

Consultation comments on policy HE1 – Strategic policy

- Support - 20
- Neither support of object - 3
- Object - 1

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.

Comment in support of policy HE1 – strategic policy		
Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
ANON-KSAR-NKDW-5 Littleton and Harestock Parish Council	The heritage of an area, including in our Parish at Flowerdown, is an important part of its character. The proposed heritage policies of the local plan provide a robust framework and are supported by Littleton and Harestock Parish Council. Support Strategic Policy HE1	Support welcomed and comments noted
ANON-KSAR-NKAP-U	However The relevance and extent of the archaeological and historic aspects of the landscape in rural areas are not protected as fully as they should be. This strategic opportunity should be taken to strengthen the importance of context and setting. So periods of archaeological remains are under acknowledged. For example in Texas Field the ancient footpaths, tumuli and uses of the land were not at all considered when a planning application to rebuild a small traditional dwelling with a modern concrete house were not considered. A tumuli, ancient paths and an SSSI are now over shadowed by an inappropriate building. The water works borders an very ancient track way and it is itself lined with very ancient yew trees. These aspects of the	Comments noted Officer response: Proposed additional supporting text for policy HE1 here: 'The historic environment is all around us, through the ways that the landscape of our countryside and streetscapes of our settlements have been used and enjoyed in the past. The remains

	<p>past are not highlighted on maps when planning committees make decisions. Thus this is an opportunity for these aspects of landscape to be enhanced through the Local Plan review through better notation and map making.</p>	<p>of man-made changes to the environment are the evidence of our heritage, and where these remains have heritage significance and are sufficiently well-preserved, they will be considered as heritage assets, for the purposes of decision making in planning applications.'</p> <p>For non-designated heritage assets, as this is not a formal designation and is only something the Council would recognise during the determination of a planning application, it is not possible to provide such a list.</p>
<p>ANON-KSAR-NKXV-R</p>	<p>I would like to see a register of all of the District's non-designated heritage assets as well as the designated ones. This will help to protect and preserve them.</p>	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>For designated heritage assets (listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens), you can find them on the National Heritage List for England, searchable here: Search the List: Map Search Historic England. Alternatively, it is possible to view them on our GIS map on our website here: Winchester Future 50 (arcgis.com) For</p>

		<p>conservation areas (also designated heritage assets) the maps identifying the boundaries of each conservation area can be accessed here: Boundary Maps - Winchester City Council.</p> <p>For non-designated heritage assets, as this is not a formal designation and is only something the Council would recognise during the determination of a planning application, it is not possible to provide such a list.</p> <p>Recommended response: no change</p>
ANON-KSAR-N85A-D	<p>[This response should be read in conjunction with the full copies of the 'Bishop's Waltham Representations to the Winchester Local Plan Regulation 18 representations OBO Crest Nicholson' representations, which includes the relevant figures, footnotes and appendices, with correct formatting]</p> <p>Paragraph 189 of the Framework seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment and sets out that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource that should be conserved so they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life or existing and future generations. Winchester has a rich and diverse historic environment that provides a valuable contribution to its identity and culture. Draft Policy HE1 confirms the Plan will protect the district's designated and non-designated heritage assets in accordance with the Framework and draft Policies HE2-HE14 set out the approach through which this will be achieved.</p>	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted</p> <p>Recommended response: no change</p>

	<p>Crest Nicholson is wholly supportive of the aims of these policies and notes the development of the Site, which is not located in close proximity to any designated or non-designated heritage assets, will therefore reduce development pressure on the district's historic environment. In contrast, as identified earlier in these representations, the development of draft site allocation BW4 will be required to consider the setting of listed buildings in its design, which would in turn likely intensify its landscape impacts.</p>	
ANON-KSAR-N8MP-M	<p>[This response should be read in conjunction with the full copies of the 'North Whiteley Representations to the Winchester Local Plan Regulation 18 representations, which includes the relevant figures and appendices, with tables correctly formatted]</p> <p>Paragraph 189 of the Framework seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment and sets out that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource that should be conserved so they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life or existing and future generations. Winchester has a rich and diverse historic environment that provides a valuable contribution to its identity and culture. Strategic Policy HE1 confirms the Plan will protect the district's designated and non-designated heritage assets in accordance with the Framework and Policies HE2-HE14 set out the approach through which this will be achieved.</p> <p>Crest Nicholson is broadly supportive of the aims of these Policies and notes the development proposal for land in the North Whiteley MDA is not located in close proximity to any designated or non-designated heritage assets and the allocation of further growth in this location will therefore reduce development pressure on the district's historic environment.</p>	<p>Comments noted and support welcomed.</p> <p>Recommended response: no change</p>
BHLF-KSAR-N8BQ-A Historic England	<p>HE1 - support</p> <p>We support the inclusion of this strategic policy.</p> <p>We note that the IIA states that this policy could be strengthened by referring to the need to ensure appropriate consideration is given to effects relating to the settings of heritage assets. This is not essential, but there is scope for</p>	<p>Comments noted and support welcomed.</p> <p>Proposed changes to the left have been agreed to.</p>

