

Local Plan Launch

WCC Council agreed at its Cabinet on 18 July to launch preparation of a new local plan.

Winchester City Council has to prepare a new local plan, following adoption of local plan part 2 last year and in light of changes to National Planning Guidance.

WCC Council therefore seeks your views on the scope and content of the local plan and has set up an on-line consultation at www.winchester.gov.uk/Winchester-lp-launch, this asks some key questions that will help us to shape the new local plan. The consultation will run from Tuesday 24 July 2018 until midday Friday 21 September 2018. At this stage, there are no documents to comment on, but your ideas and suggestions are welcome as to what the local plan should include. Paper copies of the consultation questions have been left with Parish Councils and are available in local libraries. Responses will be reported to the WCC Council's Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee in due course.

Further information can be viewed at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy>
Or if you wish to contact the Strategic Planning Team then please email planningpolicy@winchester.gov.uk

Review of Statement of Community Involvement

WCC adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) a number of years ago, with the preparation of a new local plan about to commence, now is a good time for this to be updated.

The SCI will set out methods of engagement and communication throughout the local plan process together with how we consult on planning applications.

The draft SCI can be viewed at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement>, an online response form has been created please submit your comments here www.winchester.gov.uk/sci The consultation will start on Tuesday 24 July 2018 until midday Friday 21 September 2018.

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)

In the past WCC has prepared a SHLAA Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, planning guidance advises to broaden this to include land for economic purposes – hence SHELAA. This will comprise a register of potentially available and deliverable sites for consideration through the Local Plan process. During January 2018 WCC issued a Call for Sites. Over 200 submissions have been received and are currently being assessed. The intention is to publish the SHELAA later in the year.

Prior to this WCC would appreciate your views on the methodology to be used to evaluate and determine the capacity of the sites and other matters that can impact on land availability and the delivery of sites coming forward. To assist this process a questionnaire has been created which can be accessed at www.winchester.gov.uk/shelaa-methodology , the closing date for contributions is midday Friday 21 September 2018.

Visit WCC webpages for more information on any of the above projects:

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy>

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