

# Winchester Local Development Framework and Sustainable Community Strategy – The Way Forward

## BISHOPS WALTHAM STAKEHOLDER MEETING

24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

### Key Points:

There is an acknowledgement that Bishops Waltham acts as a hub for a much wider area and these relationships should be recognised in determining the role and function of Bishops Waltham

There is a desire to see a business park established on the fringe of the town within a short car journey or cycling distance, to release existing sites for housing nearer to the town centre

Any future housing growth should be supported by sustainable employment and transport improvements. Transport is a critical issue for Bishops Waltham and there must be adequate central parking to support those wishing to use it for a range of purposes. There should also be dedicated cycle/pedestrian routes through the Parish to encourage cycling. In terms of service provision the local police authority envisage being able to cope with the level of change proposed; school capacity is available in the junior school and secondary school at Swanmore however developer contributions would be required to support improvements. The local surgery would like to develop its services further to provide greater health care provision locally

New residential development should be housing with gardens rather than flats and acknowledge that sometimes a larger development offers greater benefits e.g. improved drainage.

Priory Park requires significant investment and there's a desire for an indoor sports centre in Bishops Waltham which could potentially be supported by some developer funding.

Need to consider dispersing development in the locality of Bishops Waltham in recognition that it acts as a hub for a wider rural catchment, Swanmore and Waltham Chase should be considered. There is a desire to retain the gap with Upham.

The impact of the Hedge End SDA is of great concern to Bishops Waltham.