

## **Hursley Parish Council response to the draft Winchester Local Plan, Sept 2024**

Hursley Parish Council broadly supports the draft Local plan but considers Policy NE1 with Policy NE9 is not justified or consistent with national policy. They do not provide for the protection of 'valued landscapes'.

The need to protect valued landscapes is recognised in proposed Policy NE1 paragraph 7.22 which states that that "*Valued landscapes .....should be protected and enhanced*", following the wording of NPPF 180(a). However this recognition is not carried forward to the text of the Policy itself.

There is clear precedent for a specific policy to protect and enhance valued landscapes within Hampshire. There is significant land within Hursley Parish which is designated as Valued Landscape by CPRE Hampshire.

Note also that the change of the Bushfield Camp allocation to mixed use would be expected to significantly increase traffic along the Romsey Road and is against Hampshire LTP4.

Please note also that Hursley is in the process of developing its Neighbourhood Plan and at this point in time is largely supportive of the draft Winchester planning policies, other than mentioned above, and the Local Plan's assumption of 20 new properties to be developed over the life of the plan.

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Chair, Hursley Parish Council – September 2024