

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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www.winchester.gov.uk/strategies-and-policies/privacy-policy.

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)

W5 Bushfield Camp & others as relate to my comments below

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)

I consider the policy to be unsound as follows:

1. The policy does not recognise the allocations' Site of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINC) status & therefore offers no protection to this important habitat. In doing so there is a risk of not achieving the statutory BNG requirement of the Environment Act 2021 & serious conflict with policies NE1 & NE5. Paragraph 7.14 of the Local Plan states 'Wildlife sites and habitats within this area and across the district that are of regional and local importance include 17 SSSIs, almost 600 Sites of Nature Conservation (SINCs) and 9 Local Nature Reserves (LNRs). These sites support important natural assets, such as ancient woodlands, grasslands and chalk rivers. **These sites will be protected**, with opportunities for enhancement encouraged.'

Within other allocations of the Local Plan, such as BW1 Tangier Lane & W2 St John Moore Barracks, the SINCs present are specifically referenced within the allocation policy. Why not for W5 and are there other allocations with SINC, or indeed other designated status where this has also been omitted? With this lack of recognition of Bushfield's SINC status & in the absence of evidence that the site has been recently assessed (as previously developed land/partial brownfield) for its suitability (& not other alternative sites) to be developed as outlined in W5, I consider it to be unsound & not justified. My understanding is that registered 'brownfield' sites should be routinely assessed to ensure that status still applies - Bushfield has been laying fallow for longer than it was ever in use for human activity as a military training camp & the site has blended back into the landscape.

2. This allocation is currently subject to an undetermined planning application. This planning application was informed by a Concept Masterplan heavily referencing policy W5 of this draft Local Plan, which was approved by Cabinet in June 2023. At this meeting concerns were raised with Cabinet of this allocation, and over the consultation exercise undertaken by developers to inform the approved Concept Masterplan. The consultation drew criticisms of: key aspects of proposals presented to consultees/residents unclear or absent, cherry-picking of stakeholders feedback & no meaningful consultation at all with others prior to the Masterplan completion. In approving the Concept Masterplan in June 2023 has WCC not already pre-determined W5 of this draft Local Plan? Was this not premature in light of this consultation the public are now again being asked to contribute to. On this basis, I believe policy W5 to be unsound in terms of the tests - Positively Prepared & Justified.

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?

For allocation W5 Bushfield Camp to be removed.

For all allocations where any of the 17 SSSIs, almost 600 Sites of Nature Conservation (SINCs) and 9 Local Nature Reserves (LNRs), or any other designated site, is present, to be consistently identified & protection safeguarded within each allocation.

What is your suggested wording or text for the policy:

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