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Press Release

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4 October 2010

Winchester City Council launches Blueprint – your chance to shape your community for the future

On Monday 4th October 2010 our new consultation 'Blueprint' goes live, putting residents at the heart of decisions on the future of their communities.

The purpose of Blueprint is to enable people to think about what type of place they want to live in not only now but looking ahead 20 years or so, and how theirs and others needs might change over that time. This ties in with the concept of 'localism' being promoted by the new coalition Government.

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Cllr Kelsie Learney, Leader of the Council commented, "We are pleased to have local responsibility but it's also a major challenge. It's not about housing numbers any more but about the kind of places we want to live, work and play in. Looking ahead ten or even twenty years what kind of social and economic needs will we have? How can we help our communities change to meet the challenges of the future without losing what makes them special?"

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The City Council has to produce its new plan next year because all of its old planning policies are getting out of date. We've called the process 'Blueprint' because the plan is just that - the instructions and guidance that will shape what our communities will look like in the future.

Involving all of its communities in shaping their own future is something the Council is committed to, and so the process has been designed to ensure all groups can take part. Whether you are a Parish Council large or small, or local groups such as the WI, churches, youth groups, schools, local businesses, community and residents groups, we would love to hear your views.

All the details can be found on a dedicated website, www.community-blueprint.co.uk where you will be able to request a pack that contains all the materials you need, and find out more information about holding a Blueprint event. You can also request a Blueprint pack by contacting, ldf@winchester.gov.uk or calling 01962 840 222

The consultation runs until 10 December 2010 so don't leave it to late and get debating 'Blueprint' today.

Appendix D05

Media Coverage

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE Thursday, November 4, 2010

People keen to have say on city's future

More than 300 Blueprint project information packs requested so far

By Warwick Payne
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MORE than 300 information packs have been requested from people wanting to have a say on the future shape of the Winchester district.

Community groups, residents and parish councils have been among those keen to get the information packs for the Blueprint project.

It is a 10-week survey by council chiefs to ask people how the Winchester district should evolve during the next 20 years.

The city council is drawing up its long-term masterplan, but needs feedback from residents, parishes and community groups first.

The survey is now entering its second month, having started in early October, and so far 320 information packs have been sent out.

Council chiefs have also urged people to hold community meetings to discuss what the district's priorities should be for the next two decades.

A couple of events have already been held, but the majority will take place throughout this month.

One of the most high profile will be at Winchester Guildhall at 10.30am this Saturday (November 6).

It is being organised by Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC), the City of Winchester Trust, and Winchester Area Community Action.

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The council expects to spend three months going through the results to decide such things as how many schools, houses and roads are needed.

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What do you think are the most important issues facing Winchester over the next 20 years? Write to Letters to the Editor.

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Have your say on future shape of the district

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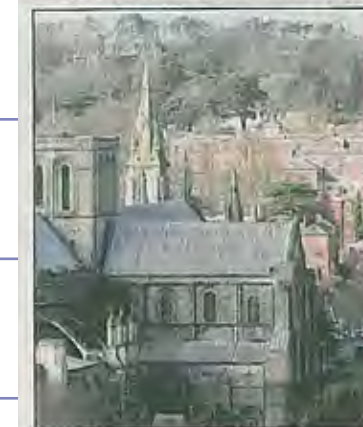
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Good response to Blueprint

WINCHESTER: City council chiefs say they have been pleased with the response for comments during a 10-week survey into the district's 'Blueprint' masterplan.

Around 25 public meetings have been held across the district, ranging from parish halls to high-profile events, such as at Winchester Guildhall, which attracted more than 100 people.

Council chiefs met in Winchester on Monday for a briefing on the survey.

The authority will go through the data which will be used to produce the final version of the Local Development Framework, a 20-year district masterplan.

The document will set goals for transport, business, the environment, and how much housing should be built.

