Down development – 21 responses**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

**C114, C19, C15, C189, C262, C306, C369, C380, C392, C588, C100, C287, C488, C409, C373, C119, C445, C463, C497, C409, C468**

## **Housing and employment – 17 responses**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy and Housing Needs*

- Employment and Development should be located around existing settlements **C2**
- We need affordable housing in Winchester, for all ages. We must build attractive smaller person dwellings in the same area so that older people will feel able to move out of their family home into a community they know. Views of green space should be available from every home- including homes over offices or retail. **C586**
- The southern market towns, such as Wickham, Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and Soberton are being put under increasing pressure for housing development and having to tolerate the ever-growing volume, noise and pollution from through traffic heading between M3 and M27. The future growth of these settlements is also limited to the north and east by constraints on development in the National Park, and they badly need more protection. **C42**
- There needs to be more affordable housing **C61**
- Of course, there should be more affordable housing - the price of housing in this area is shocking. **C117**
- Be aware that is not just families which need homes. **C560**
- We should be aware that much housing is beyond the means of local people living in shared houses and longing for their own homes. In addition, account should be taken of people's changing needs as life progresses. There needs to be suitable accommodation for the elderly so that family homes can be relinquished and families in the area enabled to move on from starter homes. **C566**
- I think more focus should be put on building homes near to where people work. Priority should be given to sites that can deliver on climate change through a range of net biodiversity gain, delivery of green energy etc. More emphasis should be put on delivering homes in smaller sustainable villages. More self-build plots should be delivered. **C522**
- There may be some sites, which can accommodate wholly older person's accommodation and help to provide a balanced housing mix across a wider area or settlement. A larger site may well look to accommodate both older persons and general accommodation as part of an overall housing mix. The plan objectives should remain flexible enough to accommodate all housing needs and policies should be geared towards balanced communities. This may come as a mix of different sites or combinations within a single site. **C536**
- The Local Plan must have a mandatory provision for the inclusion of universal bird bricks to be incorporated in all new homes built within the WCC area at a ratio of one per dwelling. We must ensure that all new homes built have a universal bird brick (Swift brick) included at a rate of one per dwelling as recommended by the RIBA. This will start to turn the tide of the catastrophic losses of the last 25 years. **C585**
- Affordable housing cost needs to be based on household income not as a % of the market rent / sale price **C277**
- I think that having approximately 40% of the Winchester district designated a National Park puts a lot of pressure on the remaining 60%. It is a fact that houses are needed, but in the quantity, that Government has decreed remains to be seen and perhaps

challenged, as these numbers are just estimates. Government is not always good with estimates. **C455**

- WCC needs to take much more responsibility about the type of housing that is built. The whole idea of "affordable" housing is nonsense in that it is not affordable in Winchester. **C417**

- It would be very beneficial to have requirements in the Plan to build more places for people to downsize into which suits their needs. This would release more family homes, or land for new development where appropriate. **C457**
- A planning policy that insists on providing at least two or three sensibly sized bungalows on every new development for exclusive sale for residents over the age of 70. The idea is to release larger properties to the market thus setting off a chain of perhaps two or three upward moves. At the other end of the scale, I would like to make it possible for young couples to be able to establish a workable family home at a relatively young age. **C493**

CALA are currently developing King's Barton, which has outline planning permission but is at a relatively early stage of development. King's Barton will continue to be one of the main contributors of new housing across the new Plan period and it is absolutely imperative that the Council give careful consideration to how new policy objectives surrounding the climate emergency can be retrofitted to such developments without adversely impacting upon viability. **C260**

Do not over populate Hampshire. New small towns and villages should provide housing, employment and facilities **C299**

- More green and open spaces are required. Far too much housing development already so convert office blocks instead which are currently being unused and will continue to do so in the changing face of the workplace. The historic City of Winchester does not have the infrastructure to cope with thousands more homes. **H91**
- This is high level it is important to know what housing numbers are required, if any, in Colden Common. **H11**

