

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Regulatory Committee
<b>Date:</b>	17 January 2013
<b>Title:</b>	A new two form entry primary school for the northern site of the West of Waterlooville housing development, to include school accommodation, teaching rooms, halls, staff parking and landscaping at West of Waterlooville Development, Waterlooville, Hampshire (Application Number: 12/02281/HCS) (Site Ref: WRE057)
<b>Reference:</b>	4577
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## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. Planning permission is sought for the construction of a new two form entry (maximum of 420 pupils) primary school at the West of Waterlooville housing development, Waterlooville, Hampshire. The proposed school is to be incorporated into the mixed-use local centre within the West of Waterlooville development granted outline planning permission (10/02862/OUT) on 30 March 2012 by Winchester City Council.
- 1.2. When considering the application the issues which should be taken into consideration are the parking provision for staff on site, highways safety, design, scale and massing of the proposed school buildings, biodiversity, sustainability features and landscape impact.
- 1.3. It is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the development plan (summary attached) as it is within a planned area for large-scale development (MDA.1) and would meet the needs of the local community (SF.6). The design, appearance and proposed materials are considered appropriate (DP.3), the proposed landscaping will ensure the development fits with the landscape character of the area and will not cause any loss in amenity (DP.4 and DP.5) and will enhance the ecological value around the site. The proposal is acceptable in terms of highways safety and convenience (T.1). Appropriate sustainability features will ensure that energy loss is minimised and renewable energy production is provided on site (DP.6).

- 1.4. The recommendation is that planning permission is granted for the construction of the new two form entry primary school for the northern site of the West of WaterlooVille housing development to include school accommodation, teaching rooms, halls, staff parking and landscaping subject to the conditions listed in Integral Appendix B.

## **2. Site and proposal**

- 2.1. Outline planning permission (10/02862/OUT) has been granted for approximately 2,550 new dwellings, creation of a new access from Ladybridge Roundabout, Milk Lane and completion of Maurepas Way access, local centre (comprising of retail, community building, land for healthcare and land for elderly care), a public house, land for two primary schools, land for a nursery, land for employment uses, associated amenity space along with substantial green infrastructure, land for allotments and land for a cemetery.
- 2.2. The proposed school site (as detailed on plan GA\_100 revP1) is located within the central northern section of the West of WaterlooVille development area. The site measures two hectares in area. The site is undeveloped and was previously cultivated as arable farm land. The proposed site accords with the location shown within the master plan for the development area. The master plan shows the school to be located to the west of a mixed-use local centre and associated car park. To the north of the site is restored River Wallington beyond which will be an employment area. To the west of the site will be housing and to the south further housing with a green corridor running south following the existing route of a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).
- 2.3. Within the wider design of the major development area a three metre wide footway and cycleway is to be provided up to the interface with the Taylor Wimpy development site, where the road crosses the Old Park Farm Stream. The road servicing the school will incorporate traffic calming, pedestrian crossing points and approximately 45 metre of drop off lay-bys capable of accommodating 7-9 cars at a time and suitable crossing points between the lay-by and the school.
- 2.4. The proposed wider development is to have a phased completion strategy. It is anticipated that the school will be completed prior to the adjacent developments. The main haul road to the east of the site will be completed for the opening of the school. The delivery of the school is aligned with the proposed build-out rate and anticipated occupation of the new housing.
- 2.5. The proposal is for a two form entry primary school which can cater for a maximum of 420 pupils aged between 4 and 11 years. The following facilities are to be provided and have been identified for potential wider use by the community and pupils from other schools:
  - (i) main hall;

- (ii) music and drama studio (connected to main hall);
- (iii) discovery point (library and ICT rich learning resources centre);
- (iv) food technology class room;
- (v) parent's rooms;
- (vi) toilets (including two fully accessible WCs).

