

Notes from Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan Review
Steering Group and Working Group # 23, 9th January 2023

A report on Neighbourhood Plan progress is made to each Winchfield Parish Council (WPC) Meeting (held every other month) and included as part of the official minutes of those meetings.

Present: in person or via 'zoom'

Christine Strudwick (WG/ Working Group lead)

Bill Fraser

Sarah Garwood

Lynda Goddard

Cllr Kate Stewart

Rod Summerfield

Cllr Meyrick Williams (SG / Steering Group Chair)

WNPR Steering Group and Working Group

Reg 14 consultation process closed on 12th December 2022 and 35 responses had been received at that date. Receipt of every response was sent by the Parish Clerk and the collected responses were distributed to members of WPC and the WG on 14th December 2022.

The SG and WG met on Monday 9th January to conscientiously review each response and discuss appropriate next steps.

Nick Ward, our Plan consultant, is preparing a comprehensive matrix of the responses and advised actions working with John Jeffcock (Michele Bolger Expert Landscape Consultant) as appropriate. Once complete this matrix will be sent to Ann Skipper, Independent Examiner, for her review and advice. Following Ann's report and a discussion with her changes will be made to the draft Plan and the Consultation matrix detailing changes will become part of the submission Plan document.

The final version of the Consultation Responses matrix will be circulated to the Group and WPC as soon as it is completed and a further meeting will be arranged to discuss if necessary. The final version of the Reg 16 Submission Draft Plan will also be circulated for Group and WPC approval before it is submitted to Hart District Council with a request to proceed to Reg 16 Consultation; a further period of six weeks which will be arranged by the District Council.

At this stage **all responses received are confidential** although all will be available as evidence to the Plan Examiner should sight of the actual responses to Reg 14. be requested.

Responses to Hart District Council resulting from the Reg 16 consultation will be processed by the Council and made available to the Examiner in due course.

Members of the Group had considered and prepared their comments and all were discussed and noted where necessary to ensure the final matrix of responses will accurately reflect the feedback from the Plan SG and WG.

20 of the responses stated positive support and offered other useful comments which will be discussed at the next review with our consultants.

It was noted that the Landscape Character Assessment and The Key Views documents must be designated as formal appendices to the Plan. This was not stated in the Reg 14 submission version and although both documents were available it was considered that they might not have been read, an error on our part which will be amended in the Reg 16 submission version.

Meyrick confirmed that Hart District Council will be requested to confirm that HRA (Habitats Regulations Assessment) and SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) are not required. HDC will also be asked to establish availability of Examiners and to assume that we shall be in a position to submit our Reg 16 draft Plan in early February. It is hoped that it will be possible to proceed to Reg 16 Consultation mid-February with a view to Examination in late March or early April 2023.