## **Carbon Neutrality – 15 responses**

*This topic is covered under Carbon Neutrality*

- Too much focus on carbon neutrality **C2**
- You are trying to fool the public into believing that there is some sort of climate emergency. There is not. Councils should not try to con the public about this contentious issue. You will only be a bit successful if you support frequent public transport such as local trains and buses. Start with that, as does TfL in London. **C8**
- I feel strongly that carbon offsetting should not be allowed except in the extreme circumstances. The direction of travel should be to a low carbon living. **C586**
- We must reduce carbon emissions, promote biodiversity and reduce plastic pollution otherwise everything else we do will be a waste of time and money. At the same time, we need to do everything we can to create a fairer and equal society. **C118**
- The document and questions have correctly identified the importance of climate change and the need to achieve carbon neutrality. Success will depend largely on convincing everyone that combating climate change and the policies needed for addressing this are important and relevant as time is very short. The City Council is more likely to carry people in Winchester with it, if it commits to the production of a strategic plan for the whole of the city, which addresses the spatial issues like development potential, open spaces both green and others, and movement infrastructure. **C462**
- When considering carbon neutrality, pragmatic ambition required to avoid viability issues that could affect other requirements for a development such as the provision of affordable housing or community infrastructure. **C386**
- It is an enormous relief to me that climate change is now being taken seriously. I realise that taking unpopular steps is not easy in a democracy but I congratulate you on the work so far and urge you to be as ambitious as you can. I do not know if there have

been any citizens' assemblies held yet but I believe that they are a good way of informing the public and getting them onside. **C90**

- Please encourage and facilitate more recycling from localities. Please help more houses and areas to have solar panels for electricity **C178**
- imaginary climate emergency is flawed and makes for poor public policy **C523**
- This Emergency needs Action, not more Plans; now. **C400**
- It is good to see so much emphasis on climate change. Please allocate sites to large-scale renewable alternation - this is the easiest and cost-free way to make a big difference. **C436**
- The Woodland Trust would encourage policies to protect and increase trees and woodland, as a contribution to the strategic policy goals of tackling climate change, enhancing biodiversity and helping people live well. **C582**
- Use ground or water-sourced heat pumps to generate heating for buildings to help achieve carbon neutrality. Incentives could be given to achieve this. Encourage building sustainable smaller properties, all having a low carbon footprint. **C457**
- net zero targets at the local level are almost impossible to achieve in isolation, and in the timeframes set out, almost certainly exclude important sources of emissions, making the targets more window-dressing than real. More credible goals would focus on sustainability and reduction of waste. **C542**
- Concentrate on matters that directly affect people not virtue signalling over low carbon when Winchester is a tiny part of a tiny country and its efforts will have no effect globally **C238**

### **COVID – 13 responses**

- This pandemic has provided all of us with a unique opportunity to change the way we live. Visionary leadership will be required to develop innovative solutions that will genuinely achieve zero carbon solutions for providing sufficient dwellings of the right type in the right place without building over huge swathes of our beautiful countryside. The same applies to creation of an integrated transport system that frees up road space while minimising the use of fossil-fuelled vehicles. **C394**
- The opportunities offered by the pandemic work and shopping habits should be seized, by rejuvenating town centres, facilitating working hubs and supporting homeworking, including accelerated broadband rollout, to help maximise recovery for all parts of the district. The biggest mistake WCC can make as we emerge from the pandemic is to go back to the old normal. **C567 C568 C569 C397 C399**
- I suspect we can expect some changes in working practices/travel, especially for work post Covid, but we will not know how big this change will be for some years yet. Presume this will be kept under constant review to allow adaption as needed? **C385**
- We have to take account of the changes that the pandemic has brought about in any future plans are so fundamental to all of our lives. The Council has a great opportunity to transform and change its thinking for all of our good **C408**
- The opportunities offered by the pandemic work and shopping habits should be seized, by rejuvenating town centres, facilitating working hubs and supporting homeworking, including accelerated broadband rollout, to help maximise recovery for all parts of the district. **C421**
- the COVID Pandemic it taught us that supply chains from other countries put us under pressure in terms of relying on essential food produce coming in when we should have been growing more ourselves. This would also help with climate change in helping people to eat seasonally with support of purchasing of local produce and reduction of food miles reducing the districts carbon footprint. **C470**
- Surely now after brexit we need to preserve our fields for livestock, fodder and vegetables. **C108**