Blueprint on the agenda tonight

WINCHESTER Residents' Association will discuss the future of the city at its AGM tonight (Thursday).

The association will debate "Blueprint", the city council guidance document on development for the next 20 years.

The meeting, at Milner Hall, St Peter Street, starting at 7.30pm, will be the first following the death of association mainstay, Alan Weeks, last spring.

WINCHESTER

Residents urged to comment on Winchester's 'Blueprint'

5:40pm Wednesday 6th October 2010

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By Warwick Payne »

RESIDENTS are being asked what should be built in the Winchester district in a major new survey called Blueprint.

Launched this week, council chiefs want as many responses as possible.

The results will be used to update the Local Development Framework, a 20-year district masterplan.

The draft version was meant to say where the council would build 12,000 homes by 2026 - as demanded by the previous Government - and named Barton Farm in Winchester as a possible housing site.

Local government secretary Eric Pickles has now solved the figures and told local authorities to produce their own.

Winchester City Council will now decide if it wants to reduce the targets and remove sites like Barton Farm from the emerging masterplan.

Council corporate director, Steve Tilbury, said: "Mr Pickles has not abolished housing need or transport problems or environmental concerns, but has said 'we are not going to tell people how to address these problems from Whitehall'."

Instead, the council wants to hear from residents what services and housing should be provided in their area.

Mr Tilbury said: "The idea is to light a fire to get people thinking about their community and what they'd like to happen."

Instead of official public meetings, the council is encouraging community groups to hold informal sessions so that residents can share ideas.

Feedback can then be sent to the council until the deadline on Friday, December 10.

The authority then expects to spend three months going through the results to amend the old version of the masterplan.

Residents will then be invited to comment on the new document before it is sent to the Government for approval.

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Residents will be asked to put themselves in other people's shoes - namely the simulated citizens shown here - before deciding what Winchester needs

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City council emphasise importance of 'Blueprint' scheme

9:00am Wednesday 1st December 2010

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Winchester City Council's 'Blueprint' planning scheme continued last weekend with a community drop-in session.

Around 30 people turned up to the session to discuss issues such as transport, business and housing with council officials.

Visitors were encouraged to take colour coded pens, each representing an area of Winchester, and write down the issues they think should be priorities on special charts around the venue in United Church, Jewry Street.

Steve Tilbury, corporate director at the city council, said: "We are asking people - What are the most important issues and how can we respond? We are asking relatively simple questions but they are big questions that need to be answered."

Some of the priorities identified by residents included greater availability of public transport, more affordable housing and more community services.

The council used characters such as Debbie the young professional, Don the middle aged manager and the Davis family of five to help residents to broaden their ideas as to how the district should change to meet different peoples needs.

Mr Tilbury said: "We tried to get people involved in the process who wouldn't have necessarily got involved if they saw it as a very technical process."

But Mr Tilbury said the potential developments at Barton Farm were not a big issue at the event but they could have a substantial impact on the Blueprint plans.

He said: "We are concerned the outcome of the Barton Farm appeal will make a big difference to what we want to do so it will certainly affect our next step."

"People are so well informed about Barton Farm now and understand the position that people haven't been speaking about it in particular."

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Blueprint survey taking off

11:00am Friday 5th November 2010

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Winchester Guildhall, which will host one if not two meetings to discuss the Blueprint survey

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At a special joint Open Meeting of the City of Winchester Trust, Winchester Action on Climate Change and Winchester Area Community Action in Winchester Guildhall on Saturday November 6th 10.30am - 12.30pm, members of all three organisations and members of the public are invited to respond to Winchester City Council's Blueprint initiative.

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rather than having a free-for-all. On the Government now requires that local people are consulted about their wishes before the document is drawn up. The local organisations hope to secure agreement in their ambitions for a sustainable, enjoyable and safer city. They want Winchester's future to build on its special historic characteristics as a compact, mixed use city.

The meeting is being organised because the Government has abolished the Regional Spatial Strategies that set figures and locations for housing and employment, which each local authority was bound to incorporate in its Local Development Framework, the work the strategic planning partners for the next 20 years.

Winchester must still have a District Local Development Framework. It will set the rules and guidance that developments must follow.

WINCHESTER

Deadline looms for planning blueprint in Winchester district

8:00am Tuesday 28th December 2010

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By Joseph Curtis »

A PARISH council near Winchester is reminding its residents to send in their Blueprint responses as soon as possible.

Littleton and Harestock Parish Council need to have completed Blueprint questionnaires sent back to them by the end of December.

The Blueprint scheme is part of the city council's plans to consult with residents in the area over what developments they would like to see in their communities over the next 20 years.

The community held a meeting to discuss future changes on December 9. Suggestions included greater public transport services to the area, the improvement of broadband facilities and protecting against over development of housing in the future.

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HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2010

Big meeting backs plans for Winchester's future



By Andrew Napier »

ENVIRONMENTAL and civic campaigners have drawn up a 10-point action plan to help both preserve the best of Winchester, and enable it to prosper in the future.

The campaigners hosted a joint meeting at the city's Guildhall last Saturday, attended by some 130 people who had their say on how the district should evolve over the next 20 years.

The public was invited to the 'Blueprint' community planning initiative, and delighted organisers with the big turn-out.

They said it showed how planning remains a hot potato in Winchester – especially with the future of Barton Farm still unresolved.

Paul Grover, of Solent Centre of Architecture and Design, said of the turnout: "Consultation fatigue? It doesn't seem to be here (in Winchester). It's fantastic."

The meeting was arranged by Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC), Winchester Area Community Action (WACA), and the City of Winchester Trust (CoWT). Those attending broke up into smaller groups to discuss ideas.

WinACC, WACA and the CoWT want to see the council adopt better public transport and the preservation of Winchester's setting.

They said they wanted to encourage as near a traffic-free area as possible as was compatible with economic success.

The groups called for sustainable new and old buildings, sustainable energy, and encouragement of local food production.

They also wanted a better mix of housing and employment.

The city council wants to hear public views as it develops its development framework which will guide planning over the next two decades.

Chris Holloway, of WinACC, said: "This could have been the most important meeting the Guildhall has had this decade.

"We are giving feedback to shape the local development framework. It is incredibly important to hear what people think."

Many of the people at the meeting were concerned that Barton Farm was protected from the 2,000-home development that Cala Homes proposes.

Meanwhile, WinACC has organised a family green event, Great 2 B Green, at the Discovery Centre this Saturday (November 13) between 2 and 3.30pm.

See today's Hampshire Chronicle for full report of the meeting.



Photo of the meeting, courtesy of Rupert Cook, of Architecture plb



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Perspectives article

Local Development Framework - Core Strategy



Did you know local planning is changing?

On 6 July this year the Government revoked the South East Plan with immediate effect, meaning it no longer applies.

The plan had directed planning policy at District level, including setting targets for the amount of new housing to be built in the District by 2026 and providing strategic planning guidance on matters such as climate change, preparing for an ageing population, and countryside issues.

Since the election of the Coalition Government in May, many suggestions have been made about 'reforms' to the planning system, including references to 'localism' and 'The Big Society'. Whilst more details are still emerging on how these will affect the Council's Local Development Framework, the Council has taken the decision to delay progress on its Core Strategy. This will allow for

further evidence gathering and community consultation on the amount and type of new housing that should now be provided in the District. There will still need to be consideration of the issues of an ageing population and providing more affordable homes so that people who work in the District can also live locally, either in Winchester or one of our smaller towns and villages.


Community Events

A series of events has been planned to give local communities the opportunity to discuss local needs for new homes and other forms of development which may need to be provided. These events will be not only be about the numbers of new homes that should be provided, but also who they are needed for – it may be local people wishing to retire and downsize, young adults wishing to have their own home rather than living with mum and dad, or new couples wishing to start a family in a house with a garden.

Due to the level of house prices in the District, another key issue to be addressed is affordability. Many people, particularly the young, cannot afford to buy their own homes and will require some form of financial subsidy. Discussion of these issues will help ensure that local housing needs can be planned for and sites identified, allowing new homes to be built to meet the real needs of different types of people.

Information from these discussions will inform a revised Core Strategy to be published in 2011.



 For further information on the Core Strategy and details of the events planned, visit www.winchester.gov.uk/ldf

Why do you love Winchester?

If you had a short time to enthuse about your wonderful city to a stranger, what would you say?

The City Council aims to introduce an American-style volunteer 'greeters' scheme to give a personal welcome to Winchester's 4 million visitors as we get ready to 'welcome the world' in the run up to the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games. 'Visit Winchester' Greeters would act as ambassadors and introduce people to 'their Winchester'.

If you are passionate, knowledgeable and enthusiastic about your city and enjoy meeting people, this could be a unique opportunity for you. Do you

have a special interest such as local food, cycling or fishing that you could share with our visitors?

We would like to encourage volunteers from all walks of life and a wide range of ages. 'Greets' last up to four hours and would abide by the Global Greeter Network standards (www.globalgreeternetwork.info).

Volunteers would need to commit to basic training during the winter of 2010 and at least two greets per month.



 For an application pack or an informal discussion about being a volunteer greeter, contact Alison Woods on 01962 848 347 or email awoods@winchester.gov.uk

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LDF Bulletin

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LDF Cabinet Committee 6 October 2010

In addition to a [report on Blueprint](#), the new LDF consultation, this committee will consider three further reports:

1. Adoption of interim policy aspirations

http://www.winchester.gov.uk/Documents/Committees/Cabinet/2000_2100/CAB2064LDF.pdf

2. Draft LDF Infrastructure Delivery Plan

http://www.winchester.gov.uk/Documents/Committees/Cabinet/2000_2100/CAB2063LDF.pdf

3. Update on LDF Evidence Studies

http://www.winchester.gov.uk/Documents/Committees/Cabinet/2000_2100/CAB2062LDF.pdf

Winchester Town Access Plan

Winchester City Council has been working with Hampshire County Council to develop the draft Access Plan for Winchester. The Winchester Town Access Plan is a shared set of aims and priorities which seek to improve the way people can reach facilities and services spread throughout the town. The Plan along with other documents and policies will guide transport development within Winchester and its surrounding area over the next 20 years.

The plan follows on from the Winchester Movement and Access Plan that was developed in the early 1990s, and aims to preserve and enhance the town's streetscape whilst encouraging economic prosperity and improving accessibility for all.

As part of this process, we would like to hear your views on the draft plan. Consultation on the draft plan runs from 20 September to 14 November 2010.

Full details of the draft Winchester Town Access Plan can be viewed online and are available to download. An online comment form is also provided for you to tell us your views. Please go to Hampshire County Council's [Winchester Town Access Plan page](#).

Or Visit Our Winchester Town Access Exhibition: 5 - 7 October (9am - 5pm) at Winchester BID Centre, 10 Parchment Street.

Where representatives from Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council will be available for discussions from 11am to 2pm each day.

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Blueprint Update

Since the launch of Blueprint on 4 October some 318 packs have been distributed to a wide range of organisations across the Winchester District.

Many Parish Councils are in the process of organising events by booking diary dates and venues – so if you want to find out what's happening locally contact your Parish Council. Alternatively set up your own discussion with a group of friends or colleagues, use our list of community venues - a link to which can be found - www.community-blueprint.co.uk/run-event/ - to find somewhere to hold your debate or use a local pub or school or even someone's front room. The purpose of Blueprint is to tell us what local needs exist in your area particularly in terms of housing, employment and community provision now that Government housing targets no longer exist.