Further spaces that will be provided for the exclusive use by the school include:

- (i) classrooms x 14;
  - (ii) group rooms x 4;
  - (iii) staffroom and staff workspace;
  - (iv) administration offices;
  - (v) pupil and staff toilets;
  - (vi) accessible toilets and a hygiene room;
  - (vii) kitchen; and
  - (viii) other support facilities include plant room, storage and caretaker's room.
- 2.6. The internal layout of the building has been designed to enable the building to meet the needs of different activities, group sizes, and individual pupil needs. It will feature spaces with different scales, natural day lighting and a variety of interior finishes to create distinct zones with individual identifies.
- 2.7. The external building materials will be a combination of facing brick, clay tiles and vertical timber weatherboarding. Windows are to be polyester powder coated aluminium framed glazing and doors. The dual pitched roofs will be finished with clay tiles and the smaller areas of flat roof will be finished with a high performance roofing system. External canopies are proposed to provide shade to more exposed elevations and play areas. The canopies attached to the flat roof areas are designed so they are not easily scalable (columns set in from the edge and thin) with no objects adjacent to fenced areas. External lighting will be placed to provide safe access and emergency escape routes during hours of darkness.
- 2.8. The proposed development has been designed around the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) principles and embodies a number of features that enable the building to be efficient in terms of energy reduction and thermal performance. The final building will aim to achieve the equivalent of a 'Very Good' BREEAM rating.

In addition to the building being designed to reduce energy consumption at source, the following sustainability features are to be included:

- (i) installation of solar photo voltaic panels on the roof of the building to harness the sun's energy;
- (ii) air-tight and super-installed building envelope;
- (iii) high performance windows, doors and roof lights;
- (iv) natural lighting and intelligent lighting which will react to the environment;
- (v) natural ventilation to main spaces;
- (vi) energy efficient lighting and heating controls;
- (vii) low-water consumption sanitary installations;
- (viii) smart metering and energy displays in public entrance area; and
- (ix) exclusive use of timber that is FSC certified and from sustainable sources.

2.9. When considering fire safety and property risk, the proposal has been risk assessed, with the involvement of the embedded fire officer, in line with the Hampshire County Council Property Services procedures and it has been confirmed that sprinklers are not to be provided within the buildings. The proposal meets and goes beyond the minimum provision of Building Regulations (BB100 Fire Safety in Schools).

2.10. The proposed site lies within flood risk zones 2 and 3. The site was included in the flood risk assessment and the SUDs Design Document carried out for the outline major development. Both the foul and surface water will discharge unrestricted to the main infrastructure drainage located within the highway to the east of the site.

2.11. The main pedestrian entrance to the school is accessed from the eastern boundary, through a semi enclosed community garden which has been designed as an extension to the proposed market square. In addition to this pupils could be dropped off and collected from the main play areas on the southern and eastern boundaries. The gates providing access to these areas will be managed by the school. All pedestrian entrance points are separate from the vehicle entrances. It is proposed that in addition to the main pedestrian entrance gates for pupil drop off and collection, there is to be a fourth entrance gate at the northern end of the site to enable supervised access to the riverside.

2.12. It is proposed that there will be 52 secured sheltered bicycle spaces for both staff and pupil use. There are to be two covered areas for the storage of cycles and scooters within the proposed school site, these are located

close to the main pedestrian entrances and are overlooked by classrooms and outdoor play areas. 28 car parking spaces for staff including two disabled spaces are proposed this parking is to be accessed off the public highway to the east of the site. It is proposed that the school would employ 20 full time and 42 part time staff equating to 41 full time equivalent staff. It is anticipated that 85% of the full time staff will travel by car and 50% of part time staff will use the car for work equating to 42 car trips across the day. It is expected that approximately 50% (21) of part time staff will be present at any one time during the school day. Vehicular access for day-to-day servicing and deliveries is from the southern entrance. The developer for the Major Development Area (MDA) has agreed to provide a temporary car park with at least 18 spaces as part of the school development, prior to the completion of the local centre.

- 2.13. The site has been designed so the buildings are grouped adjacent to the local centre, with the playing fields gently sloping away to the restored River Wallington and associated footpath. The proposed landscape design seeks to develop a wooded corridor along the western boundary of the site. Native trees such as oak, ash, alder, hazel and poplar, are to be used extensively within the development and along the boundaries of the site. Along the southern and eastern frontage of the school there is to be 1.2 metre metal railing allowing views in. The secure parts of the site will be fenced with 1.8 metre high weldmesh panels which are to be softened through the planting of hedges, trees and shrubs. Outdoor learning and play resources are to include an asphalt playground marked out for ball games, a range of climbing and balancing equipment laid over a safety surface, and areas for quieter activities. A semi-enclosed courtyard at the heart of the school will include seating, paving and planting to create a space for outdoor learning. The early years pupils will be provided with an enclosed outdoor space with a variety of surface materials, buffered from the road by a hedge and a deep strip of natural grass and trees. The playing fields at the rear will allow for two football pitches to be marked out, corresponding to under-12's and under-10 size recommendations.

