

Missing Policy – Creating a Vibrant economy

Respondent number	Comment	Officer response
ANON-KSAR-NKWW-R	<p>I have been in discussion with WCC and its Leader about the potential closure of the Corner House Public House in Winchester.</p> <p>Within this discussions, it became clear that there is not sufficient criteria within the local planning policy to deal with decisions regarding the closure of Public Houses and/or their conversion to housing.</p>	<p>Points made by others under E8 (Local Facilities and Services) and have they have been considered there.</p> <p>Comment copied to E8 'neither support or object' for completeness</p>
ANON-KSAR-NKWW-R	<p>It was suggested by Martin Tod that I write into this consultation and propose that more specific criteria be adopted into the future Local Plan. Specifically, with developers often citing "unviability" of Public Houses, and with the current Local Plan having no assessment criteria for "unviability" I would like to propose that the CAMRA Viability Test (or parts of it) be adopted within the Local Plan to provide a structured framework for assessing if a Public House is viable or not. Without, developers will simply cite unviability by virtue of having marketed a Public House at an excessive price for a period of time. I have found the process of submitting this feedback hugely complex - please excuse the fact that I have had to use the "other" category, but I'm afraid the process is not easy for someone who wants to make a simple comment.</p>	<p>This respondent is the same as above and making same point.</p> <p>This has been covered under E8.</p> <p>Comment copied to E8 'neither support or object' for completeness</p>
ANON-KSAR-NKXV-R	<p>There is no policy on Food Security or efficient Land Use</p> <p>Food Security has been shown by the situation in Ukraine to be as important as energy security. It can also have a significant effect on reducing our District's food miles and therefore make a big contribution to our desire to be carbon neutral.</p> <p>We should be encouraging carbon sequestration through efficient and effective farming methods and encouraging our landowners to actually produce food</p>	<p>This respondent made comments directly under E10 (Farm Diversification). and the points regarding food Security & encouraging food production have been addressed there.</p>

rather than waiting for a developer to increase the value of their landholding from development.

We should also consider effective land use within our policies somewhere. Solar farms are notoriously ineffective use of agricultural land. An 85 acre site of solar panels will produce less power than one single wind turbine. We could instead use those 85 acres (if on agricultural land) for food production and sequestration of carbon. Solar panels only produce power when the country least needs it (summer and daytime). In the peak usage time of 4-7pm in the winter, it produces nothing. Battery storage only generally stores power for 1 hour and in the winter, panels would not produce sufficient excess energy for storage anyway. I would urge you to look at <https://www.solar.sheffield.ac.uk/pvlive/> and see how ineffective solar is at solving our issues of energy need.

In the House of Lords Land use in England Committee report published on 13th December 2022 (<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/33168/documents/179645/default/>) they concluded:

"Although there are provisions within the NPPF to dissuade the development of solar farms on Best and Most Versatile land, from the evidence received we are concerned that too many exceptions are being made. We believe that a consistent policy toward encouraging the installation of solar panels on industrial, commercial and domestic buildings is needed and would negate the need for large- scale ground mounted solar farms. Alongside that, we would like to see stricter regulations put in place to prevent the development of solar farms on BMV land. We also believe onshore wind turbines still have a crucial role to play in achieving national energy self-sufficiency.

133. Energy and other large-scale infrastructure projects should be incorporated into a land use framework. The Land Use Commission would be tasked with doing this in close cooperation with relevant bodies including the National Infrastructure Commission."

Several representations regarding carbon sequestration and the effective use of land for food production (including the use for solar farms) have been considered as part of other responses under E10.

No change required.

	Central government direction is towards the development of a proper land use framework.	
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