

NE13 - Leisure and recreation in the countryside

- Support - 15
- Neither support of object - 11
- Object - 0

The changes to the supporting text and the Local Plan policies have not only been informed by the responses to the Regulation 18 consultation but they have also taken on board any additional feedback that has come out of discussions/meetings with statutory consultees and members in order to improve the clarity and understanding of the contents of the Local Plan.

Comments in support of NE13 - leisure and recreation in the countryside		
Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
ANON-KSAR-NKS3-G Bishops Waltham Parish Council	NE13 - Comment: Welcome the potential for development of new leisure and recreational facilities outside the defined settlement boundaries.	Comments noted and Support welcomed. Recommended Response: No Change.
ANON-KSAR-N856-2	I support his policy since I am concerned about issues of noise and light pollution and disruption to the rural setting caused by increases in the amount and type of traffic and patterns of travel. This is in connection with a proposal by the parish council to site floodlit 3G pitches outside the settlement area at Mill Lane, Wickham, but adjacent to the National Park and the Meon Valley Trail. I believe the development of this site (and a possible stadium for 1000 spectators) will create unacceptable visual or noise intrusion, harm the historic nature of Wickham Square & Bridge street which will be needed for	Comments noted and support welcomed. Recommended Response: No Change.

	<p>access, and damage tranquillity and public safety. If artificial lighting is permitted I would only hope that its design and operation may be limited by condition in order to minimise light pollution in the countryside.</p>	
<p>ANON-KSAR-N88X-7</p>	<p>As noted elsewhere, the Winchester City Council’s Regulation 18 consultation document for the Winchester District Local Plan 2019-2039 does not include any reference to spatial planning or land allocation for sport or active recreation. There is an urgent need to address this in the next draft of the Local Plan, given that the evidence base records deficits in sports grounds and other provision, there is ongoing growth in the city and district population, and there is a need to respond to the evolving demography of the city of Winchester specifically (with many school age children and other young people living here, alongside older and retired populations).</p> <p>In line with Policy NE13, the city's requirements for sports pitches (particularly for skills development and training, but also for match play) will only be met through the allocation and adaptation of sites on the settlement boundary. It would be helpful for the Local Plan process to identify at least one site that is suitable for a hub accommodating multiple synthetic sports pitches, ancillary facilities and some floodlighting. This kind of facility could fit well in one of the strategic "gaps" that separate the city from surrounding villages (where houses should not be built), on a site close to one of the arterial routes into the city centre (for ease of access using either public or personal transport).</p>	<p>Comments noted. There are some references to providing recreational facilities, for examples at Sun Lane (Policy NA2) with the provision of 15Ha of open and recreational space, with sports ground and other recreational facilities provided on site. Other large scale development such as Barton Farm (which already has planning permission) and other sites in the Local Plan such SJM Barracks will, as part of their development provide area of open space.</p> <p>Recommended Response: No Change.</p> <p>A key component of the LP, it that it will need to be demonstrated at the LP Examination that the proposals that are included in the LP are deliverable. As there is no funding available to investigate / build this type of facility it will not be possible to identify a site as part of the LP process.</p> <p>Recommended Response: No Change.</p>

Comments which neither support nor object to NE13 - leisure and recreation in the countryside		
Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
ANON-KSAR-NK4Z-R Soberton Parish Council	Any uses should just be in daylight hours. The need for any parking facilities should be addressed. Surface water and drainage needs to be addressed. There should be no material harm to hedgerows and arable field margins and where appropriate enhance existing hedgerows.	Comments Noted. It is important to read the LP as whole as Development Standards including noise are included in Policy D7. A condition can be attached to a planning application for the hours of opening to be sociable hours. Any application will also need to demonstrate that there is no adverse impact on the environment through the provisions of Policy NE1 (Protecting and enhancing Biodiversity and the Natural Environment in the district) Recommended Response: No Change
ANON-KSAR-NKF6-6	It is important that they not cause material harm to hedgerows and arable field margins and where appropriate enhance existing hedgerows.	Comments noted. Recommended Response: No Change
ANON-KSAR-NKAP-U	The importance of quiet, unspoilt areas of countryside was demonstrated to a very wide group of people who informally used the areas outside OB. They came from many other places in Winchester and further afield. The informal use of country areas should have priority as much as more formal outdoor sports and activities. Trees are of particular importance to people and the Local Plan	Comments Noted. The importance of trees is recognised in the Local Plan. Any development proposal will need to demonstrate that there will be no net loss of biodiversity, in conformity with Policy NE1. WCC cannot either via the Local

