

Community and Social Infrastructure

Sustainable development should have a social role – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, ... by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and an environmental role– contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

1. Is there a need for additional, or fewer community facilities?

- What community facilities are there, do they have/need dedicated or shared premises, are they booked to their capacity which may suggest they need improving or expanding? – undertake an audit of existing provision.
- If new development is planned locally does this need to address any shortfalls in existing provision? - what's the scope for joint provision?
- Take into consideration that surrounding settlements may look to yours to access certain services and facilities – are these provided?
- Is there a need for additional services (over and above housing and employment uses) for your settlement to function successfully and to offer residents and businesses a range of facilities, and be accessible?
- Do any of the service providers (health, police, education, etc) have plans for their facilities over the longer term? Use the Infrastructure Study and Delivery Plan as a starting reference.
- Is the school roll expected to fall or grow – how does this link with housing provision? The Hampshire County Council School Places Framework & Analysis will provide you with school figures.
- In terms of energy/infrastructure provision – contact the service providers and check their plans for provision – are there opportunities for renewable energy schemes locally and could these benefit the local community?

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<p>landowner's long-term plans?</p> <p>1.1.4 What are the aspirations of the community?</p> <p>1.1.5 Could the buildings be used for alternative uses?</p>	Centre				<p>See 1.4.1</p> <p>See 1.4.1</p> <p>See 1.4.1</p> <p>See 1.8.1</p> <p>The Post Office would welcome the growth in the population and could absorb short to medium term increases in demand (Source: Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>
	Dentist	✓			
	Physiotherapist	✓			
	Elderly day care centre	x	✓	Located in Swanmore, may be difficult for elderly people to access	
	Post office	✓			
	Convenience store (eg bread, milk, eggs, loo roll etc)	✓		The centre has three national food stores. In addition there are a number of independent, specialist convenience retailers such as a butcher, delicatessens and newsagents comparison shopping - a reasonable range of independent shops including Ladies Clothing, Florist, Electronics, General Hardware, Jewellers and Pharmacy;	
	Bigger weekly shop	✓			
	Pharmacy	✓			
	Opticians	✓		Two pharmacies- Lloyds and Boots	
Train station	x		Two opticians – Ashleigh's and Fithyan & Saxby		
			closest mainline station is in Botley, within 40 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service (except		

		Sun)		
Bank/Cash Point	✓			Two Banks, and at least 4 cashpoints
Pub	✓			Five Pubs or Bars, and additional two outside of settlement but within parish boundary
Leisure centre	X		closest is in Fareham, within 40 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service	
Fitness Gyms	X		Nearest Private Gym 3 miles away, no regular bus service – bus and walk combined journey 40 minutes	
Swimming Pool	✓			20m pool, refurbished in 2012 Current Timetable
Library	✓			
Children's centre	✓			
Pre-school care	✓		2 pre-schools in the town catering for children from 2yrs – school age.	
Primary school	✓			Further information available in appendix 'Education

In Bishops Waltham Parish Council Sports and Recreation Survey 2012, the joint-highest response to what facility they would use if available was an indoor gym. Some residents have requested extended public opening hours (Bishops Waltham Parish Council Sports and Recreation Survey 2012). Swanmore have identified the Swimming pool as an 'essential service' provided for their community (See Identifying Swanmore Needs of Bishops Waltham). See 1.9.1 See 1.5.1 See 1.5.1

				provision update April 2013'	
	Secondary school	x	closest is in Swanmore, within 20 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service	Further information available in appendix 'Education provision update April 2013'	See 1.3.0
	Further education (post 16)	x	closest is in Fareham, within 40 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service. Other further education establishments available in Winchester and Eastleigh. All accessible by public transport.		See 1.3.0
	Prepared food outlet (eg café, restaurant, tea shop, takeaway)	✓		More than 15 outlets where prepared food can be consumed on the premises (including Cafes and Tea Shops, Restaurants of various cuisines). More than 6 outlets serving takeaway food.	
	Children's play area	✓			
	Sports Pitch	✓			
	Community transport	✓			
	Internet connectivity	✓ Broadband >8mbps			
	Petrol stations	✓			

