

## Winchester: Thinking Ahead factsheet 3

### Supplementary Planning Document for central Winchester

At its meeting on 29 March 2016, Winchester City Council Cabinet agreed a process and timetable to develop a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Central Winchester Regeneration area following the termination of the Development Agreement for Silver Hill (see map on reverse).

This SPD will act as a new planning brief for the area. It will have established status in the local planning system. An SPD cannot make new policy. It will add detail and refinement to the Local Plan Policies, in particular WIN4 which covers the Silver Hill area. The SPD can address other policies as well (e.g. town centre economy, affordable housing, transport).

Cabinet agreed a process along the following lines.

- a) Establish a task and finish group to oversee the production of the SPD.
- b) Commission studies from appropriately qualified external consultants into the key issues for new proposals for Silver Hill:
  - Traffic and transport - including parking, public transport and air quality
  - Winchester's cultural offer and potential new assets (including archaeology)
  - Winchester's retail requirements
  - Housing and affordable housing on the Silver Hill site
  - The requirements and aspirations of existing land owners and occupiers.
- c) Prepare a clear and comprehensive engagement strategy as a basis for a public dialogue, including incorporating these studies in public discussions - probably using a professional organisation to undertake engagement with the public.
- d) Prepare a draft SPD for consultation in accordance with requirements for an SPD and, after any modifications, adopt the SPD.

On 6 July 2016, Winchester City Council Cabinet set up an Informal Policy Group:

- To devise and implement a programme of engagement with all sectors of the community, including the Winchester Town Forum, to generate options and ideas for the SPD
- To take evidence from relevant service providers, businesses and members of the public to assess the implications of their views on the future of central Winchester and the content of the SPD
- To recommend to Cabinet what technical and economic studies should be commissioned that will be necessary to provide an evidence base for the SPD, particularly in relation to transport and parking, retail activity and cultural activities
- To evaluate a full range of options for the content of the SPD, based on the programme of engagement and the technical and economic studies, and then promote informed public debate to test policy and practical options
- To recommend a draft SPD to Cabinet that has been fully reviewed through a programme of consultation which allows all sectors of the community to make comments in a manner consistent with legislative requirements for the production of an SPD.