

Missing policy - High quality, well-designed places and living well

Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
ANON-KSAR-NKYP-K	<p>A policy and related site allocations are needed in the following area:</p> <p>Planning for longer-term sports and leisure provision</p> <p>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>The Local Plan should make provision in the city of Winchester (i.e. "Winchester Town" and its periphery) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A site with multiple pitches for football (i.e. natural grass and 3G/4G artificial turf) and hockey (i.e. a Tiger Turf synthetic surface), to meet the needs identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy and by local clubs. There are numerous sites around the settlement boundary, some of which were put forward for housing or other development via the SHELAA, which could 	<p>Policy NE3 of the Plan sets out the Local Plan approach to open space, sports and recreation, including the expected standards to be achieved in new developments.</p> <p>Since the Regulation 18 consultation the Council has published an open spaces strategy to supplement this and provide more detail.</p>

	<p>accommodate such provision. This will become particularly urgent as the city grows, and the sooner land is allocated the better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sites for free-to-use facilities with an emphasis on adolescent and youth provision, e.g. multi-use games areas (MUGAs), skate parks, pump tracks. - One or more sites that can accommodate other leisure provision that Winchester lacks, such as: ten-pin bowling, an ice rink, a large wet weather / soft play facility, a larger and more affordable cinema, a lido (outdoor pool) and/or spa facility, social entertainment (i.e. centres that offer activities such as social darts, electric shuffleboard, beer pong, karaoke, glow golf, etc – they're springing up all over the country currently). <p>We must proactively plan for local residents to be able to relax and exercise together, as well as planning for housing and employment. The current draft of the Local Plan does not address this planning requirement, which is vital to the development of "high quality, well designed places" and to "living well".</p>	
<p>ANON-KSAR-NKJ6-A</p>	<p>Policies to guide applications for existing buildings, especially in Winchester town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to guide extensions to terraced houses, protect front gardens from hard surfacing and encourage street parking where there is space - it helps slow traffic and prevents cars crossing pavements, important for pedestrians. b) to guide development on smaller sites especially those in Winchester town where one house is demolished and a number are built on the plot, using garden areas. Connections and provision for 	<p>The Council now intends to bring forward a Design Code which will provide an opportunity for proposals such as this to be considered further.</p>

	<p>pedestrians and cyclists are important for these developments.</p> <p>Many people responding the consultation in April 2021 stated the need for a plan for Winchester; this was again raised at two of the workshops carried out in autumn 2021 but has not been highlighted in this document - many of the comments made as part of this submission require more detailed mapping, and visual presentations for Winchester town: routes for Active Travel, areas for wider masterplans/framework plans, Design Codes, the 15 minute neighbourhood to name just a few. The town has a need for many improvements and development could contribute to this if they were defined in response to a clear Vision and Action Plan; making connections and so avoiding piecemeal development which fails to deliver wider benefits. The LP is focused on developers providing new homes but Winchester town also needs a plan to drive a number of improvements but has no forum for this - a co-designed plan for the town, in conjunction with the LP could deliver this.</p>	
ANON-KSAR-N83B-C	I feel that more areas of the district should benefit from a Local Green Space designation.	Noted. At present new Local Green Space designations have not been included in the emerging Local Plan.
ANON-KSAR-NK66-P	Local Green Space	
ANON-KSAR-N85N-T	<p>PRIVATE FAMILY GARDENS</p> <p>This should be a requirement for all new housing -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide safe play areas 2. to provide refreshment for stressed adults 	It is not always possible for new homes to include private family gardens. The Local Plan approach to open space and biodiversity is set out in policy D1 and the policies in the Natural Environment Chapter.

	<p>3. to provide sanctuary for birds and other wildlife and preserve diversity of planting and habitat. Other open spaces are often down to well trodden grass that is too small for any worthwhile play. Littleton is a wonderful exception. so is River Park. Both should be preserved.</p> <p>4. to help maintain the water table. Any ares of planting will absorb rain fall which should move towards maintaining the water table.</p>	<p>Together it is considered that these do provide an appropriate approach to these issues.</p>
<p>ANON-KSAR-N8VY-6</p>	<p>See my comments on policy W11 and especially “fair and reasonable balance between current residents and corporate entities seeking new development on a medium and large scale, including demolition of residential properties, and the practice of “land banking”...allowing usable properties to deteriorate unoccupied over years.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>