

Winchester: Thinking Ahead factsheet 2

The Local Plan

Local Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area, addressing needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure - as well as a basis for safeguarding the environment, adapting to climate change and securing good design.

Local Plans (together with any neighbourhood plans) are the starting-point for considering whether planning applications can be approved.

The first part of the Winchester District Local Plan (LPP1) is adopted and approved by the Secretary of State.

The Local Plan Part 2 - Development Management and Site Allocations (LPP2) was examined by an independent planning Inspector for its 'soundness' 12 and 20 July. LPP2 complements LPP1 by allocating sites for development and providing detailed development management policies.

Adoption of LPP2 is expected in November 2016.

The specific policies in LPP2 for Winchester Town cover the following topics:

Policy WIN 1 - Winchester Town

Development has to protect and enhance the special character of Winchester Town.

Policy WIN 2 - Town Centre

Development should contribute towards maintaining Winchester's role as a retail centre but mitigate adverse environmental or transport impacts.

Policy WIN 3 - Views & Roofscape

Roof designs should be sympathetic to the character of the town's historic roofscape.

Policy WIN 4 - Silver Hill

Development proposals for a comprehensively planned mixed-use development will be permitted. The Council now proposes to the Inspector a revised form of words to cover recent events.

Policy WIN 5 - Station Approach Area - Development Principles

The policies indicate that the area is suitable for employment-led offices, car parking, open spaces, leisure and small-scale retail.

Policy WIN 6 - The Carfax Mixed Use Site

This area is allocated for mixed-use office, small-scale retail or leisure, residential and car parking.

Policy WIN 7 - The Cattlemarket Mixed Use Site

This area is allocated for mixed use office, other commercial uses, housing and car parking.

Policy WIN 8 - Stanmore

New housing on infill sites and enhanced community facilities.

Policy WIN 9 - Houses in Multiple Occupation

Designation of “Article 4 Directions” to restrict the creation of Houses in Multiple Occupation in certain areas.

Policy WIN10 - Abbotts Barton

New limited housing to meet local needs and improved recreation and green space.

Policy WIN 11 - Winnall

To remain the main employment area in Winchester Town, with a more flexible approach along Easton Lane to provide a range of employment.

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