

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)

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

Organisation/Agent:

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)

D6

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"/>

We support the approach in draft policy D6 to ensure that development land is used most effectively by prioritising the development of brownfield land. However, it is considered that the reference to “*within existing settlements*” could be interpreted as being informed by defined settlement boundaries. This being the case, it will fail to recognise the development potential of all brownfield sites in sustainable and accessible locations unless settlement boundaries are reviewed/amended.

Paragraph 1.2 (bullet 3) of the Local Plan Forward states that this Local Plan seeks to protect our natural environment by adopting a ‘brownfield first’ approach to development opportunities. This is supported. However, failing to recognise the suitability of all brownfield sites in accessible locations undermines this ‘brownfield first’ approach. Brownfield sites which are currently located outside the defined settlement policy boundary, may nevertheless still be in accessible locations, close to local facilities and services. Therefore, recognising the potential for all brownfield sites in accessible locations could make a valuable contribution towards a more efficient use of land and buildings, will contribute to the preservation of our natural environment, and will reduce the reliance of greenfield sites for development.

The question of what is meant by ‘existing settlements’ needs to be addressed/clarified.

The Local Plan acknowledges that some communities don’t have a defined settlement policy boundary, and yet are referred to in the Local Plan as ‘settlements’.

Draft policy D6 adds that higher densities will be expected on sites which have good access to facilities and public transport “*particularly in urban areas*”. This emphasis suggests that the local planning authority acknowledges that relevant policies are not focussed on land within settlement boundaries only and that there may also be sites outside urban areas which are accessible and suitable for redevelopment by following the ‘brownfield first’ approach. Clarity is required.

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)

Please make sure that you put in all the evidence and information needed to support your representation.

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

It should be clarified whether “*within existing settlements*” points generally to ‘built up/urban areas’ – including those which fall outside settlement boundaries – or intentionally seeks to refer to land within defined boundaries only.

What is your suggested wording or text for the policy:

It is suggested that “*within existing settlements*” should be deleted from Policy D6 (and supporting text) or amended to add “*...within or adjoining existing settlements*”.

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