
From: Lewis Ford [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 October 2024 16:37
To: Adrian Fox [REDACTED]
Cc: Claire Tester [REDACTED]
Subject: Policy NE8 - South Downs National Park

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Dear Adrian,

My sincere apologies for the delay in getting back to you and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I would advise the following to address our comments in relation to Policy NE8:

Paragraph 7.68 –

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, as amended by Section 245 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, requires all relevant bodies to seek to further the two statutory purposes of the South Downs National Park. The National Park purposes are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- To promote opportunities for the understand and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.

Paragraph 7.69 -

The NPPF states that great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks and that development within their setting should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated areas. A considerable amount of land within the district is immediately adjacent to the boundary in the setting of the SDNP and development there could have the potential to cause adverse impacts if this is not considered early in the planning stage. It is therefore considered to have a plan which is silent on impacts on the national park is not a suitable alternative policy approach.

Paragraph 7.70 –

In delivering pursuit of the National Park's purposes, the National Park Authority has a duty to seek to foster the social and economic and social well-being of the local communities within the National Park.

Paragraph 7.71 –

The South Downs National Park is an International Dark Sky Reserve. The adopted South Downs National Park Local Plan identifies a dark sky core and buffer and transition zones. Development proposals in close proximity to the setting of the National Park and have significant external lighting are expected to refer to the Dark Skies Technical Advice Note published by the SDNPA and demonstrate how it conserves or enhances the intrinsic qualities of the dark night sky and the setting of the national park.

Paragraph 7.72 –

The adopted South Downs National Park Local Plan is supported by assessments of landscape character and tranquillity.

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Development in **close proximity the setting of** the South Downs National Park will only be permitted where it would be in accordance with the statutory purposes and duty for National Parks as specified in the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949, as amended by **the Environment Act 1995 Section 245 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023**, and where they conserve and enhance the intrinsic quality of dark night skies and the setting of the National Park.

- Development proposals in **close proximity to the setting of** the South Downs National Park are expected to take account of the National Park assessments of landscape and tranquillity and demonstrate how a proposal conserves and enhances the special qualities of the Park.

Kind Regards

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From: Adrian Fox [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2024 12:38
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Subject: RE: Winchester District Local Plan 2040 – Consultation on ‘Proposed Submission’ Local Plan (Regulation 19: Publication of a Local Plan)

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Hi Lewis,

I am currently working on a table on proposed changes to the Reg 19 LP. I note in your representation you indicated that:

‘Paragraph 7.68 and the policy wording is updated in light of the enactment of Section 245 of the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act 2023 and its strengthened wording’.

Paragraph 7.68 in the Reg 19 LP currently says:

The two statutory purposes of the South Downs National Park are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public

I am more than happy to change the above wording but can you please advise me how you would like it changed (ideally with track changes)?

Many thanks in advance.

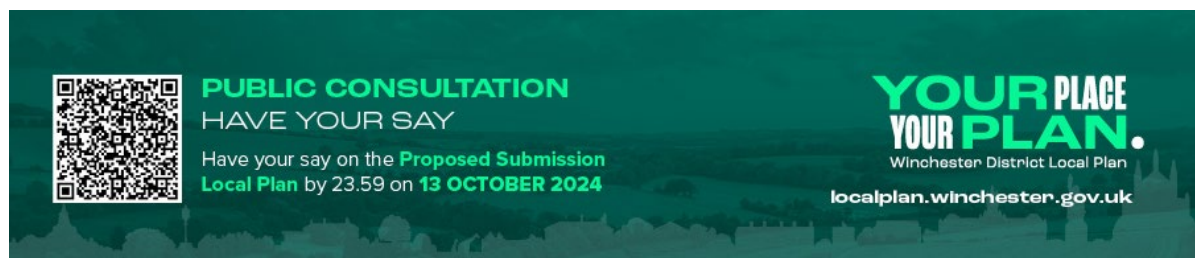
Kind regards,

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Have your say on the **Proposed Submission Local Plan** by 23.59 on **13 OCTOBER 2024**

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From: Lewis Ford [REDACTED]
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Dear WCC Planning Policy Team,

We have uploaded the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) representation to the Reg19 Winchester Local Plan 2040 via citizenspace as requested. However, for the avoidance of any doubts and to ensure that our representation is fully understood, please find attached the letter format for ease of reading and reference.

If you wish to discuss anything in our representation, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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From: Planning Policy [REDACTED]
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Subject: Winchester District Local Plan 2040 – Consultation on ‘Proposed Submission’ Local Plan (Regulation 19: Publication of a Local Plan)

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Winchester District Local Plan 2040 – Consultation on ‘Proposed Submission’ Local Plan (Regulation 19: Publication of a Local Plan)

I am writing to inform you that Winchester City Council has published a **‘Proposed Submission Winchester District Local Plan 2040’** for a period of **6 weeks** from **29th August 2024 until 23:59 hours on 13th October 2024**.

This Local Plan consultation invites you to comment on whether the Plan complies with all relevant legislation (‘legal compliance’) and meets the tests of soundness set in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF). The Proposed Submission Local Plan is the Plan the Council intends to submit to the Government for independent examination and ultimately adopt as part of the Council’s statutory Development Plan.

What does the Local Plan cover?

The new Local Plan 2040 will cover all of Winchester district except for the part that is within the South Downs National Park (which has its own Local Plan).

