

Appendix V: Compatibility Analysis of Core Strategy Vision and Objectives

Key:

No Impact	N
Very Compatible	VC
Compatible	C
Uncertain	U
Incompatible	I
Very Incompatible	VI

Vision

"Winchester District will retain its distinctive identity as a predominantly rural area of countryside, villages and market towns. Growth and change will be directed to the most sustainable locations; the County Town of Winchester and the urban areas on the southern fringes of the District which have a greater functional relationship with urban south Hampshire. The varied economy will expand and change to reflect its range of skills and technologies from traditional rural enterprises to knowledge and creative industries. The District's rich heritage, biodiversity and landscape, a significant part of which falls within the proposed South Downs National Park, will be maintained and enhanced to provide an attractive place to live, work and do business. The many communities and individuals within the District will have continued access to a range of local services and facilities including green space to ensure social inclusion and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Change will be accommodated in a sustainable manner minimising its impact on precious resources and climate change."

SA Objectives		Compatibility Analysis
1	To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion	C
2	To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs	VC
3	To provide good quality housing for all	C

SA Objectives		Compatibility Analysis
4	To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs	VC
5	To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel	C
6	To improve the health and well being of all	C
7	To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way	C
8	To ensure sustainable waste management	C
9	To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy	C
10	To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places	C
11	To conserve and enhance biodiversity	VC
12	To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage	C
13	To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District	VC
14	To secure high standards of design	C
15	Minimise local and global sources of pollution	C

Summary:

Broadly speaking the vision performs well against all the SA objectives, particularly against those relating to social inclusion and economic objectives and sustainability aims for the natural environment, including landscape and biodiversity.

Comparison of Core Strategy Objectives with the SA Framework

A strategic level compatibility analysis of the Core Strategy (CS) Spatial Objectives as presented in the Preferred Options Document (April 2009) was carried against the SA Framework.

CS Spatial Objectives:

1.0 Health and Well Being

- Maximise new and existing opportunities for walking, cycling, sport and recreation/play to promote healthy lifestyles for all members of the community, and to reduce the need to use the car.
- To provide, protect and enhance green infrastructure to include open spaces, green links and wildlife corridors.

2.0 Safe and Strong Communities

- To achieve safe and cohesive communities which provide access for all and are designed to ensure community safety.
- Creation of opportunities to avoid car use through a range of alternative accessible measures.

3.0 Economic Prosperity

- Creation of a low carbon economy that promotes the varied talents of the District, building on the creative and knowledge based industries that exist, whilst developing the agricultural, tourism and cultural assets of our historic towns and villages and valued landscapes, by ensuring that there are a range of sites and premises available for businesses to set up and expand to meet their full potential.
- Encourage the development and adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and enable their take-up by new and existing businesses.
- To promote opportunities that provide linkages between the local economy and local labour through diversification to ensure that our communities benefit from economic growth and development.

4.0 High Quality Environment

- Protection and enhancement of Winchester District's most valuable environments and wildlife assets, whether these are urban, rural or involve the built or natural environments, to ensure that the changes we are seeking restore, maintain or enhance the biodiversity and landscape character of the District as a special place.
- For the District to mitigate against impacts of and adapt to the effects of climate change, through promoting lifestyles and businesses which are sustainable for the environment and maximising the use of technologies that are available to reduce

waste and carbon emissions, maximise the use of sustainable construction methods and drainage systems and encourage the use of locally sourced materials, to protect the integrity of the natural systems that exist in the District.

- To ensure that high quality design that takes account of character, local distinctiveness and sustainable design principles.

5.0 Inclusive Society

- Provision of a range of housing types and tenures to address the varied housing needs of the Districts' population to ensure inclusion by all, whilst reducing carbon emissions.
- Provision of the necessary services and support facilities in the right places at the right time, including health, education, cultural, leisure and shopping etc, to ensure our existing and new communities are attractive and safe places to live and work and encourage sustainable transport alternatives that reduce the use of the private car and enable people to live close to where they work.

SA Objectives		Core Strategy Objectives				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	To create and sustain communities that meet the needs of the population and promote social inclusion	C	VC	C	N	VC
2	To provide for the timely delivery of infrastructure suitable to meet community needs	C	C	VC	N	C
3	To provide good quality housing for all	C	VC	C	N	VC
4	To maintain the buoyant economy and develop greater diversity that meets local needs	C	VC	VC	U	C
5	To increase accessibility; reduce car usage and the need to travel	C	C	C	C	VC
6	To improve the health and well being of all	VC	C	C	VC	C
7	To protect, enhance and manage water resources in a sustainable way	VC	N	N	VC	N
8	To ensure sustainable waste management	N	C	N	VC	C
9	To address the causes of climate change and to mitigate and adapt in line with Winchester's Climate Change Strategy	C	C	N	VC	C
10	To promote the sustainable design and construction of buildings and places	C	C	C	VC	C
11	To conserve and enhance biodiversity	VC	C	C	VC	N
12	To protect and enhance built and cultural heritage	VC	C	VC	C	C

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13	To protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape of Winchester District	VC	C	C	VC	N
14	To secure high standards of design	VC	C	VC	VC	C
15	Minimise local and global sources of pollution	VC	C	U	VC	C

Summary:

The CS spatial objectives perform well against the SA framework. Some of the key sustainability issues are addressed through the objectives, such as the protecting and enhancing the character and quality of the landscape of the District and the promotion of health and well being through the promotion of more sustainable modes of travel, and the timely provision of infrastructure and services.

SA objectives that do not appear to be particularly well addressed relate to protection and improvement of the water resource, although this is implicit in objectives addressing environmental quality.