Visit our website www.community-blueprint.co.uk for further details.

Let us have your Blueprint 'Top Tips' – if you have run a Blueprint event tell us your successes and pass on any suggestions to others through emailing LDF@winchester.gov.uk and we will update the Blueprint webpages. **The Blueprint consultation closes on 10 December 2010.**

October's Blueprint Top Tip

Take the time to prepare for your event



There's lots of data on the website which will provide useful background material in terms of house prices, population changes etc all of which will help inform your debate so that you have a meaningful discussion and come to some useful conclusions about what is needed long term in your community.

Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The City Council has also just about to publish its draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan for comment. This focusses on the wider Winchester District so it may provide some useful background information for Blueprint– you may also want to comment on it. It will soon be able to be viewed on the website and any comments should be sent to the LDF Team LDF@winchester.gov.uk by 10 December 2010.

Interim Policy Aspirations

Given that it will be some time before the LDF Core Strategy or Development Management and Allocations DPD can be adopted by the Council. The Council is producing some 'Interim Policy Aspirations' for a small number of key policy areas. These are expected to be adopted as non-statutory policy aspirations in January 2011. They will be 'material considerations' for planning applications considered after their adoption and the purpose of publishing them now is to raise awareness with applicants and planning agents so that they can be taken into account when preparing planning applications and developing proposals.

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Blueprint Update - Winchester Event

What should be the future of Winchester? That is the question Winchester City Council will be asking at a pop-in "Blueprint" event on Saturday 20 November.

Officers will be talking to residents at the **United Church Hall, Jewry Street, Winchester** between **10am - 2pm**. The event will allow people who are interested in the future of Winchester to pop in and spend a few minutes thinking about how to keep Winchester as a great place to live and work in the future.

Our Blueprint consultation to determine local needs is progressing well – over 500 blueprint packs have been issued to Parish Councils and local community groups, and so far at least 12 events have been run by these groups and more are planned over the next couple of weeks before the 10 December deadline. Dates and times of the events we have been informed about which are open to the public can be seen on our dedicated website - www.community-blueprint.co.uk - where you can also



request a pack that contains all the materials you need. You can also request a Blueprint pack by contacting, ldf@winchester.gov.uk or calling 01962 840 222.

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Regional Planning Policy update

Blueprint will continue despite a recent High Court ruling which has re-introduced Regional Strategies.

You may be aware that the [High Court](#) on 10 November 2010, ruled that the Government acted unlawfully in revoking Regional Strategies in July this year. This means that the [South East Plan](#) is reinstated with immediate effect. [Advice from the Government's Chief Planning Officer on 10 November](#) reaffirmed that the Government remains committed to localism and to abolishing Regional Plans. The Localism Bill is expected to be published in late November 2010 which will outline these proposals, but as with all legislative procedures it will take some time to become law.

The Council developed Blueprint to get local communities debating local

development requirements in the future. Blueprint remains critical to the Council in developing an understanding of the local needs and aspirations of the many communities which make up the Winchester District. The Council intends to continue the Blueprint process so as to establish local needs which it will then seek to translate into planning policy through the LDF Core Strategy. We continue to urge local groups and Parish Councils to participate in Blueprint and respond by the deadline of 10 December 2010.

Draft Infrastructure Study

Over the last year, Winchester City Council has been talking to service providers such as the Highways Agency, Education Services, National Health Service and Water Companies about what issues they have in providing their services for the District and what are their future long-term plans. This is particularly important given the need to plan for new development and to ensure that such development is accompanied by the right services at the right time.

To bring all this information together, the City Council has produced a draft Infrastructure Study which is now published for consultation and can be viewed on our website using the following link: www.winchester.gov.uk/infrastructurestudy

Please ensure your comments are returned to the Strategic Planning Team via LDF@winchester.gov.uk by 07 January 2011.