### **3. Development plan**

- 3.1. The appropriate development plan document for consideration is the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006).
- 3.2. The relevant policies for consideration are saved DP3 (General Design Criteria), DP4 (Landscape and the Built Environment), DP5 (Design of Amenity Open Space), DP6 (Efficient use of Resources), T.1 (Development Location), MDA.1 (West of Waterlooville [Background]) and SF6 (New Facilities and Services).
- 3.3. The interim policy aspirations held by Winchester City Council. The applicable aspiration for this application is Climate Change/Sustainability.

#### 4. Consultations

##### 4.1. **Councillor Stallard** raised the following comments with the architect:

- (a) that a safe route to school be established from the Taylor Wimpy site to walk/cycle to school with parents/guardians. A standard footway would not allow for young children to cycle safely if shared with pedestrians;
- (b) until such time that a pre-school can be established in the new urban centre would HCC consider providing such facilities – or just the venue – on site, at the new primary school? This would only be a temporary measure until such time as the new local centre facilities were up and running when the pre-school would move across into its own premises. On a new housing estate of up to 3,000 dwellings, we may anticipate large numbers of young families with corresponding demands for pre-school provision;
- (c) one observation of the site plans indicates that to extend/expand the proposed school would be very difficult. Providing a second primary school is built to a planned timetable this might not be a problem but it is wise to acknowledge the limitations of the proposed site for the first primary school at West of Waterlooville. Extending it to obviate a second new build primary school is not an option;
- (d) the new school will be built within an existing building programme of a major development area and steps must be taken to ensure the safety of staff, parents and children as they access the new school facilities.

##### 4.2. **Denmead Parish Council** raise no objection to the proposal but would wish consideration to be given to the following matters:

- (a) a safe passage by foot should be established from the Taylor Wimpy development through to the school to provide a safe alternative to vehicle usage prior to the school being opened;
- (b) some of the space within the school should be considered for a pre-school until the site allocated in the 'Urban Centre' has been built;
- (c) protect the integrity of the design of the school as shown within the application as the Parish Council sees no opportunity to extend it as has been suggested in other meetings.

##### 4.3. **Southwick and Widley Parish Council** have been consulted and no comments were received.

##### 4.4. **Winchester City Council including Urban Design Officer comments** raise no objection to the planning permission. It is considered that the proposal is a well designed scheme. The buildings and landscaping appear substantial and together will be viewed as part of the local centre and will

contain and enclose the square. It is considered important that the main entrance to the school (and other pedestrian entrances) connect directly to main pedestrian routes within the square and from adjacent housing areas. Also it is important that the area to the front of the main hall is visually connected to the local centre and not screened by tall or solid fencing.

- 4.5. **Havant Borough Council** have been consulted and no comments have been received.
- 4.6. **Environment Agency** raise no objection to the proposal. It is stated that the drainage for the site should comply with the outline Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDS) Strategy Statement for the wider development.
- 4.7. **Highway Authority** raise no objection to the proposal subject to conditions requesting a construction traffic management plan, the submission of a full travel plan and the construction of the eastern access road and temporary neighbourhood car parking prior to the occupation of the development.
- 4.8. **Rights of Way** have no objection to the proposal subject to the correct procedures being carried out with regard to the temporary closure and/or diversion of this footpath as appropriate.
- 4.9. **Crime Prevention Design Advisor** does not oppose the principal of the development. Comments have been provided with regard to the location of the cycle stores with the recommendation that the stores should be moved into the grounds to allow for better natural surveillance. How access to the school grounds will be controlled and the suitability of visitor main entrance. The importance of the landscaping is reiterated to ensure natural surveillance of the site is maintained.
- 4.10. **Grainger PLC** have been consulted on the proposal and no comments were received.

## 5. Representations

- 5.1. One letter has been received from the Ramblers Group, no objection is raised.

