

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

WHITELEY STAKEHOLDER MEETING

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Key Points:

More development is acceptable but not without the necessary infrastructure and in particular there is a need to address access problems and local traffic congestion.

Would like to see a more diverse population with provision for older people. Provision of new low cost/affordable housing should be spread across any development and not all lumped together so they form a separate area.

The new development should ensure that Whiteley retains its character with open spaces and green areas and not be developed like a large town, need to ensure that there are cycle routes linking places. Whiteley is a nice place to live, but not a good place for shopping or entertainment as it only has an outlet centre – must have a mix of shops restaurants and post office/banking facilities. Also need to improve bus services to allow young people to access leisure facilities in Fareham, and facilities for older people

An additional 3,000 houses would provide the opportunity for a Secondary School. Two factors in the long term that might affect the situation relate to the planned SDAs at Fareham and Hedge End. Existing schools at Hedge End, Swanmore and Henry Cort in Fareham are not capable of expansion. Issue of secondary school provision needs to be investigated further and implementation timed appropriately to ensure that delivery of new houses matches as far as possible new children coming into the area and the occupation of the new dwellings.