<p>Link here</p>	<p>this to be included in the second paragraph, should the Council wish to do so.</p> <p>Amendments to HE1 The unique character, significance, quality and integrity of the district’s historic environment is an irreplaceable resource, which positively contributes to the district’s distinctive local ‘sense of place’ and cultural offer which needs to be conserved, enhanced and enjoyed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>The council will work with partners, developers and the local community to ensure that decisions affecting heritage assets and their settings are based on a sound understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to district’s historic environment.</p>	<p>New wording in bold:</p> <p>The council will work with partners, developers and the local community to ensure that decisions affecting heritage assets and their settings are based on a sound understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to district’s historic environment.</p>
<p>BHLF-KSAR-N8B3-C</p> <p>BHLF-KSAR-N868-5</p>	<p>We support the positive wording of Policy HE1, and in particular the acknowledgement that “the council will work with partners, developers and the local community to ensure that decisions affecting heritage assets are based on a sound understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to district’s historic environment.” For us, this is an important acknowledgment that development can be located within the setting of important heritage features providing that they are based on a sound understanding of the site, its context, and the significance of the heritage assets concerned.</p> <p>Furthermore, there is an acknowledgement that development can make a positive contribution to the setting of a heritage asset either directly or indirectly through mitigation. In our view, Site CU39, with its mature landscaped edges can be developed in a way that makes a positive contribution to its context.</p>	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted</p> <p>Recommended response: no change</p>

Comments which neither support or object to policy HE1 – Strategic Policy		
Respondent number	Comment	Officer comment
ANON-KSAR-NKC8-5	It is essential that there should be no deterioration to the historical environment, not just buildings but to identifying and protecting ancient pilgrim trails and areas of archaeological interest	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>Officer response: Proposed additional supporting text for policy HE1 here:</p> <p>The historic environment is all around us, through the ways that the landscape of our countryside and streetscapes of our settlements have been used and enjoyed in the past. The remains of man-made changes to the environment are the evidence of our heritage, and where these remains have heritage significance and are sufficiently well-preserved, they will be considered as heritage assets, for the purposes of decision making in planning applications.</p>
BHLF-KSAR-N8T1-V	Policies lack any measurable action and simply restate the requirements of the NPPF –consider them to be unnecessary additions as Policies on their own?	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>This policy was written with the assistance of Historic England and we feel that the first point in this</p>

		<p>policy is important enough to be reiterated from the NPPF.</p> <p>Recommended response: no change</p>
<p>BHLF- KSAR- N8BX-H</p>	<p>The Historic Environment Strategic Policy HE1 HE2 HE8 HE9 HE14 The Trust supports the aspiration for a 'positive Policy' when dealing with heritage assets, but subject to such Policy recognising that such assets must 'make a practical contribution' by delivering a meaningful use. (As stated at 8.19). The Trust operates from several listed buildings and/or buildings of historic interest. The Trust is concerned that the need to upgrade such buildings (to allow them a meaningful future and retain historic context) with modernised or High Tec infrastructure reflecting clinical or supporting need should not be seen as inappropriate or made unaffordable by the needs of historic conservation. The Trust suggests that certain historic and socially important continuous building uses be considered 'flexible and adaptable' as a route to maintaining ongoing historical context, allowing sustainable meaningful use and to protect and build upon already embedded carbon. The Trust expects that 'sustainable future use' must also allow alteration reflecting a contribution to the stated climate emergency and to achieve desired energy efficiency / Net Carbon Zero aspirations. (CN1 CN2 CN6),</p>	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>WCC is committed to support HHFT in their effective use of the historic buildings within their estate. These policies are not intended to preclude this, rather to ensure that all works and alterations to them are carefully considered to ensure that the significance is sustained, and that any harm is thoroughly justified and minimised where possible. WCC recognises the contribution made by the reuse of buildings, historic or otherwise, to protect embodied carbon in the journey to net-zero.</p> <p>Recommended response: no change</p>

	Recommendations	Officer response
<p>Comments from SA/HRA</p>	<p>Policy HE1 could be strengthened to refer to the need to ensure appropriate consideration is given to effects relating to the settings of heritage assets.</p>	<p>Policy HE1 now states that council will work with partners, developers and the local community to ensure</p>

		that decisions affecting heritage assets and their settings are based on a sound understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to district's historic environment.
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Amendments to policy HE1

Amendments to supporting text

Add after 8.1 as a new para 8.2

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Add to HE1 supporting text : Add new para after 8.4

8.5 The council will work with property owners to encourage repair and maintenance of historic building to reduce the size of its Building at Risk Register and to work with Historic England to remove heritage assets from the national Heritage at Risk Register.

Add to 'what are we trying to achieve'

The historic environment has value for present and future generations. It is our responsibility to protect it so that future generations can enjoy it as we do today.

Amendments to Policy HE1

The unique character, significance, quality and integrity of the district's historic environment is an irreplaceable resource, which positively contributes to the district's distinctive local 'sense of place' and cultural offer which needs to be conserved, enhanced and enjoyed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

The council will work with partners, developers and the local community to ensure that decisions affecting heritage assets **and their settings** are based on a sound understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to district's historic environment.