

Winchester: Thinking Ahead factsheet

Matching the infrastructure to housing growth

Green Infrastructure

Allocation sites are required to provide on-site open space, landscaping, links with existing public rights of way network and new connections between each site and other facilities. The Open Space Strategy 2015/16 identifies specific needs and shortfalls of open space and indicates what further open space provision may be required in each area.

Health

NHS England has not raised any specific development requirements to meet the needs of the proposed LPP2 development, but is in the process of identifying new models of care which may reshape the infrastructure needed to deliver healthcare over the next 10-20 years in their Five Year Forward View.

To make a new GP surgery viable, a minimum number of registered patients are required and funding for a new surgery resulting from development (where justified) would need to be secured through a S.106 agreement potentially including both land and build cost to secure provision of the service. Similarly running a "branch surgery" would need to be a commercial decision of the existing practice. ... the provision of a surgery which meets modern requirements may not be considered a commercially viable option

Flooding

A Flood Alleviation Scheme is proposed for North Walls Park/ Park Avenue ... in response to recent recurring flood events. The works are not necessary for the delivery of the proposed LPP2 allocations, nor do they affect SHLAA sites which count towards the 5 year land supply ... However, they are important infrastructure work for existing development and to reduce the risk to the area of Silver Hill.

The scheme would protect River Park Leisure Centre, St Bedes CE Primary School, The University of Southampton School of Art, residential properties in Park Road and reduce the risk of flooding in other residential streets such as Middlebrook Street, Upper Brook Street and the High Street.

Communications

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is leading on the Hampshire Superfast Broadband project working together with service providers and investing a total of £28.4m of public funding to increase coverage from 80% to more than 95% of existing premises across Hampshire and fill the gap in smaller rural areas. There is no mechanism to enforce the provision of high speed broadband as a planning condition, however, the Council can seek to encourage this provision in all new developments. It has included a policy DM16 in LPP2 to do this...

Extracts from the City Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan