

**MINUTES OF THE OTTERBOURNE PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE
BIANCHI ROOM, OTTERBOURNE VILALGE HALL 3RD MAY 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllrs M Smith (Chairman); J Gilbert; L Moody; A Reed; S King; D Green

In attendance: District Cllrs H Williams (from item 4) and B Laming (from item 8);
16 Parishioners; Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence:** County Cllr J Warwick; Cllr R Stansbury
2. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the 2020/21 Annual Assembly**

The 2020/21 Minutes had been approved as an accurate record at the Parish Council meeting 18 May 2020. There were no comments raised. Proposed by Peter Booth; seconded Lesley Moody and agreed for signing by the Chairman.

4. **Chairman's Report for 2021/22**

Two new councillors: David Green and Stacey King had been welcomed, but unfortunately the longstanding Chair, Kevin Stafford, and Councillors Joanne Smith and Elliott Lansdown-Bridge had stepped down. The Chairman thanked them all for their time and positive contribution to the community. The Parish Council was also very fortunate to have the support and advice from the long-standing Clerk and from the many volunteers and helpers within the community, including: the Tree Warden, SOCCT members, the Conservation Group, the Village Hall Committee, Allotments Association, Footpaths Representative, litter pickers and rota for the evening closure of the recreation ground, the volunteers with the Scouts, those producing and delivering the Parish Church magazine, the organisers of the Village Fete and Neighbourhood Watch contributors.

With the move away from the restrictions put in place due to COVID, the Council had remained busy and had continued to deal with and forward issues affecting life in the village, such as: support for the installation of the crossing by the Nisa store, improvements to the road surface on Otterbourne Hill and provision of a new walkway onto the common facilitating access for those with mobility issues. The Council was working with Allbrook Parish Council towards the celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June. Plans included the production of a crown shaped brazier (following a national design) to be lit simultaneously with others throughout the country. The event would also involve music by bands, Morris dancers and a choir, with hopefully a great number of residents coming together to celebrate a unique day.

5. **Report of Planning and Highways**

Planning Applications, Decisions, Enforcements: Cllr David Green

Over the past year Councillors had regularly reviewed all planning applications with a majority view formed for Comment to WCC. Cllr Green thanked his fellow Councillors and the Tree Warden for their help in examining the various Applications. 37 applications had been received during the year, no objections had been raised and comments on seven had been made. All applications processed by the Parish Council had been granted permission by WCC.

Of note, there had been a significant increase in the number of extensions and alterations (e.g. window or fascia replacement) totalling 24 applications; new builds had accounted for two applications, including the replacement of a stable block with a cottage for agricultural workers and the replacement of a bungalow with four houses on Cranbury Close, this latter build having generated £6,714 of Community Infrastructure Levy for use within the parish over the next five years. One commercial application had been received and five other items included a new driveway, stable block, double garage, and replacement of leisure facilities with a kitchen garden. Five Tree Preservation Order applications had been received with comments raised on three.

Other notable planning items had included:

- Enforcement cases totalled five as currently open and being investigated by WCC
- Coles Mede village green registration had been refused by the WCC Regulatory Committee
- Southampton International Airport had been granted permission by EBC for construction of a 164 metre runway extension and additional car parking for 600 spaces
- the sale of 'Elderfield' had concluded with future plans for a Care Home
- 'The Old Parsonage' had received renewed application for 16 close-care apartments.

Strategic Planning: Cllr Mark Smith

The Winchester Local Plan to 2039 was in progress and WCC had indicated its expectation for Otterbourne to provide between 50-60 new dwellings towards the District's housing requirements. In conjunction with other Parish Councils, Otterbourne had challenged WCC to ascertain how the housing numbers had been obtained. Several inaccuracies in the Settlement Hierarchy had been advised and a query raised about Otterbourne being classified as two settlements: Otterbourne village and Otterbourne Hill. Other villages did not appear to have been similarly treated and it was felt this could contribute to a higher settlement score, thereby indicating greater suitability for development. The Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) set out the sites submitted to WCC by either land owners or developers for potential development. Earlier in the year, Councillors had delivered a newsletter to all properties in the village detailing all of the SHELAA sites, two informal drop-in sessions had been held and a well-attended planning meeting. Councillors had listened to residents' concerns and further discussions had been held with neighbouring parish councils, WCC Planning Department and developers' agents. The Parish Council had not fully identified its preferred sites(s) and continued to assess them for sustainability, the benefit offered to the community and the most appropriate fit within the fabric of the village. The timeline for advising WCC of the preferred site(s) had been pushed back to the end of May and the Parish Council would continue to keep residents informed.

Highways: Cllr Amber Reed

The pedestrian crossing at the Nisa store on Main Road had been progressing with highway surveys and additional road markings and it was now in the final design stage. HCC work had recently been completed in Park Lane and included some road resurfacing, drainage repairs and upgrade. HCC work (Operation Resilience) on Otterbourne Hill would be recommencing and involve some overnight road closures to enable resurfacing from the junction with Winchester Road down to The White Horse PH. Repairs to the safety railings by the school had been completed as had drainage and bollard repairs at the roundabout and a number of potholes filled. Poles Lane ditches had been cleared and the road markings replenished. Council thanked County Cllr Jan Warwick for all of the assistance she had provided with these key projects.

The contract with HCC for the shared parish Lengthsman Scheme had been renewed for a further year and the Lengthsmen would continue to work on clearing pavements, footpath maintenance, cutting-back vegetation on verges, sign cleaning and clearing gullies.

6. Report of Recreation and Amenities: Cllr James Gilbert

The recreation ground continued to be a well-used facility for the village through the use of the children's play park, MUGA area, football club and general use by dog walkers, etc. Colden Common Football Club had continued to play at the ground and, in line with the Lease, the pitch was used most Saturdays during the season with no games or training during the months of May and June. A major maintenance project had been undertaken to re-surface the path leading to and within the children's play park. Further maintenance would be required in the forthcoming year to replace the wet-pour edging around one of the swings. There had unfortunately been some incidents of vandalism: a wooden panel removed from the MUGA, the play park see-saw broken, graffiti at the rear of the pavilion and bolts removed from one of the swings. These had been reported to the police with the intention of hopefully increasing police visits to the ground. The locking of the recreation ground car park (6 pm Oct-Mar, 9 pm Apr-Sept) had been agreed in order to help prevent further anti-social behaviour. Residents involved in the lock-up rota were thanked for their continuing support and also those who had undertaken both regular litter-picking and around the MUGA area during the summer months.

7. Report of Finance and Administration: Cllr Lesley Moody

The Accounts for 2020/21 had been audited by the external auditor with no matters arising.

Unaudited accounts for 2021/22

The Accounts for 2021/22 had been signed by the Parish Council and the internal audit had taken place 28 April 2022 with no matters arising. The Annual Return had been sent for external audit.

The total income for the year was £52,051 (ex VAT of £5,262) and the main items had been:

- Precept of £40,710 (78% of total income)
- Rent from the footpath and pavilion £1,910 (4 % of total)
- Allotment rents £841 (1.5 % of total)
- Bank Interest £282 (0.5 % of total)
- Grants and other minor receipts £8,308 (16% of total income)

Grants and contributions received had been as follows: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) £6,714; HCC for the Public Car Park refurbishment £725; Conservation Group reimbursement for a new bench £441; WCC for the improved common access £428.

The total expenditure for the year was £44,163 (ex VAT £3,473) and the main items had been:

- Administration costs which included the clerk's salary, insurance, audit and legal fees, subscriptions, printing and hall hire £17,634 (40% of total expenditure)
- Recreation ground and open spaces £16,017 (36% of total expenditure)
- Amenities which included street furniture, allotments, war memorial £5,914 (13% of total)
- Highways which included speed restriction sign, parish street lights, Lengthsman contribution and footpaths £2,463 (6 % of total)
- Churchyard Maintenance, including the Old Churchyard on Kiln Lane £840 (2% of total)
- Donations £1,295 (3% of total) allocated as follows:
 - £25 towards a War Memorial Remembrance Wreath; £120 towards printing of the parish magazine; £1,000 to SOCCCT for maintenance of the Sparrowgrove and Oakwood copses; £150 towards the Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau.

