

## **Matters, Issues and Questions for the Winchester Local Plan 2020-2040**

### **ED13 – Inspectors Note 2 – Stage 1 MIQs.**

#### **Otterbourne Parish Council Statement: Policy OT01 Land East of Main Road**

- 1. Housing need in Otterbourne is proposed to be met through an allocation in this Plan, windfall and net completions in or adjoining the settlement. In this respect would the Plan be positively prepared and robustly justified by the evidence?**

Otterbourne Parish Council considers that the number of dwellings allocated in the Plan will meet expected need for the foreseeable future and be delivered through site OT01, expected and windfall sites. The village consists of 625 households and the allocated number represents approximately 10% additional. The community and Otterbourne primary school have benefitted from similar sized developments.

The Parish Council undertook public consultations with Otterbourne residents on all proposed SHELAA sites and identified site OT01 as sustainable for the numbers it provided: within the central area of the village, least traffic congestion/impact on current residential areas, walkable to school, community facilities and public transport.

The developer has drafted plans demonstrating that up to 55 dwellings can be provided on site OT01 as smaller-sized homes. Otterbourne has a very high percentage of 3+ bedroomed houses, many of which have been extended. The demand for smaller sized 2-3 bedroomed homes was identified from a former village survey to provide for couples/young families and also residents in larger homes who wish to downsize, but remain within Otterbourne.

An additional site to OT01 on Waterworks Road (SHELAA site OT05) has also been put forward as a worthwhile consideration for a smaller secondary site should unforeseen circumstances arise whereby housing numbers on site OT01 or windfall are fewer than expected. This is also a sustainable site in the central part of the village and within a contained, residential area, but outside of the settlement boundary. At maximum density the site could accommodate up to 24 smaller-sized homes, however following the public consultation feedback the Parish Council would propose up to 11 houses on this secondary site to restrict traffic congestion.

- 2. Policy OT01 includes a phasing restriction. Would this be justified by the evidence?**

Otterbourne Parish Council has not requested the phasing restriction which has been determined by WCC within its Plan. The Parish Council does not raise any concern on timing of the OT01 development.

3. **Would the policy as submitted, ensure the archaeology of the site is conserved appropriately?**

Otterbourne Parish Council is aware that the course of a Roman Road is detailed as bisecting the site. It is assumed that the appropriate investigations will take place by the developer within the planning framework and conditions imposed. The Parish Council would consult Otterbourne Conservation Group at the appropriate time.