

Cllr Guest report in relation to Local Plan

As received by WCC in relation to the Local Plan and its translation to Hursley's Neighbourhood Plan (or response to call for a NP). To save you trawling through I have added screenshots of the relevant sections to Hursley specifically (see 2 attachments below)

This essentially boils down to WCC/HCC accepting our agreed stance from earlier this year, to which we all voted on, and reinforcing that we took the right decision at the time. As long as windfall does present itself, Hursley will have fulfilled its requirements and expectations accordingly. However, the new Local Plan currently in early development may well revert with more aggressive targets, but until we have full view of these (and we're not anticipating further clarification for quite some time) I propose we sit tight and take no further action. Once revisions are known, and should they apply to our parish, then we will draw on reserved HPC funds to appoint an independent planning consultant to run a parish-wide consultation/referendum on future housing/land use, use the findings to amend our already-draft NP (but formulate a much more concise version from it) and share accordingly. This latter action may not kick-off until later 2026, or even well into 2027, and I do not propose any preemptive activity at this point in time.

None of this of course has any impact on Strategic Sites that may unfold in the future.

Finally, from various meetings I've attended with local land owners already this year relating to potential modest development, it is highly likely that we will have more than sufficient windfall numbers to contribute, and therefore any risk of us not hitting these and being subject to the consequences outlined in MM111 are extremely low.

The Council has received the final report from the Planning Inspector appointed to examine the Winchester District Local Plan. The Inspectors report and schedule of modifications can be viewed by clicking the links below.

[Inspectors Report](#)

[Inspectors Report Appendix](#)

As this concludes the Winchester District Local Plan examination, this (WDLP) email address will no longer be in use after today – 11 March 2026. Any future queries should be directed to planningpolicy@winchester.gov.uk