	Car servicing/MOT/Repairs	✓			
	Police Station	✓			
	Fire Station (Retained)	✓			
	Household Waste Recycling	✓		There is a medium sized site at Bishops Waltham which is operating at or near to its operational capacity. (WCC Infrastructure Study and Delivery Plan)	See 1.6.1 See 1.6.1
	Jubilee Hall	✓		The hall consists of 4 rooms which are used by many community groups and clubs. Maximum attendance in large hall is 300 people	
	Priory Park Clubhouse	✓		Hall which can accommodate 200 people and is used for many sports types activities	This is in a preferred location central to the town. Parish Council owned – could accommodate regular bookings that currently use Priory Park Club House a Hoe Road Sports Pavilion (Source: Bishop’s Waltham Parish Council)
	Hoe Road Sports Pavilion	✓		Hall for 50 people used for football changing rooms	
	United Free Church	✓		Hall used for clubs and a Nursery group	
	Kings Church	✓		Hall with a capacity of up to 250 people, available for hire	
	St John Ambulance Hall	✓		Hall holds up to 70 St John ambulance cadets. Also	
					Parish Council owned Parish Council owned

				used as a Montessori Nursery	
	Catholic Church (Our Lady Queen of Apostles)	✓		Holds 50 people, used by fitness and other clubs	<p>Use is restricted due to church service times and other factors such as weddings, funerals etc.</p> <p>In discussions with English Heritage.</p> <p>See 1.7.1 The youth club building is in a poor state of repair and needs a new roof within 5 years. It is located in a prime building area of the town. It provides an important place for local youths to meet.</p> <p>The hut is adequate for its current needs but if extra families move to the town, then a bigger building will be required. A second Bishop's Waltham Scout group would need to be formed. The hall</p>
	Bishop's Waltham Museum	✓		Inside Bishop's Waltham Palace grounds	
	The Stables	✓		These halls are used by many clubs and organisations. The hall is small and holds 30 people	
	Youth Club	✓		Used by approx. 30 youths aged 11-18	
	1 st Bishop's Waltham Scouting	✓		The Scout hut is located at the Hoe Road recreation ground. It has approx. 120 children involved.	
	Bishop's Waltham Army cadets	✓		Information about this hall is restricted due to security but they do have capacity for	

1.1.5 Facilities – planned projects				more cadets, and the hall may be available for hire to other local groups	cannot be used by any other outside groups due to a restriction put in place by the parish council.
	Bishops Waltham Guiding – Meon Valley Division	✓		The hut is used by approx. 120 girls split into several different groups of rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section	The hall is owned by the MOD.
	Swanmore Community facilities	x	This is on a bus route, and is within a reasonable cycling distance.	This is a modern facility located within the Swanmore College. This is used by many organisations and sports clubs throughout the week and weekends.	The hut is in good repair and has many supporting adults. But if more children come to the area the waiting lists would increase, as there is not enough adult help to increase the number of units. Also the hall is used every weekday evening. The hall cannot be currently hired to outside organisations due to restrictions placed on it by the parish council.
	Bishop's Waltham Social Club	✓		A privately run social club in the centre of the town.	This facility is growing and has plans for expansion.
<p>Source: Market Towns and Rural Area Development Strategy Background Paper July 2011 & information gathered by the Bishop's Waltham Community And Social Infrastructure Focus Group</p> <p>Facilities - Planned Projects:</p>					

	<p><u>Bishop's Waltham Sainsbury's</u> - Planning permission for a large food store has been granted, and work is due to start on site imminently.</p> <p><u>Bishop's Waltham Library</u> - New replacement for Bishop's Waltham to meet Museums, Libraries & Archives Council space standards, to be provided by 2017 at a cost of £1,200,000 from developer contributions (HCC Infrastructure Report 2012).</p> <p><u>Infrastructure</u>- no site specific issues have been raised by the water companies. It is possible that additional network capacity will be required to serve new development which may also put an increasing strain on water treatment works. The relevant water companies will be consulted on site specific issues when the level of development is agreed and potential sites have been identified.</p> <p><u>Opportunities for local renewable energy schemes</u> – There are opportunities for renewable energy schemes around Bishop's Waltham that form part of the 'embedded generation' of providing renewable energy close to users. These may need to be encouraged and supported through a planning policy in the Local Plan. (source: Questions on Renewable Energy and Waste – Winchester City Council Response March 2013)</p> <p>The HCC Infrastructure Report 2012 provides further information on the future of HCC assets. WCC Infrastructure Study and Delivery Plan will provide some further background information on infrastructure requirements across the District.</p> <p>Town Centre Services - Opportunities and Issues raised: (summarised from NLP Retail and town centre uses study, 2007)</p> <p>The town centre provides a reasonable range of local facilities primarily serving the day to day needs of residents in Bishop's Waltham and the immediate surrounding area. Food and grocery provision in the town centre is suitable for top-up food shopping and a reasonable range of service facilities and restaurants/cafes/takeaways is provided. The Primary Shopping Frontages are located on the High Street and part of Brook Street.</p> <p>Issues affecting employment and retail in Bishop's Waltham Town Centre (based on 2007 information).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a poor range of leisure and entertainment facilities. The centre's evening 	<p>See 1.9.1</p> <p>(For more information please see the Bishop's Waltham Employment Development</p>
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	<p>economy is based primarily on restaurant/bars and pubs, of which there are few. There is a limited supply of premises available to accommodate new operators looking to trade in Bishop's Waltham, given the low vacancy rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain its role, the town centre should improve its range and choice of facilities. 	<p>Requirements Document) There is concern regarding the current poor range of leisure and entertainment facilities, especially the evening economy (exacerbated by lack of evening public transport to other areas – see 3.3.1.1) 63% of Households with children indicate that the leisure facilities are insufficient. (Community Survey)</p>
<p>1.2.0 Have you considered nominating any community assets such as... day care centres, schools, open spaces, theatres, youth centres, village pubs, civic halls, heritage sites, etc?</p>	<p>The Community Right to Bid allows local communities to identify and recognise local amenities of great importance to the community. These assets are nominated by local community groups, and if successful are registered on the 'list of assets of community value'. If any of the listed assets are put up for sale, the Council will inform the community and give them time to consider bidding to take over the asset themselves as a community enterprise.</p> <p>If the asset is a publically owned asset (i.e. by the Local Authority) you can also consider Community Asset Transfer. This is the transfer of ownership or management of a community asset at less than market value (whereas the Community Right to Bid requires the community group to bid on the open market).</p> <p>Bishop's Waltham has successfully nominated Blanchard Road Play Area, Bishop's Waltham Social Club, the Youth Hall and the NHS Physiotherapy Clinic and Bishop's Waltham Palace and its grounds under these schemes.</p> <p>To find out more on how to nominate community assets in Bishop's Waltham, visit our website at: http://www.winchester.gov.uk/community/community-right-to-bid/</p>	
<p>1.3.0 Is there existing capacity in schools to accommodate new development?</p>	<p>Schools within Catchment:</p> <p>There is some capacity in Bishops Waltham Infants and Swanmore College of Technology. Ridgemedede Junior School was formerly a 3 form entry and it may be possible to reverse this reduction should the need arise. However, this will need to be</p>	

1.3.1 Are there firm projects/proposals to provide additional capacity?

monitored closely and Hampshire County Council's school planning officers are engaged in discussion to enable further capacity to be developed if necessary.

