

Winchester City Council report January 2026

Local Plan Main Modifications consultation – closes 16 January

There's still time to have your say on proposed main modifications to the Local Plan 2020-2040.

Main Modifications consultation is one of the final stages in Local Plan development and is a key milestone in adopting a plan.

The proposed Main Modifications, as well as supporting documents and guidance on how to take part in the consultation, are available on our dedicated Local Plan website.

Hard copies of all the documents are also available to view at public libraries across the district.

The consultation closes on **16 January 2025**.

District Small Grants

Grants of up to £3000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for one-off pieces of expenditure on projects, equipment and other items which will help the organisation to do more, to reach more people, to provide better services or to try something different.

To apply or find out more, visit our District Small Grants webpage if based out in the district or our Winchester City Community Grants webpage if based in one of the five Winchester town wards.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations>

- Fund closes to applications: **31 January or sooner if fund fully allocated**
- Monies are to be spent/allocated by **end of March 2026**

CIL window now closed - Funding for community infrastructure projects

The bidding window for applying for Community Infrastructure Levy funding is now closed.

To apply and to find out about some of the past projects that have received CIL funding, visit

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/apply-for-cil>

Plan to restore and enhance nature across Winchester district unveiled

Winchester City Council has published its Nature Improvement Plan 2025-2030, outlining its strategy for halting the decline in nature and wildlife species across the district and working with nature to combat the climate crisis. The Nature Improvement Plan 2025-30 outlines WCC's approach to conservation and sustainability projects, and the council's commitment to supporting volunteers and partnership groups. A short video highlights this key area of work with the full plan available on the website.

The council declared a nature emergency in 2023 to recognise the impact that climate change is having on the district's vital nature and wildlife habitats. It has created wildflower meadows as valuable habitats for pollinators (including butterflies and moths), foraging birds, reptiles and bats and also improved the way we manage road verges and our church yards and cemeteries that provide a valuable, safe home for many species.

You can find out more about how the council plans to tackle the nature emergency, view the video and the Nature Improvement Plan 2025-2030 at www.winchester.gov.uk/nature-emergency .