

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

WINCHESTER TOWN STAKEHOLDER MEETING

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Key Points :-

Winchester has its origins in the seat of learning and this 'knowledge' theme should continue to be recognised as one of its special characteristics along with its attractive environment.

The economy is about right at the moment but it can't stand still and there needs to be action to stop Winchester becoming a dormitory town and reliant on commuters. Winchester should support its existing workforce whilst attracting and encouraging new economic opportunities.

Need to think longer term by investing in the economy now with the provision of more high level jobs to reduce commuting – to create a balanced economy with a good range of job opportunities and encouraging diversity and mixed use development.

Winchester must promote itself more and attract visitors through tourism and culture and be more vibrant with high density city living.

Any greenfield development should be 'suburban', with higher densities nearer the city centre. Also recognise the need to retain a compact town where everyone has access to the countryside, building out in the wedge to the north is the least worst scenario

Recognize the need for a 'step change' in development to ensure that both physical and social infrastructure issues are addressed, as it is recognized that only the larger sites will have the impact to deliver the required infrastructure requirements. These larger developments must be mixed use to encourage and support sustainable transport mechanisms and to balance traffic flow.