It had not been necessary to draw on Reserves and these had increased by £7,707 to £46,897 due to receipt of the CIL £6,714 and the 3rd year of the pavilion rental £1,629 being set aside.

Spending plans for 2022/2023

When setting the budget for the financial year, all overheads had been assessed and best value sought wherever possible, without seeking to compromise on services. The budget had been set at £40,091 representing a small decrease of 0.9% and equivalent to £56.80 per household per annum at Band D. The following major items of spending had been allowed:

- £2,500 towards additional maintenance of the recreation ground and open spaces to cut back encroaching vegetation around the boundaries
- Over £1,000 towards a village event to mark the Platinum Jubilee
- Up to £1,000 towards new signs at the recreation ground.

Reserves still remained good at just over one full Precept and within the recommended audit requirements: £36,897 was held on deposit as a sinking fund to contribute towards replacement of the more expensive parish assets; and £10,000 was held as an emergency fund. Suggestions or requests would be welcomed from Parishioners for expenditure to be considered for 2023/24.

The Finance Committee was also responsible for a number of administrative matters including the appointment and monitoring of the auditor and ensuring that procedures complied with the relevant regulations and that it complied with its own procedures. Review of the Council's Governance documents, the insurance of assets, risk assessments, the internal audit procedure and banking arrangements had taken place. The parish website was compliant with Government requirements and the number of parishioners signing up to Mailchimp had continued to increase.

8. Questions from the floor (time restricted)

The County and District Councillors had submitted reports as attached.

Q1 Concern was raised about the hazard created for school children and cyclists by cars parked along Coles Mede which required vehicles to drive on the opposite (unexpected) side of the highway at the access to the cul-de-sac. The Chairman advised the Parish Council would look into the matter and work with HCC if appropriate.

Q2 Concern was raised about the number of rough sleepers in Winchester. The District Councillors and a parishioner advised that visits and checks took place by the Outreach Team, Trinity Church and other voluntary agencies on a daily basis in order to ensure newcomers and those wanting a bed were offered assistance, but not all wanted to take-up provision.

Q3 Several questions and concerns were raised about Colden Common Football Club (CCFC). A question was raised about the rent received. Cllr Moody advised that the rent was collected monthly, but it was set aside into reserves to replenish the £10,000 drawn from reserves to refurbish the pavilion. A question was raised about the benefit of the football club to the village and whether the pavilion should be used more for the community. The Clerk advised that the rent was used to offset some of the cost of upkeep and utility services which were still required when the building was used for community (albeit infrequent) events. In the two year, unoccupied time after Otterbourne FC had terminated its tenancy, the community and Parish Council had not found an alternative use and the building had remained empty. A question was raised about CCFC's position at the top of its current League and the requirement for additional facilities at the ground should it be promoted to the next League. The Chairman advised that the League structure in which CCFC was playing would not require further ground facilities. Cllr

Moody advised it had been clearly stated at the beginning of the Lease that no further ground facilities would be permitted. The Clerk advised that the Lease prevented any further infrastructure, including commercial advertising banners, without the prior permission of the Parish Council. Concerns were raised by several parishioners regarding an event on Saturday 30 April which involved loud music late into the evening, the potential sale and consumption of alcohol outside of the pavilion building, use of bad language and abusive behaviour. The Chairman advised that the event was due to the football club winning both 1st and 2nd Leagues, but this did not excuse any bad behaviour. The Lease permitted events on Saturdays up to 23:00, but complainants could report the concerns raised to the Licensing Department and Environmental Department at WCC; also, should there be any future concern about abusive behaviour, a report to the Police on the Emergency number should be made. The Chairman had already been in contact with the CCFC Chairman and would follow through with a meeting and report at the next Parish Council meeting on 17 May.

Q4. A question was raised whether the post box, formerly positioned at the Nisa store and moved to an area at the entrance to Sponder's Mede, could be reinstated at the store. A member of the public advised that the resident should contact the Post Master at the Nisa store and the Chairman advised it was outside of the Parish Council's authority and to take forward the complaint with the Post Office. A question was raised about using 'Putin' stickers on the dog bins in support of Ukraine. The Chairman advised this had been considered by the Councillor responsible for amenities and himself and was not considered appropriate.

