

# Affordable Rural Housing for Local People in Winchfield

## ONLINE CONSULTATION

Winchfield Parish Council is working with English Rural, Action Hampshire and Hart District Council to bring forward a small development of rented affordable homes for people with a local connection to the village and seek your views.

**THE CONSULTATION OPENS  
ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY  
AT 9AM AND CLOSES ON  
SUNDAY 5TH MARCH.**

You can find out more about the proposed development, potential sites, the organisations involved and put your views forward at the following website.

**[HTTPS://WINCHFIELD.ENGLISHRURAL.ORG.UK](https://winchfield.englishrural.org.uk)**



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- Winchfield Parish Council (WPC) engaged with Action Hampshire, a registered housing charity, and Hart District Council (HDC) to investigate the need for affordable homes in the parish. In 2021 a Housing Needs Survey was distributed to all households in the parish and the report, which can be found on the WPC website, <http://www.winchfield-pc.org.uk>, identified the need for 6 to 8 affordable homes.
- The Parish Council accepted the report and set up a Working Group, chaired by Action Hampshire, with representatives from HDC and WPC, to determine the viability of a Rural Exception Site in the parish which would provide rented affordable properties, available in perpetuity, and prioritised to those who have a direct connection with the parish.  
Landowners in the parish were invited to make the Working Group aware of any available land for the Rural Exception Site and a number of potential sites were submitted.
- The next stage was to identify the housing provider to deliver and manage the potential homes and following a rigorous selection process English Rural Housing Association was appointed and is represented on the Working Group.
- English Rural is now ready to commence the first of a series of online and public consultations so that feedback can be obtained on the proposed shortlist of two potential sites and the outline development plans.

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