## 6. Commentary

- 6.1. The principle of the development has been established through the approval of the outline planning permission issued by Winchester City Council. The location of the proposed school accords with the approved location on the plans and therefore conforms with saved policy MDA.1. In addition to this the aims of saved Policy SF.6 are met as the new education facility would meet the needs of the local community.
- 6.2. It is considered that the design and siting of the school achieves a high quality, modern design and together with the proposed landscaping

ensures that the development will be viewed as part of the Local Centre and will enhance the character of the area. The design of the frontage of the development will appropriately contain and enclose the square whilst also contributing positively to the surrounding features of the larger development site. It is recommended that to ensure the materials, colours and finishes to be used as well as the final hard and soft landscaping details proposed are appropriate to the development and surrounding area a condition should be attached requesting final details are submitted for approval. The development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on the adjoining land, uses or properties. The landscaping design will also encourage wildlife biodiversity and contribute to the purpose of the green corridor to the south of the site. The proposal accords with saved policies DP.3, DP.4 and DP.5.

- 6.3. Whilst formal BREEAM accreditation is not being achieved and therefore the interim policy aspirations of Winchester with regard to BREEAM level 'Excellent' are not being met. The principles and equivalent level of sustainability will be appropriately achieved through the location and orientation of the building, the installation of solar photovoltaic panels and the proposed sustainability features. The implementation of all of these elements will ensure that there is minimal energy loss and consumption with a proportion of energy requirements being met on site. The aims of saved Policy DP.6 will thereby be achieved.
- 6.4. The proposed level of staff and visitor car parking is based on the expected car trip generation of the site. The level of car parking proposed is acceptable as it will appropriately accommodate the demand. The number of cycle and scooter spaces are acceptable and will be monitored as part of the Travel Plan. The catchment area is intended to be within the MDA and consequently the majority of trips associated with parent pick up and drop off are to be within the area. Of these a number of trips are likely to be part of linked trips to the local centre and/or employment trips. In time the local centre will be able to accommodate some of the demand. The road infrastructure which is to surround the site is considered appropriate to accommodate the pressures associated with the school development. The approval and subsequent delivery of this infrastructure will be secured as part of the wider MDA permission in a completed Section 106 Agreement and the future planning and highway adoption process will guarantee their provision. To ensure the final details in relation to the construction traffic and management are acceptable it is recommended that if planning permission is granted a condition is attached requesting the submission of the detailed information. In addition to this, to support alternative means of sustainable travel to the site a Full Travel Plan should be developed and submitted for approval. Overall the proposal is considered acceptable in terms of highways safety and convenience and is therefore in accordance with saved policy T.1.
- 6.5. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment No.2) Order 2012 the

Local Planning Authority have worked with the agent and applicant in a positive and proactive manner. Pre-application discussions were undertaken with the applicant and agent where guidance was provided on planning policy and the key planning issues with clear advice being given on the survey work and level of information required alongside the planning application. All statutory consultation responses were given to the agent in a timely manner thereby providing the agent with the opportunity to see and ability to address the issues raised.

- 6.6 In conclusion, it is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the development plan (summary attached) as it is within a planned area for large-scale development (MDA.1) and would meet the needs of the local community (SF.6). The design, appearance and proposed materials are considered appropriate (DP.3), the proposed landscaping will ensure the development fits with the landscape character of the area and will not cause any loss in amenity (DP.4 and DP.5) and will enhance the ecological value around the site. The proposal is acceptable in terms of highways safety and convenience (T.1). Appropriate sustainability features will ensure that energy loss is minimised and renewable energy production is provided on site (DP.6).

## **7. Recommendation**

- 7.1. That planning permission is granted for the construction of the new two form entry primary school for the northern site of the West of Waterlooville housing development to include school accommodation, teaching rooms, halls, staff parking and landscaping subject to the conditions listed in Integral Appendix B.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

DocumentLocation

A new two form entry primary school for the northern site of the West of Waterlooville housing development, to include school accommodation, teaching rooms, halls, staff parking and landscaping at West of Waterlooville Development, Waterlooville, Hampshire (Application Number: 12/02281/HCS) (Site Ref: WRE057)

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## CONDITIONS

### Timescale

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

### Plans and Particulars

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out and completed strictly in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and written particulars identified within the decision notice.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details.