- Covid has made us all stay at home more and appreciate what we can do from our homes by either walking or cycling. The current timetable for our new plan must reflect how life has changed in the last 18 months and how it is likely to stay at that similar pace for some time to come. Home working is with us now forever so social/leisure/broadband/buses together are making a far greater impact on our lives and will do for a long time to come **C177**
- Life has changed so much recently and will continue to do so. Although I realise a plan has to be put in place so we are able to focus on positive moves going forward, I also believe that a plan set in stone, which does not allow for flexibility as these changes manifest themselves would be a mistake. The question of what should be achieved should always be at the centre of such plans---not just the process of box ticking. It could be that part of the plan includes a delay, which will allow the effects of covid and brexit to be more clearly understood. **C471**

### **Suggestions for Local Plan – 10 responses**

- Please invest time in observing the best examples of recent planning/architecture – e.g. multi use areas in London (Southbank - walking/cycling, beautiful vistas integrating modern and historic landmarks). **C46**
- Please listen to local people and stand up for our historic city and uniquely beautiful district **C59**
- As someone who relatively recently retired to Winchester for family reasons, from an industrial city in the North I am very conscious of how precious the historic character of Winchester and its rural setting are from a national point of view . I think the local plan should make more of this exceptionality. **C63**
- The plan needs to be realistic and be cognisant of the fact that older houses in rural areas with poor insulation simply cannot switch to sustainable forms of heating. Oil fire boilers will remain the normal solution for areas where there is no mains gas or sustainable alternatives. **C81**
- In order for the Local Plans to be recognised as being implemented, they should be steadfastly implemented and enforced by all sectors of local government especially planning control and enforcement. **C282**
- Areas outside the normal local plan remit could still be pursued jointly with the Carbon Neutrality Action Programme initiative, but it would be good to ensure coordinated working. **C365**
- Incentivisation of developers to delivery zero carbon schemes, e.g. CIL rebate if schemes are designed to Passivhaus? **C550**
- A good plan is about considering the needs of the whole community, not just the most vocal. Indeed the less vocal may be more affected by changes. It is about achieving objectives while not reducing the quality of life of existing residents, and where possible, enhancing their quality of life. **C259**
- Residents' wellbeing in terms of health and quality of life should be a priority - meaning active travel, pollution reduction and open/green spaces (with corresponding more apartment-orientated housing policy) should be at the forefront of the Local Plan. **C346**
- A radical rethink of the general assumption that growth is normal needs to be undertaken. Perhaps we need a plan for consolidation and improvement. Make better and more flexible use of what we already have. **C511**

### **Land at Five Oaks Farm, Sheffield, SO32 2HS, to be designated as a Local Green Space – 10 responses**

- **C213, C225, C230, C266, C67, C213, C427, C594, C229**

### **‘No’ – 9 responses**

- **C27, C28, C32, C38, C315, C351, C416, C501, C543,**

## **Supporting SHELAA sites – 7 responses**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

- Sir John Moore Barracks **C489 C306**
- Mount Edgecombe Farm **C515**
- The opportunities offered by the pandemic work and shopping habits should be seized, by rejuvenating town centres, developing community spaces and networks, facilitating working hubs and supporting homeworking, including accelerated broadband rollout, to help maximise recovery for all parts of the district. The biggest mistake WCC can make as we emerge from the pandemic is to go back to the old normal. **C291, C292, C461,**
- The land at Mill Mead in the curtilage of the Mill House, Winchester Road, Bishops Waltham offers opportunity for housing development with significant benefits to the community in terms of reduction of carbon footprint due to its proximity to the village centre resulting in reduction in the need to use vehicles together with its adjacent location to existing development and scope for biodiversity offset providing a biodiversity net gain **C583**