Pre-School/childcare provision

Name and type of provision	Location
<u>Lilypads pre-school, 2 yrs to school age , term time only</u>	<u>Bishops Waltham</u>
<u>Montessori Nursery, 2 yrs to school age, Term time only</u>	<u>Bishops Waltham</u>
<u>Hopscotch day nursery, full day care</u>	<u>Curdridge</u>
<u>Fairthorne Manor Day nursery, full day care</u>	<u>Curdridge</u>
<u>Fairlands Nursery, Full day care</u>	<u>Shedfield</u>
<u>Waltham Chase, 2 yrs to school age, term time only</u>	<u>Waltham Chase</u>

Comments

Current provision meets needs within the community and there is expansion in full day care places to meet demand through the provision in Curdridge which serves Bishop's Waltham families.

Childcare take-up and capacity will be monitored by Services for Young Children HCC with support provided as demand increases and exceeds capacity.

Primary

Bishops Waltham Infant (yr R-2)

Bishops Waltham Junior (yr 3-6)

School	Pupil admission numbers	Net capacity	Number on roll	comments
Catchment schools				
Bishops Waltham Infant school	60	180	160	Numbers not forecast to change much over the next 4 years therefore some capacity currently
Bishops Waltham Junior School	60	240	224	Expected to become full over next 4 years. The school was previously 3 form entry and this could be reinstated if necessary (check that the additional classroom space is still available without building)
Surrounding schools				
St Johns Primary school, Waltham Chase	45	315	315	Full and expected to remain full
Curdrige Primary School	17	119	119	Full and expected to remain full
Upham primary School	15	98	91	Forecast to reduce to 74 on roll by 2017, therefore there is some capacity
Swanmore Primary School	60	420	420	Full and expected to remain full
Durley primary School	16	112	107	Forecast suggests a slight fall over the next 4 years down to 91 by 2016/17

(Table taken from Bishops Waltham Development Plan: Education Provision – Update April 2013)

Secondary

Swanmore College of Technology

Current and short term capacities: in local schools based on population projections. Source: [HCC School Places: framework and analysis 2012–16](#)

Date	Bishops Waltham area schools capacity - total	Capacity 2012	No. on Roll	'Surplus' places
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No specific requirements have as yet been identified for Bishops Waltham. ([HCC Infrastructure Report 2012](#)). However, new development may require the provision of additional accommodation at primary schools and in the longer term (post 2016), in secondary schools, which will be assessed when firm proposals are made ([HCC School Places: framework and analysis 2012–16](#)).

		numbers			
	2012	Primary	1,820	1,713	6%
		Secondary	1,350	1,277	5%
	2017	Primary	1,820	1,816	0%
	Projected	Secondary	1,350	1,253	7%