### Hours of Working

3. No work relating to the construction of the development hereby approved, including works of demolition or preparation prior to operations, shall take place other than between the hours of 0800 hours to 1800 hours Monday to Friday and 0800 to 1300 hours Saturday. There shall be no working at all on Sundays or public holidays.

Reason: To reduce the impact of the construction of the site to occupiers of nearby housing.

### Construction Environmental Management Plan

4. A Construction Environmental Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing before development commences. This should include; lorry route, parking and turning provision to be made on site, storage of plant and materials, measure to prevent mud from being deposited on the highway, details of proposed means of dust suppression and noise mitigation, measures to prevent pollution of the watercourse during construction, construction lighting, provision of boundary hoarding, and a programme for construction. The agreed details shall be fully implemented before the development is commenced.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

### Highways

5. Detailed plans of the provision to be made for on-site cycle parking and facilities shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of development. The approved details shall be provided before the use hereby permitted is occupied and thereafter retained for their intended purpose.

Reason: To encourage sustainable travel to meet the aims of saved policy T.1 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006).

6. Within three months from the commencement of use of the new school a Full Travel Plan is to be produced in writing and agreed by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed Travel Plan is to be implemented thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and promoting sustainable travel in accordance with the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006) saved policy T.1.

7. No part of the development shall be occupied until such time as the eastern access road and temporary neighbourhood car park have been provided to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

### **Materials and Finishes**

8. No development shall take place until samples or details of the materials to be used in the construction of all external surfaces hereby permitted, including details of the proposed solar photovoltaic panels, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out and remain in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the development has a satisfactory external appearance in the interest of visual amenities in accordance with Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006) saved policies DP.3 and DP.6.

### **Landscaping**

9. No development shall take place until a landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be carried out in accordance with the details approved. Any plants or trees which, within a period of five years from the date of planting, die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced in the next planting season with other of similar size and species.

The scheme should include:

1. Full details of soft and hard landscape works including planting plans; written specifications; schedules of plants, noting species, plant size and proposed numbers/densities.
2. A landscape management plan, including management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for all landscaped areas.

Reason: To improve the appearance of the site and enhance the character of the development in the interest of visual amenity and contribute to the

character of the local area in accordance with the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006) saved policies DP.4 and DP.5.

10. No development shall take place until full details of the design and colour of proposed fencing has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The fencing should be erected and retained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To improve the appearance of the site and ensure there is no visual impact in accordance with the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006) saved policies DP.4 and DP.5.

### **Advice Note**

1. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment No.2) Order 2012 the Local Planning Authority have worked with the agent and applicant in a positive and proactive manner. Pre-application discussions were undertaken with the applicant and agent where guidance was provided on planning policy and the key planning issues with clear advice being given on the survey work and level of information required alongside the planning application. All statutory consultation responses were given to the agent in a timely manner thereby providing the agent with the opportunity to see and ability to address the issues raised.

*Annexe to Reasons for Conditions  
(as required by Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning  
(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010)*

**WINCHESTER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW (2006)**

**Saved Policy DP.3 – General design criteria**

Development which accords with other relevant policies of this Plan will be permitted, provided it:

- (i) makes efficient and effective use of land or buildings;
- (ii) in terms of design, scale and layout, responds positively to the character, appearance and variety of the local environment;
- (iii) keeps parking provision to a minimum;
- (iv) provides for ease of movement and local 'permeability';
- (v) maximises access to public transport;
- (vi) facilitates the development of adjacent sites;
- (vii) does not have an unacceptable adverse impact on adjoining land, uses of property;
- (viii) includes within the development sufficient amenity and recreational spaces, appropriate to its size, design and function;
- (ix) makes appropriate provision for the storage of refuse and recyclables.

**Saved Policy DP.4 – Landscape and the built environment**

In order to maintain or enhance the District's townscape and landscape development will not be permitted where it would detract from, or result in the loss of:

- (i) important public views and skyline features, both in the immediate vicinity and long-range, where site analysis identifies these as being of recognised importance;
- (ii) slopes;
- (iii) trees and hedgerows;
- (iv) open areas important to the townscape or the setting of buildings, including Listed Buildings;
- (v) the landscape framework, including those 'key characteristics', landscape and built form strategies listed at Appendix 2;
- (vi) water features, river corridors and other waterside areas;
- (vii) areas of ecological importance.

Proposals in areas with special landscape designations, such as the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty should, in particular, avoid harm to, and by in sympathy with, both the immediate and wider landscape setting.

**Saved Policy DP.5 – Design of amenity open space**

In order to ensure an attractive environment, development which accords with other relevant policies of this Plan will be permitted, provided it includes adequate on-site amenity open space which should:

- (i) be of a high standard of design, appropriate to the use and character of the development and its location and reflecting relevant supplementary planning or design guidance;
- (ii) contribute to maintaining or enhancing the visual and environmental character of the area;
- (iii) incorporate appropriate hard landscaping and planting;
- (iv) locate and design car parking areas sensitively;
- (v) include arrangements for the future management and maintenance of all areas

**Saved Policy DP.6 – Efficient use of resources**

In order to promote sustainable forms of development and avoid wasteful use of energy and natural resources, permission will be granted for development that accords with other policies of this plan where the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that it is appropriate in terms of:

- (i) the layout, siting and landscaping of new buildings to maximise energy-efficiency, utilising natural shelter and opportunities for passive solar;
- (ii) incorporating renewable energy production equipment, where appropriate, to provide a proportion of energy requirements from renewable sources;
- (iii) measures to reduce water consumption and to safeguard the sources of water supply;
- (iv) sustainable drainage systems;
- (v) waste minimisation during construction including the use of renewable and recycled materials locally sources where possible;
- (vi) balancing cut and fill on site, where possible, to minimise the import and export of material;
- (vii) the planned life of the building and its adaptability.

**Saved Policy T.1 – Development Location**

Development which accords with other relevant policies of this Plan will be permitted provided it is, or could be, served efficiently by public transport, cycling and walking. New development likely to attract a large number of journeys should be located to minimise travel demand and provided choice of transport mode. For developments that have significant transport implications, a Travel Plan will be required to support planning applications.

**Saved Policy MDA.1 – West of Waterlooville (Background)**

A new, mixed use community comprising at least 2000 dwellings, employment provision, and associated physical and social infrastructure is proposed at West of Waterlooville. The part within Winchester District is defined on Inset Map 27,

which also defines the maximum extent of the area for housing, mixed use, community facilities and other associated buildings and infrastructure. It also defines the area for employment. Development will be permitted provided that:

- (i) it is in accordance with a comprehensive Masterplan, to be produced, including a detailed design brief which covers the whole site and has been approved by the local Planning Authority;
- (ii) an environmental and sustainability statement is submitted, demonstrating that interests of acknowledged importance will be protected and any adverse impacts mitigated, or that there is an overriding justification for development to take place in the location and manner proposed;
- (iii) an integrated and balanced mix of development is proposed, which contributes towards a sense of identity for new community including:
  - a mix of housing types and sizes, including affordable housing to meet identified local needs;
  - approximately 30 hectares of employment development (Use Classes B1 and possibly B2 and B8), the majority to be located as extensions to the existing Brambles Business Park and phased in accordance with the approved Masterplan. Where appropriate, smaller-scale Class B1 development may be located elsewhere as part of mixed use development;
  - the reservation of land within the proposed employment area adjoining the Brambles Business Park for a resource centre, to include provision for a replacement household waste recycling centre and other appropriate waste management operations subject to further study in the preparation of the detailed Masterplan for the site;
  - adequate facilities and services to serve the new community and where appropriate the existing local communities, including provision for local shopping, education, health care, a place of worship, a cemetery and other social and community facilities as identified by the Masterplan;
  - adequate formal and informal public, private and amenity recreation land/open space to serve the new community;
- (iv) the provision of the physical infrastructure necessary to serve the community both on and off-site has been provided or appropriately secured, including:
  - (b) the completion of appropriate access routes, including a southern access route linking to the A3 in the vicinity of Ladybridge roundabout, from the development to the adjacent transport network for public, commercial and private transport, cycling and walking. Transport provisions should:
    - encourage greater use of public transport, walking and cycling and, in particular, integrate with the A3 bus priority corridor proposals;
    - provide good access for these modes within the site and to Waterlooville town centre, local employment areas and schools;
    - minimise the impact of traffic from the development on sensitive roads and residential areas; and
    - provide parking within the development in accordance with the adopted standards.
  - (c) adequate improvements to the sewerage and water supply systems, including where feasible the implementation of sustainable drainage