## **City and rural needs – 5 responses**

- The focus for the district as a whole on the Winchester City is disappointing and shows a very real lack of understanding of the needs for this DISTRICT local plan. **C347**
- The local plan is very city centre oriented. **C202**
- I wish to emphasis though that the Plan needs to be very different for City Centre and for Rural areas and more importantly those differences as given by Parish Councils should be supported and actions taken accordingly. **C278**
- In rural areas, the residents are feeling that they are neglected. Often comments are made to planners or to the Council in Winchester and no action is taken. In order to have the support of the local plan and communities then these are important factors to uphold. **C437**
- The Local Plan needs to recognise that those living in rural areas have limited (or no) public services available locally and limited (or no) public transport available. Rural communities will still have a need to visit market towns and Winchester regularly to access public services, particularly older residents. In the absence of a regular bus, service there needs to be sufficient parking provision close to services. There also needs to be significant investment in electric vehicle charging points in rural communities as well as in Winchester car parks to support the transition to electric vehicles, as those in rural areas are most likely to continue to need to use a car. **C293**

## **Central Winchester regeneration – 4 responses**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

- Focus on redeveloping the city centre to create a Winchester, which is recreated for the new future into which we are moving, and which will make its citizens proud to live in a historic city, which is in tune with the future. **C87**
- Plans for redevelopment within Winchester City Centre have been long delayed. We need to see real progress on developing the right kind of mixed use development in this area. **C194**
- The 'redevelopment/ reimagining' of the city centre and other urban centres is essential and urgent. **C167**
- There could be more urban regeneration in the centre of Winchester for 18-30 year olds, and the over 65s/disabled/those who require care homes. **C131**

## **Biodiversity – 4 responses**

- It is encouraging that the consultation states that the biodiversity action plan (BAP) needs to be updated. This revision should ensure that house sparrow, starling and swift

are designated as "priority" species in need of protection and enhancement. Furthermore, since the declines of these 3 species have been caused by the loss of nest sites we ask that the BAP requires that existing nest sites used by these species are protected when buildings are renovated, for example, and all new-build housing includes swift bricks at a density of 1 brick per dwelling. **C418, C465**

- I believe addressing climate change and protecting biodiversity should be priorities. **C239**
- Biodiversity and protection of species and habitats **C243**

### **Diversity – 4 responses**

- The council looks at biodiversity but not diversity in population. Personally, I find it restrictive for a community if the demographic is nearly all white and middle class. More should be done to create ethnic diversity too **C20**
- Getting the city ready for a future that has sustainable living will take a great deal of courage. It will be necessary to close certain parts of the public highway, make certain streets part of a safe network and provide new ways of moving. The plan for the future needs to consider that people will want to move in and out of workplaces settings on a daily basis. This means that surrounding areas need to be viable places to live and work. The city should remain a destination for day and night activities. Focussing on healthy family life means that areas don't become over populated with either too many oldies or too many youngsters... Aim for diversity of population and diversity of habitat. **C12**
- We need to do a much better job of understanding the habit we live in and the diversity that will be lost if large developments are allowed on green field sites. **C33**
- People with Learning Disabilities usually prefer to live together in town centres where they can access things going on. Many times one person lives in 1 or 2 bedroom accommodation. This is complete waste of space. If they could live together in purpose built accommodation in safe areas that would suit them best. Perhaps a cafe could be incorporated in which they could be trained and employed. **C53**

### **Against SHELAA sites – 3 responses**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

- CR04 Land at Newlands, Crawley 76 Houses and CR01 Land fronting Hacks Lane, Crawley 48 Houses the above two potential sites in Crawley should not be developed. Crawley is nearly devoid of local amenities and it would not be suitable to support an increased population. Vehicular access is under extreme pressure and the heritage of the village would be put at risk if developments were pursued., **C474**
- I object to the plan for potential development of sites CR01, CR02, CR03 and CR04 in Crawley (see full rep for details **C431**
- **C312** is concerned about two sites that are being presented as part of the SHELAA - MI04 and MI12 (see full rep for details)

### **Nitrate neutrality – 3 responses**

- The ability to achieve nitrates neutrality is particularly challenging on smaller sites. Therefore, the provision of mitigation at a borough-wide level would remove a potential constraint for the provision of housing on smaller development sites. **C519**
- Page 26 of the Consultation document sets out the importance of delivering growth in a way, which is 'nutrient neutral'. It suggests that The Local Plan may be able to help by including land for mitigation such as planting woodland or creating wetland habitat. This approach is strongly supported. The ability to achieve nitrates neutrality is particularly challenging on smaller sites. Therefore, the provision of mitigation at a borough-wide level would remove a potential constraint for the provision of housing on smaller development sites. **C541**

- I am very concerned at the pollution going into the Solent. There has not been enough publicity or enforcement of the latest requirements for Sewage treatment plants or similar and the need to replace old, leaking cesspits. **C170**

### **Heritage – 2 responses**

*This topic is covered under Conserving and Enhancing the historic environment*

- Keep the historical beauty of Winchester **C556**
- I have grown up in Winchester and would like my own children to experience the same beautiful landscapes that make this such a special place to live. The increased pressures on children these days with social media etc mean that nature has never been a more important tonic to the stresses and strains of daily life. Young people deserve the same opportunities for recreation and leisure that we have benefitted from. It is not for us to take away historic landscapes that have been valued for generations. **C496**

### **Oppose removal of A&E from Winchester – 1 response**

- Including A&E from Winchester. This city is big enough to warrant a full hospital. Creating a new hospital in Basingstoke would be detrimental to the residents of Winchester, who would then have to travel - probably by car- to access services they can currently walk to. **C100**
- If possible I would like to see the available for funding from Hampshire together build a new hospital in Winchester or the outskirts or at least retain the 24/7 emergency department at a minimum. Planning will need to be involved in this and it should I be included in the local plan it's one of the most important if not the most important threat to Winchester currently **H110**

### **Tourism – 1 response**

- Increase Winchester's tourist trade by making Winchester full of culture, character and opportunities for local businesses. **C556**

### **Sport, leisure, art and culture – 1 response**

Not much in the LP about sport, leisure, art or culture, would like to see more consideration given to this **C601**

### **University Students – 1 response**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All - Development Strategy*

- Advocate closing down the so-called university. Students contribute only noise, litter and drunkenness to Winchester. Who benefits? A few pubs, clubs and cafes. The rest of us suffer immensely. Make them pay council tax too, in short term. **C8**

### **Pollution of developments – 1 response**

- We need to consider the light pollution. Currently the area west of Micheldever station is one of the few places there is truly little light pollution and this is important to the local environment, especially where there is endangered wildlife. **C33**

### **15-minute neighbourhood – 1 response**

- The aspiration for communities to be based around a 15 minute safe and accessible walk/cycle mobility scooter ride from shops and community facilities should be a key planning policy **C386**

### **Design – 1 response**

- Winchester town accounts for the vast majority of the population of the district in terms of homes, education and employment it badly needs a spatial plan, with more detailed plans for key areas, to make a large number of improvements and to identify potential. The areas of most need and potential are in the ownership of WCC, some or HCC or



other public bodies. It also needs tailor made design statements focusing on buildings, their boundaries, the public realm and its characteristics, as well planting and the town's setting. The Local Plan is too generic - development needs to be considered in relation to the different places within it as well as having an overview. The present system of relying on the SHEELA is unsatisfactory. **C47**

### **Travelers sites – 1 response**

*This topic is covered under Homes for All – Housing Needs*

- There is a need for more sites for travelling Show people. **C55**