	<p>should show clearly where the Council plans to plant the millions of trees which are needed for carbon neutrality.</p> <p>The chalk down land has a part of play in this and should not be left to the SDNP but included in Winchester's own plan.</p>	<p>Plan or another mechanism change the boundary of the SDNP.</p> <p>Recommended Response: No Change.</p>
ANON-KSAR-NKXA-3	<p>Draft Policy NE13 (Leisure and Recreation in the Countryside) supports new and the expansion of existing facilities, and the use of land, for leisure and recreation. The Club is supportive of this policy, which is well worded and acknowledges the important role that tourism development plays in the rural economy. The wording of this policy could, however, be more explicit in its wording, and should reference the forms of tourism development that would be acceptable outside of settlement boundaries, including glamping, pods, lodges and ancillary uses and buildings, including storage and residential units for holiday lets.</p>	<p>Comments Noted and support welcomed. There are many uses that fall within the Leisure that fall within Sui-Genesis and would be too lengthy to describe every suitable leisure use. It is therefore considered that the majority of leisure uses would be allowed within the existing policy wording, provided the leisure and recreational proposal is compliant with other elements of the policy.</p> <p>Recommended Response: No Change.</p>
BHLF-KSAR-N8TJ-N	<p>Draft Policy NE13 (Leisure and Recreation in the Countryside) supports new and the expansion of existing facilities, and the use of land, for leisure and recreation. The Club is supportive of this policy, which is well worded and acknowledges the important role that tourism development plays in the rural economy. The wording of this policy could, however, be more explicit in its wording, and should reference the forms of tourism development that would be acceptable outside of settlement boundaries, including glamping, pods, lodges and ancillary uses and buildings, including storage and residential units for holiday lets.</p>	<p>Comments noted and support welcomed. There are many uses that fall within the Leisure that fall within Sui-Genesis and would be too lengthy to describe every suitable leisure use. It is therefore considered that the majority of leisure uses would be allowed within the existing policy wording, provided the leisure and recreational proposal is compliant with other elements of the policy.</p> <p>Recommended Response: No Change.</p>

<p>BHLF- KSAR- N8Z7-8 South Downs National Park Authority</p>	<p>(1) Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Beauty of the Area The landscape is the foundation for all other special qualities of the SDNP, including its setting, views, tranquillity, and unspoilt places and its distinctive towns and villages. With this in mind, the SDNP covers approximately 40% of Winchester District and a significant proportion of the remainder of the District is within the setting of the SDNP. Development within the setting of the SDNP must be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise any adverse impacts on the SDNP in line with Paragraph 176 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). We welcome the emerging local plan’s recognition for the need to protect and enhance landscape character. With this in mind, we recommend that the following policies are updated to include appropriate references to the need to avoid and/or minimise any potential adverse impacts on the SDNP, from development within its setting, in terms of landscape character, safeguarding views, tranquillity and dark night skies. These are; Policies D1 (High Quality, Well Designed and Inclusive Places), D2 (Design Principles for Winchester Town); D4 (Design Principles for Market Towns and Rural Areas), D5 (Masterplan), NE12 (Equestrian Development), NE13 (Leisure and Recreation in the Countryside), and NE14 (Rural Character).</p>	<p>Comments Noted. It is important to read the LP as a whole. Recommended Response: No Change.</p>
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	Recommendations	Officer Response
<p>Comments from SA</p>	<p>Policy NE13 could be strengthened by including direct reference to need for new development in countryside to protect residential amenity for existing dwellings or cross reference to relevant countryside policy (Policy SP3).</p>	<p>It is important to read the LP as whole as there will be other policies in the LP that could be equally as important.</p>
	<p>Policy NE13 could be further strengthened by requiring that development and operation of the site would not cause unacceptable harm to the PRoW and cycleway networks.</p>	<p>These are covered by Policies T1 – T4. It is important that the Plan is read as a whole.</p>

	Policy NE13 could be further strengthened by requiring that proposals prioritise the re-use of any existing buildings onsite before considering additional buildings.	The reuse of existing buildings is already covered by the policy text through the reference to the 'expansion of existing facilities' and by Policy NE3.
Comments from HRA		

No changes to supporting text and Policy NE13.