- systems, are also made, together with arrangements to ensure that there would be no change in run-off and river characteristics upstream or downstream of the development site and that it would not result in any increase in flood risk;
- (v) the proper integration of new development with Waterlooville Town Centre is achieved, with the town centre acting as the focus for shopping, leisure and other community activities for the new community. Development should also support and/or enhance the role of existing local centres at Purbrook and Hambledon Road;
- (vi) arrangements are made to enhance informal public access to the countryside, which may include:
- extending and/or improving the recreational opportunities to the west of Purbrook;
  - improving and/or extending public footpath, bridleway and cycleway networks in the surrounding countryside;
  - taking advantage of strategic landscaping planting within and around the site, and other landscape features, to provide informal recreational opportunities and improved public access to the countryside;
- (vii) the main landscape features of the site are retained and incorporated into the development proposals with appropriate arrangements secured for their long-term management and maintenance including:
- the substantial woodland blocks to the west of Purbrook where the impact of development should be minimised;
  - important trees and hedgerow networks;
  - water features, which could be integrated with greenways to provide improved linkages to the countryside for informal recreation;
  - the highest point that runs east-west across the development area, which should form an integral part of the structural landscape framework and could incorporate a linear open space to improve access to the countryside;
  - long distance views from Portsdown Hill and the East Hampshire Area of outstanding Natural Beauty, which should be protected as far as possible through the sensitive design and layout of development and an appropriate landscaping scheme.

An advanced strategic landscape planting and management scheme should be secured, funded and implemented to reinforce, maintain and enhance the landscape features, both on and off-site, before development commences.

- (viii) the main nature conservation interests are protected. In particular, development should avoid wherever possible the loss and fragmentation of the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) to the west of Purbrook and protect waterways and hedgerow features. Opportunities should be taken to strengthen links between these features to create a network of wildlife corridors throughout the development. Appropriate long-term management and maintenance arrangements will be required. Where development, such as a transport link or item of infrastructure, is necessary in a particular location that affects a SINC, suitable design and mitigation measures will be required to minimise the impact;

- (ix) the local gap between Waterlooville and Denmead as defined on the Inset and Proposals Maps is maintained;
- (x) residential development is phased and implemented in step with the provision of employment and social and physical infrastructure, in accordance with the Masterplan;
- (xi) it can be demonstrated that the most efficient use is made of land proposed for development having regard to the provisions of the Masterplan, Government guidance on housing density and the amount of housing permitted in the early phases of development.

The maximum extent of a reserve area sufficient to accommodate up to 1000 dwellings is also identified. This additional development will not be permitted in this area unless a compelling strategic justification for additional housing is identified by the strategic planning authorities. Until such time countryside policies will continue to apply to the reserve area. If the reserve housing is required, the precise extent of the area identified on Inset Map 27 within which housing and associated buildings will be permitted will depend upon the density proposed and the extent of the land permitted to accommodate the 2000 dwellings. The reserve area identified on inset Map 27 may be reduced in size if higher densities than currently envisaged are achieved in the Baseline allocation.

No development will be permitted within the boundary of the new community which would prejudice its proper development, including the possible development of an additional 1000 dwellings.

### **Saved Policy SF.6 – New Facilities And Services**

The development of new, extended or improved facilities and services within the settlements will be permitted.

### **Winchester City Council Policy Aspirations**

#### **Climate Change /Sustainability Aspirations**

- That new residential developments achieve Code for Sustainable Homes Level 5 for energy and water efficiency, but allowing for up to 30% of regulated emissions to be provided off-site or through a financial contribution;
- That new non-residential developments achieve at least the BREEAM 'Very Good' standard, and 'Excellent' from 2012;
- That new developments maximise energy efficiency by ensuring the highest standard of building envelope, to minimise the need for energy use;
- That the Council is supportive of schemes for the generation of renewable and decentralised energy.