The Proposed Submission Local Plan sets out the development strategy and policy framework for the area and allocates or designates land accordingly. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will be used to guide decisions on planning applications. The Government is consulting on new housing requirements for the District and new rules for Local Plans - once any changes are finalised the Council will commence plan-making under any new system at the earliest opportunity

How has the Local Plan been prepared?

The Proposed Submission Local Plan has taken into account comments received on the ‘Strategic Issues & Priorities’ consultation document, published February 2021 and the ‘Regulation 18’ Draft Local Plan (see [Response to Representations on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan](#)), published November 2022. Along with the Local Plan ‘evidence base’, these have helped the Council to develop the planning policies and site allocations contained in the Proposed Submission Local Plan. An ‘Integrated Impact Assessment’ (including Sustainability Appraisal) and a Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Proposed Submission Local Plan is also published for consultation.

Where can I find out more about the public consultation events?

We are holding three drop-in sessions during the consultation period, where you can come and talk to council officers about the Proposed Submission Local Plan. The events are at:

- Winchester – The Nutshell Theatre. Wednesday 11 September 2024 (15:00 - 18:00)
- Wickham – Wickham Community Centre. Tuesday 17 September 2024 (15:30-19:30)
- Sutton Scotney - The Victoria Hall. Wednesday 25 September 2024 (15:30-19:30)

Anyone is welcome to attend these events and details are also available on the Local Plan website www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk

Where can I read the consultation documents?

The consultation documents and associated evidence documents can be viewed online on the City Council's website: www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk. Paper copies of the consultation documents are available at City Council's main reception (City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ) and at the following local libraries:

Library	Address	Opening hours
Alresford Library	20 Broad St, Alresford SO24 9AQ	Monday Closed Tuesday 1–5 pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Friday 1–5 pm Saturday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Sunday Closed
Bishops Waltham Library	Bishops Waltham Library, Free St, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton SO32 1EE	Monday Closed Tuesday 1–5 pm Wednesday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Thursday Closed Friday 1–5 pm Saturday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Sunday Closed
Chandler's Ford Library	Oakmount Rd, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh SO53 2LH	Monday 9:30 am– 5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am– 5 pm Wednesday 9:30 am– 5 pm Thursday 9:30 am– 5 pm Friday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Saturday 9:30 am– 5 pm Sunday Closed
Eastleigh Library	1st, The Swan Centre, Eastleigh SO50 5SF	Monday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Tuesday 9:30 am– 5 pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:30 am– 5 pm Friday 9:30 am– 5 pm Saturday 9:30 am– 5 pm Sunday Closed
Havant Library	Meridian Centre, Elm Ln, Havant PO9 1UN	Monday 9:30 am– 5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am– 5 pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:30 am– 1:30 pm Friday 9:30 am– 5 pm Saturday 9:30 am– 5 pm Sunday Closed
Hedge End Library	11 Upper Northam Rd, Hedge End, Southampton SO30 4DY	Monday 9:30 am– 5 pm Tuesday Closed 9:30 am–

		Wednesday 5 pm Thursday 9:30 am–5 pm Friday Closed Saturday 9:30 am–1:30 pm Sunday Closed
Martial Rose (University of Winchester) Library	St. Edburga Building, Sparkford Rd, Winchester SO22 4NR	Monday 9 am–8 pm Tuesday 9 am–5 pm Wednesday 9 am–8 pm Thursday 9 am–5 pm Friday 9 am–8 pm Saturday 12–6 pm Sunday 12–6 pm
Waterlooville Library	The Precinct, London Rd, Waterlooville PO7 7DT	Monday 9:30 am–5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am–1:30 pm Wednesday 9:30 am–5 pm Thursday 9:30 am–5 pm Friday 9:30 am–5 pm Saturday 9:30 am–5 pm Sunday Closed
Winchester Library	Jewry St, Winchester SO23 8SB	Monday 9:30 am–5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am–5 pm Wednesday 9:30 am–5 pm Thursday 9:30 am–5 pm Friday 9:30 am–5 pm Saturday 9:30 am–5 pm Sunday 9:30 am–5 pm

How can I comment on the Local Plan?

This version of the Local Plan is the one the Council wishes to adopt, following examination by a Government Planning Inspector. Therefore, this consultation is focussed on whether the Plan is 'legally compliant' and meets the 'tests of soundness' set in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF). The NPPF 'tests of soundness' are:

- Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
- Effective** – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
- Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant.

Please submit responses electronically on 'Citizen Space' (the preferred method). We encourage people to submit their comments on 'Citizen Space' to ensure that all necessary information is provided and so we can accurately attribute any comments to the correct policy, allocation or section of the Local Plan. Information on how to do this is on the Local Plan web site: www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk and there is also a video on how to submit your comments here: <https://youtu.be/gk66u4iJWvc>

If you are not able to use Citizen Space, comments can be emailed to planningpolicy@winchester.gov.uk or can be submitted by post to Planning Policy Team, Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ. These should indicate which policy or part of the Plan you are commenting on, whether you think it is legally compliant / sound and why, and include your name and contact details.

You can sign up for updates on the [website](#) to be notified of future stages of the Local Plan process, which include submission of the Local Plan for independent examination, publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan (Inspector's Report), and the adoption of the Local Plan.

When do I need to reply by?

All responses should be received by 23:59 hours on 13th October 2024. Please be aware that anonymous responses cannot be accepted and all comments will be made available on the Council's website (addresses and contact details will not be released).

We very much hope that you are able to take some of your valuable time to engage with the Local Plan process.

Link to the consultation: www.winchester.gov.uk/Reg19

QR code to the consultation



Yours faithfully



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