

Privacy and publication

We are unable to legally accept anonymous submissions to the consultation. You must therefore provide your consent below before you are able to submit your response.

Privacy Notice

Any personal information that you supply to Winchester City Council will only be used for the purposes of the work required to prepare a Local Plan under the Planning Acts. We need to collect this information in order to maintain accurate records to ensure that you can be properly involved in the preparation of the Local Plan. This will include general updates on the progress on the Local Plan, sending updates/surveys/newsletters, inviting comments on the Local Plan as it moves through its statutory stages and being notified of the date of the Local Plan Examination and be invited by the Inspector to speak at the Local Plan Examination. Any comments that are received in connection with the Local Plan will be published but they will only display the person/organisation name and postcode beside them. Any information that is received, including contact details, will only be kept until the Local Plan is adopted.

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1. Please confirm that you have read and understood the above.

(Required)

About you

Please add your personal details below. If you are acting as an agent, please also fill in your details where requested below.

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires copies of all representations to be made publicly available, therefore we cannot accept anonymous representations. The Council will publish names and associated representations on its website but will not publish personal information such as telephone numbers, or email addresses.

You must fill in these details before you can submit the form.

2. What is your full name or client's name if acting as an agent?

Name of respondent (or client): (Required)

Footstep Active Living Ltd

3. If you are representing an organisation or acting as an agent, please provide the name below.

Organisation/Agent:

Pro Vision

4. What is your address?

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please put the organisation's address below. If you are acting as an agent, please put the company address below.

House number/name: (Required)

Street address 1: (Required)

Street address 2:

Town/area: (Required)

Postcode: (Required)

5. What is your email address?

Email address:

6. What is your phone number?

(Required)

Phone number:

7. By submitting this form I acknowledge that;

- a) my response, together with supporting information, which includes my name, address and contact details will be sent to the Local Plan Examination Programme Officer and the Planning Inspectorate; and**
- b) my name will be published, together with my response, in the Winchester City Council Local Plan Examination website.**

8. Please select the box below if you would like to be kept up to date on the developments to the Local Plan via the email you have provided?

- Yes, I would like to be kept up to date with Local Plan developments
- No

What area of the Local Plan would you like to comment on?

Policy and paragraph number: (Required)

Draft policy NE7 (settlement gaps)

Do you consider the supporting text and policy are:

(Required)

	Yes	No
Legally compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complies with the duty to co-operate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give details to support your answer above: Please be as precise as possible and include any paragraph/policy numbers that your comments relate to. (Required)

We object to the extent of the settlement gap between Otterbourne and Southdown.

Whilst the purpose of seeking to avoid coalescence of urban areas is acknowledged, it is considered that the land at George Beckett Nursery which fronts onto the Otterbourne Road already forms part of the urban fabric of the settlement by virtue of being located between existing built form, and its character reflecting an urban setting – buildings, hardstanding, boundary treatments, and retail/human activity. The site also represents previously developed land (PDL).

It therefore contributes nothing to the role and function of the gap.

The Settlement Gap Review (2024) – which is a light-touch desk-based assessment – has not specified any amendments to the Otterbourne/Southdown gap, but the strategy of the draft Local Plan is to restrict growth around these settlements, despite them being in a sustainable location.

The 2024 Review seemingly refers to the open field and the nursery as a single entity. They are not. The field is separate to the nursery and could continue to fulfil the function of the gap in isolation.

It is perfectly legitimate therefore for the Local Plan process to consider adjustments to the gap, subject to consideration of the impact of any changes on the function of the gap. Paragraph A.87 of the Settlement Gap Review (2024) acknowledges that *“there is little sense of distinction between this area and the defined settlement edge”*. Therefore, given the negligible contribution the Nursery frontage makes to the gap, it is considered that the function of the gap would be preserved if the site was removed from the gap.

What modification(s) are necessary to make the policy legally compliant or sound?

Amend the extent of the Otterbourne/Southdown settlement gap to remove the Nursery frontage.

What is your suggested wording or text for the policy:

n/a

The Inspector will decide on who will appear at the hearing(s). You may be asked to take part when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination. If the Inspector invites you, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearing sessions?

(Required)

- Yes, I want to take part in a hearing session if I am invited to by the Inspector to participate
- No, I don't want to take part in a hearing session