

# Compilation of comments received at Community Engagement Meeting. 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

*Attendees were invited to comment on 'Winchfield's Key Views' and 'Winchfield's Local Green Spaces', draft documents prepared for Winchfield Parish Council by Michelle Bolger, Expert Landscape Consultants.*

*Also available were 'Landscape Character Assessment' (Michelle Bolger) and 'Affordable Housing Needs Survey' final report from Hampshire Homes Hub.*

## **Views 1,2,3,4,**

- These views demonstrate the importance of the rural and wooded nature of Winchfield – to be preserved
- Happy with 1, 2, 3, 4, it's good to see the views formally documented
- A nice diversity of views showing all the different aspects of the village
- Excellent document
- All these views need to be preserved
- All views are very important and need to be retained
- All these views need preserving and the farmland
- Michelle Bolger's document is excellent and should be used heavily
- View 3 must include Ringwood Copse at the end of the ridge

## **Views 5,6,7,8**

- There is a lovely long view from top of Brenda Parker Way towards Reading
- Good representation of these entry points
- The diversity of Winchfield must be retained
- Excellent views, should be retained
- Please preserve views and farmland
- Keep all views
- All need preserving!
- View 5/5A1- thought it was from the gate at the top of Shapley Heath Copse. If not, you need one there. It's the best view in Winchfield

## **Views 9, 10, 11, 12**

- Retain views and agricultural land - utmost importance
- Rural roads, farmland, hedges and trees – important to preserve Winchfield's rural qualities
- Good photos that represent the diversity of views
- All the views need to be preserved
- Essential to preserve diversity and agriculture
- Please preserve these views and farmland
- The views are important and need to be kept
- These views really illustrate the rural nature of Winchfield

### **Views 13, 14A, 14B, 15**

- These views deserve to be preserved
- Recognising and preserving historic sense of place is very important
- Views of the church should/must be protected
- Good sense of place
- Please preserve the views and farmland
- All beautiful views – please keep
- Protect and keep it the rural

### **Views 16, 17, 18, 19**

- Winchfield has an amazing community and such beautiful views – it should be treasured
- View 16 – torn between the need for of visible 30 mph sign and the incongruity of it against the rural background. Large and bright yellow!
- Sprats Hatch Lane are particularly valuable views
- Please preserve views and farmland
- Please retain all views

### **Views 20, 21, 22, 23**

- Please preserve views and farmland
- Again very good diversification of views
- Please retain all views. New house at V22 now built and fits in well. Represents the sort of infill we should support

### **Views 24, 25, 26**

- Preserve
- V 24 – we need to restore land North of Winchfield Court called sewage works
- Retain all views
- Land North of Winchfield Court must remain as open land
- Land North of Winchfield Court – protected by Section 52 agreement which should be observed and protected
- Land North of Winchfield Court must be kept as open space
- Overall views show interesting historic nature of Winchfield parish with its different historic features – church, railway station, Winchfield Court, canal - spread out through rural, wooded and farmed landscape
- Green space and views along Taplins Farm Lane needs “green” status

### **Shapley Heath Garden Village**

- It is vitally important to keep pushing back against SHGVT
- There is no justification for it and the District Council are pushing this purely out of spite

### **Housing Needs Survey**

Affordable housing sets up a parallel market – how do you maintain price difference, particularly if change of government. Keep them as rental

## **Landscape Character Assessment**

Ensuring that pockets of land (land North of Winchfield court) is not allowed to be cleared, burnt out and turned into a builders yard by owners ignoring restrictions and with no regard for local people or countryside

## **Local Green Spaces**

- Given that green belt land can be built on if the government really wants to – are LGS's really a defence?
- CLGS 8 – is the cricket pitch next to the Barley Mow. Not currently used for cricket, but surprise Test 2 says no
- CLGS 8 - been rejected because cricket is no longer played there? If so, that does not seem right given that we are at the mercy of the inaction re the pitch of the pub tenants. Also there have been enquiries re planning permission for that land so it is particularly important to preserve it
- CLGS 7 – Lousey Moor - this is a beautiful view from the footpath above the canal. Surely this is the reason enough for its inclusion – admittedly it is far from residential but has its own value

## **General Comments**

- An excellent presentation. All credit to our hard-working team
- The proposed green spaces are an excellent and very important part of the neighbourhood plan
- Lost footpath. An old footpath runs from near Cranford Farm to Vale Farm. We need to regain it. I'll try – Chris Griffin
- Winchfield is divided community physically. The church, the Hurst and the station are linked only by narrow and dangerous roads. In a time of climate change we need to be reducing the use of cars. To walk or cycle along these roads is a nightmare.
- I would like the working group to consider building paved footpath between the station area and the Hurst and the church area by leasing or buying land strips beside the roads – farmland/fields, this will cost but the village is very able to fund raise and apply for grants
- Footpath/pavements will give green and non-fossil fuel access to the canal for residents of the church and station parts of the village
- From what I have read (I have not read the full document) I have not seen any proposal for planting trees. I am surprised if this is not part of the remit of the NDP. We need trees to help combat climate change