Q5. A question was raised about the expected date of finalising the pedestrian crossing at the Nisa store on Main Road. The Chairman advised that although this had been ongoing for many years, it was now in the design stage and it was hoped to conclude this year.

Chairman's Closure

The parish website <https://www.otterbourneparishcouncil.org> hosted information across various topics and was a quick and simple way of seeing what had happened and what was going on in the village. Signing up for information emails by Mailchimp was also a very good way to keep abreast. Otterbourne remained a wonderful place to live and the Parish Council would be delighted to welcome parishioners to forthcoming Parish Council meetings. The Council was currently two members down and needed support to help with the ongoing community projects; any interested residents should contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm.

Hampshire County Councillor Jan Warwick (Winchester Downlands) Annual Parish Meeting Report 2022

Facts and Figures

Hampshire's population is **1,389,200** (2020) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains **5400** miles of roads, **4300** miles pavements, **150,000** streetlights, **474** maintained schools for 138,000 pupils, **52** academy schools for **38,000** pupils, **10** residential homes for children and young people, **18** Older Persons Care Homes, **24** Household Waste Centres and **5** Country Parks. **4.8 million** books, e-books and magazines are loaned each year. The proportion of household waste sent to landfill has decreased since 2011/12 (from 8% to 4%). **96%** of all Hampshire waste is either recycled, reused, composted or sent for energy recovery. The waste sent to energy recovery produces sufficient energy to power **50,000** homes.

Budget HCC approves £2.4 billion spending on local services in 2022/2023

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work following the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation. The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,390.86 – an increase of £0.78 per week, equating to 2.99%, of which 1% is for adults' social care. The budget includes £556.2 million of capital expenditure over the next three years to boost jobs, the quality of the environment and to tackle climate change.

The proposed capital programme includes: • £109 million in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • £136 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • £109 million for integrated transport schemes including over £50 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • £95 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years following the £33 million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls that took place in 2021-2022

Homes for Ukraine

The County Council is working with local district and borough councils, as well as key local partners such as the NHS and Hampshire Constabulary, to prepare for the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. An initial £100,000 has been set aside to provide immediate support and assistance.

Several key areas of activity are currently being prioritised:

- a process for home visits is being put in place; individual sponsors will be contacted by the County Council, as soon as they have been formally notified by Government of an impending arrival.
- a process is also being set up to allow sponsors to receive a 'thank you' payment of £350 per month direct to their bank accounts.
- DBS checks are required of all sponsors under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, as well as enhanced DBS checks for hosts who will have Ukrainian children staying with them. These will commence as part of the home visit process and will be undertaken by HCC.
- guest families will be assisted with school admissions so that formal education can continue as soon as possible; https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/contacts_places
- the County Council's adult social care team is liaising with NHS representatives regarding how support will be provided. GP support and the provision of crisis mental health assistance is a key consideration.

A dedicated 'Support For Ukraine' webpage (www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine) has been set up and is being regularly updated with the latest information, together with signposting to updates from central Government.

Winchester District Councillor Annual Report 2021/2022

This report is designed to show some of the things that the City Council and we as councillors have achieved during this year. If you want more detail please ask or refer to the monthly reports.

Winchester City Council Sport & Leisure Park Opened

On the 25 May 202 Winchester City Council's new Sport and Leisure Park was opened. The centre a state-of-the art facility for local people to enjoy. After almost a year in operation this leisure centre is well used by residents and has become a key resource for them.

Clamping down on fly tipping

Throughout the year we have worked hard to reduce fly tipping and to prosecute as many cases as we can. Last year over 990 case where reported. We have been working using CCTV in some of the worst affected areas. Winchester City Council is also asking local people to be aware of companies in the district who are offering to dispose of items for small sums of money. Whilst some legitimate businesses in the area offer this service under license, there are others who operate without license and who take the payment only to dispose of the waste irresponsibly. If residents pay a business to remove rubbish that is illegally disposed of, they could be liable for an unlimited fine when the waste is recovered and traced. This means that it is important to check an operator holds the necessary license to avoid unwittingly having your waste fly-tipped and risking a large fine.