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E-Planning Newsletter - Autumn 2010

We hope you find this latest edition of the e-planning newsletter helpful and informative.

[Forward this newsletter](#) to a friend or [sign-up](#) to receive regular copies.

Planning Agents Forum

The latest Planning Agents Forum was held on Thursday 23 September in the City Council offices. [Notes of this meeting](#) are now available on our website.

The next Forum will take place in the New Year, on **Wednesday 12 January at 2pm**. If you have any issues or topics you would like to raise at the next Forum, or would like to register for a place, please contact Caryl Murphie (Planning Administration Manager), tel: 01962 848574 or email: cmurphie@winchester.gov.uk.

Please note that places are available on a first come, first served basis, as the room size is limited.

Please note: Philippa Penfold (E-Planning Development Leader) will be on secondment to the South Downs National Park for 6 months, from mid-November. All enquiries relating to the Agents Forum should be directed to Caryl Murphie during this period.

Planning Backlog – Latest Update

The planning department has been experiencing delays in the registration of planning applications for much of this year. However, additional resources were found, for a temporary period and the backlog which built up over many months in Planning Support has now been cleared. The planning officers are now dealing with the backlog and so are extremely busy at the present. It will therefore take some time for our performance to recover and the real challenge is trying to ensure that we avoid this situation in the future. In the current financial climate we are unable to rely upon recruiting additional staff so we are streamlining our processes and procedures to hopefully create the extra capacity we require against the backdrop of an increasing workload.

LDF consultation 'Blueprint'

On Monday 4 October 2010 our new LDF consultation 'Blueprint' went live.

The purpose of Blueprint is to allow people to think about what type of place they want to live in not only now but in the future looking ahead 20 years or so. This is in line with the concept of 'localism' being promoted by the new coalition Government.

The Government has changed the system by which local councils draw up their long term planning documents. They are still called 'local development frameworks' but instead of starting with national targets and requirements, they now start

Useful Links

Below are some quick and easy links to some of our popular pages



[WCC Planning Homepage](#)



[Planning Portal](#)
Visit the planning portal



[Planning Application](#)
View current planning applications



[1APP](#)
Find out more...



[Live for the Future](#)
Help us prepare our plans and policies for the future

with local views about the nature and timing of development. It is still the Council's job to take all these views and to produce a set of policies which are sensible given the issues we face.

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LDF - Interim Policy Aspirations

The Council's Cabinet (LDF) Committee has agreed a number of key 'policy aspirations' and is recommending that the Council adopts them in advance of the LDF Core Strategy. They have been developed taking account of the evidence base and consultation already undertaken for the LDF and will be subject to a formal Council resolution.

The LDF Committee wants these to be given as much weight as possible in planning decisions so we want to draw them to your attention. We will be asking applicants to show how their applications meet the aspirations or, if this is not proposed, why. Although they are not due to be adopted by full Council until January 2011 we want to draw them to applicants' (and pre-applicants') attention straight away so that they can take them into account. The policy aspirations fall under 3 headings:

Spatial Policy Areas

The following three spatial areas have been agreed as a basis for spatial planning through the LDF and other relevant work (see LDF Core Strategy 'Spatial Areas' map, Preferred Option document page 29):

- Winchester Town
- The South Hampshire urban areas
- The Market towns and the rural area

Climate Change/Sustainability

The agreed general aspirations are:

- 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.

Affordable Housing/Housing Mix

The agreed policy aspirations are:

That new residential development (including affordable housing) should provide a range of dwelling types and sizes, particularly 2 and 3 bedroom family houses, in response to local circumstances in particular parts of the District;

- That all new residential development should provide 40% of dwellings as affordable housing, of which 70% should normally be for social rent;
- That affordable housing provision should be made on-site, except for sites of under 5 dwellings in total where a financial contribution to off-site provision will be accepted.

If you have any queries regarding the policy aspirations please contact the Strategic Planning Team.

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