Top tips for how to deal with fly-tipping in your area:

Do

- Check to see if it has a sticker attached to it. If it does, we're aware and we're arranging disposal.
- Use the MyCouncil app to log the exact location or lookout for the nearest landmark.

Don't

- Approach the culprit. They're committing a crime - your safety is paramount.
- Touch the waste it could be dangerous and it can be used as evidence.
- Remove anything from the site.

Covid responses and post Covid response

Throughout the year Winchester City Council continued to support both residents and businesses. In January it launched Winter Support Payment Grant scheme to support those businesses most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the spread of the Omicron variant.

Business areas we were able to support:

- Hospitality/food and drink/guest accommodation
- Leisure/sports
- Attractions/events/festivals/entertainment venues
- Performing and visual arts
- Pre-school childcare services
- Public sector (Parish councils only)
- Taxi and private hire drivers

Winchester City Council celebrates 10th RSPCA Gold Award in 5 years

The RSPCA has awarded Winchester City Council's Animal Welfare team their 10th Gold 'PawPrint' award in five years for their outstanding work with stray dogs and the licensing of animal establishments. The team has been recognised for their continued efforts on the front line of animal welfare, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and a significant rise in dog ownership over the past two years.

Council gives green light to securing development partner for major city centre transformation

Back in January Winchester City Council has approved plans to identify and secure a development partner to help deliver its vision for the Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) area.

The vision will see the transformation of a key part of the centre of Winchester, bringing significant benefits to people living and working in and around the district, including the delivery of high quality homes, new flexible workspaces, retail and leisure facilities and an attractive public realm.

The council has committed to working with a private sector partner to realise the redevelopment of Winchester Bus Station, Kings Walk, the old Friarsgate Medical Centre and Coitbury House. The vision, as set out in the agreed CWR Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), is to deliver a vibrant, mixed-use destination which is highly sustainable; reducing reliance on cars in the city centre whilst adding to Winchester's already rich and varied heritage and cultural offer.

Winchester - Lights in the City

Winchester lit up its iconic landmarks and buildings from Saturday 29 January to Sunday 6 February.

Winchester – Lights in the city will see light installations in key locations across the centre.

The theme of the event is 'Winter into Spring' and coloured lights will show the changing of the seasons as visitors follow the lights through the centre.

Winchester City Council gives the green light to a budget which improves services, invests in public spaces and addresses the climate emergency

On Wednesday 23rd February Winchester City Council Councillors approved a 2022/23 budget that invests in public services whilst keeping increases to Council Tax and other charges well below inflation. An alternative budget proposed by the opposition was not agreed after a vote, and the original budget was then passed.

This news follows a challenging time for local authorities; last February, the council had to reduce overall costs by £3m to balance the budget. Highlights from the newly approved 2022/23 budget include:

- £1.1m to fund projects to respond to the Climate Emergency and help improve the environment;
- Additional monies for Council Tax hardship grants;
- A proposed £10 discount for garden waste subscriptions for residents in receipt of benefits;
- A Council Tax increase of 2.7% and increases of 3% for other fees and charges (current inflation stands at 5.4%).

The delay in planned Government changes to council funding has meant local authorities will receive one more year of "New Homes Bonus" which, for Winchester, will be £1.3m.

This one-off sum will be invested across the district to support climate emergency work, tackle fly-tipping, decarbonise transport and protect our historic monuments as follows:

- £450,000 on historic monuments;
- £250,00 to trial low-carbon bin lorries and/or buses;
- £185,000 to address fly tipping and street cleansing;
- £150,000 on preparation for a food waste trial in 2023;
- £100,000 for the Council Tax Hardship Fund to help struggling households;
- £40,000 on bike storage;
- £25,000 for the council's City of Sanctuary commitments.

Winchester City Council becomes a city of Sanctuary

At the January Council Meeting Winchester City Council unanimously declared that Winchester will become a city of sanctuary. Challenge anti-refugee and anti-migrant attitudes and support the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group and Winchester City of Sanctuary in the promotion of the Together with Refugees campaign calling for a fairer, kinder and more effective approach to supporting refugees in the UK. Cllr John Tippet-Cooper, who proposed the motion at a council meeting, said that it was the Afghan crisis which highlighted the kindness and support of Winchester people.

With the shocking events in the Ukraine Winchester City Council will of course look to ensure that refugees from Ukraine who are seeking sanctuary during this extraordinarily difficult time will be assisted by our teams and the local network of groups and agencies delivering specialised support. The residents of Winchester have shown great support for the people of Ukraine opening their homes and hearts to them. The City Council has and will continue to support the refugees and those hosting and helping them.

Biodiversity in our District

With Spring in the air again we have been working with local communities and groups to keep our bees buzzing and our wildflowers blooming, we're cutting back on shearing a select amount of road verges in New Alresford and Badger Farm. Cutting road verges less often can support 700 species of wildflowers and provides nectar for insects, bees and butterflies. We're not trialling this work near busy junctions and blind corners to reduce risks and worry for drivers. This is the second year of the pilot scheme, and we're looking to expand into the other areas over the coming months.

Your Local Plan – what is it for?

The Local Plan sets out how we intend to accommodate the growth we need to plan for in the district, outside the South Downs National Park, for the period up to 2039. To do this the plan:

- Identifies suitable sites for a range of new housing that will allow people wanting to live in the district to find accommodation that matches their needs
- Includes policies and sites which encourage sustainable local economic growth
- Looks to protect our valuable countryside, habitats and heritage
- Contributes to tackling the climate emergency

All these different threads of work will be pulled together into a draft Local Plan (known as the Regulation 18 stage of the plan making process) which we are intending to publish for public consultation in August/September this year. The process to develop a Local Plan has been underway for two years - the high number of responses received to date have provided very valuable feedback and are helping us work on the direction of the proposed strategy and the policies for the new plan.

What is happening now?

Two key pieces of work have **already been undertaken** to enable us to draft the new plan:

1. Housing numbers

One process relates to a calculation of the housing numbers that Government policy says we need to accommodate, and we then have to decide how these numbers are best distributed across the district outside the South Downs National Park.

2. The Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment report

The second piece of work was a call for sites which enabled owners and promoters to put forward land which is potentially available for development and these sites are published in the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment report (SHELAA).

Some 380 sites are included in the SHELAA in total. **Only a small fraction of these sites will be needed** to meet the growth we are currently expecting to plan for which, in housing terms, is around an additional 3,000 new residential properties up to 2039.

To help with the selection of sites we are now liaising with the Winchester Town Forum, and working with all parish councils in and around the city, and the parishes with the other most sustainable towns and larger villages, and asking them to review the SHELAA sites, along with any others they think may be available for development, to take the growth we are planning to accommodate over the 17 years to 2039 as set out below:

- New Alresford (through a Neighbourhood Plan) - additional 100 – 120 homes
- Bishop’s Waltham - additional 100 – 120 homes
- Wickham – 90- 100 additional homes
- Waltham Chase – 90 – 100 additional homes
- Swanmore – 90 – 100 additional homes
- Kings Worthy - 90 – 100 additional homes
- Denmead (through a review of their Neighbourhood Plan) - 90 – 100 additional homes
- Colden Common – 90 – 100 additional homes
- Otterbourne – 50 – 60 additional homes
- South Wonston – 50 – 60 additional homes
- Sutton Scotney – 50 – 60 additional homes

In the case of Winchester itself the range is 1,600 to 1,650 additional homes between now and 2039 and, when we consider development that might reasonably be expected to come forward within the existing town boundary and other brownfield land which is potentially available, a further 250 -300 homes may need to be accommodated on unidentified development site(s) over this period.

How do you get involved?

We are intending to consult on the draft plan between August and September this year. The consultation process looks to let everyone have their say on how we accommodate the growth we need to plan for over the next 17 years.

If you would like to be involved please sign up here for the updates and invitations to events: planningpolicy@winchester.gov.uk

Cllrs Laming, Warwick and Williams