<p>1.4.1 What is the capacity of health facilities and what changes are needed to accommodate new development?</p>	<p>Facilities within Bishop’s Waltham: Source: NHS Choices: http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Practice: Bishop’s Waltham Surgery – 12,800 Registered Patients • Dentists: Whites Dental Care, Simon Smyth, IOSIS mobile dental unit • Nearest Urgent Care facility: Southampton/ Winchester/ Portsmouth <p>Current and short term capacities</p> <p><u>GP Practice</u> The NHS has advised that improved GP health care facilities may be needed to meet demand from anything other than small developments (WCC Infrastructure Study). Check with the NHS for any updates. NHS Choices: http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx</p> <p><u>Dentistry</u> There is not enough capacity to provide NHS dental services for everyone in the District, and many people choose private or insurance funded treatment. The NHS is working on increasing the capacity and flexibility of dental services in the District for example by providing a mobile unit to cover some of the rural areas, but this will have limited capacity. Source: WCC Infrastructure Study and Delivery Plan (2011/12) A mobile dentistry service has been provided but is already unable to register new patients due to more demand than capacity (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Hospice Care</u> BW is served by Rowan’s and Countess Mountbatten hospices for adult care and Naomi House and Jack’s Place for child and</p>	<p>Insufficient capacity of NHS dental services. Recently introduced mobile dental unit already has a waiting list.</p>
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	<p>adolescent care. These are currently able to meet demand, but are considering how they can meet growing demand, particularly with an aging population (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Physiotherapy</u> NHS clinic has basic facilities. Privately funded physiotherapy services are available from the GP practice and from Waterside Clinic. Current private provision meets the demands of the community (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p>Planned projects: GP Practice – Planning permission has been for an expanded and updated practice on the Abbey Mill Site, as part of Sainsbury’s development (see 1.1.5 above)</p>	<p>Given the population of BW is aging more rapidly than the general UK population (see census data) this could be a future issue as the population increases</p>
<p>1.5.1 What is the capacity for services for families with young children and what changes are needed to accommodate for future development</p>	<p><u>Parents and toddler groups</u> There are several groups in BW, which expand and contract as required (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Pre-school childcare</u> There is adequate service provision for pre-school childcare in the area, however within BW there is currently a deficiency in places for government funded two year olds. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Children’s Centre</u> Operates from room adjacent to the library, limited by current available space. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Children’s clubs (out of school hours)</u> There currently sufficient provision for out of school clubs in the area, if demand increased this could be expanded. Source: Focus Group Services Audit 2013</p>	<p>No issues identified</p> <p>May require expansion of provision for 2 year olds</p> <p>Space limits provision</p> <p>No issues identified</p>
<p>1.6.1 What is the current service provision from police and fire services and how</p>	<p><u>Police service</u> Police station front desk recently closed, but station manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as an operational area HQ.1 PC and PCSO dedicated to BW. Crime levels have fallen year on year. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>	<p>No issues identified</p>

<p>will these be affected by future population increases</p>	<p><u>Fire service</u> BW served by a retained on-call fire service located in the village. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Community Responders</u> Trained volunteers provide 24 hour emergency medical care whilst waiting for arrival of emergency services. Community responders could cope with double the current demand(Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>	<p>No issues identified</p>
<p>1.7.1 What services are available for young people and how are these likely to be affected by increases in population</p>	<p><u>Youth Club</u> The volunteer-run youth club currently meets on a Wednesday evening in building unfit for purpose. Attended by approximately 25 people per session. There is more demand for youth activities than can be supplied by the volunteer youth leaders, this demand is likely to increase with the population (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>	<p>Increase in services likely to be required in future and renovation or change of premises is required</p>
<p>1.8.1 What services are available for older people and how are these likely to be affected by increases in the population?</p>	<p><u>Bishop's Waltham Day Care Centre</u> A need has been identified by the Parish Council for a day centre for elderly people in Bishops Waltham. A site has been identified adjacent to Jubilee Hall which could be purchased by the Educational Institute Trust for rental to Age UK within the next 5 years (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Meals on Wheels</u> Available to anyone over 55 in the HCC area if they meet set criteria. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Village Agents</u> A trained local volunteer is available to provide social interaction and assistance to elderly people to enable them to continue living independently. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>	<p>Given the population of BW is aging more rapidly than the general UK population (see census data) this could be a future issue as the population increases. The Community Survey indicated an increased need within the next 10y ears.</p>
<p>1.9.1 What information and support services are available and how are likely to be affected by increases in the population</p>	<p><u>Bishop's Waltham Library.</u> The library is available at various times during the week for a variety of different activities. In 2012-13 30,000 visits were made and 60,000 items were issued. Free internet access is available and the library services surrounding villages. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>	<p>Given the requirements from surrounding villages, the current floor space is insufficient for the current population. Community Survey indicated an increased need. Plans to extend the</p>

	<p><u>Citizen's Advice Bureau</u> BW office opening hours have reduced over the last 12 months as a result of reduced funding from WCC. Total new enquiries were 1340 in 2010-2011. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p> <p><u>Pastoral Care</u> There are 4 churches located in Bishops Waltham, all of which have above average attendance and offer pastoral care. (Source Focus Group Services Audit 2013)</p>	<p>current library at a cost of £1.2 million are unbudgeted.</p> <p>On line service and national phone number is being implemented across the UK to respond to demand. An increase in demand is anticipated by the CAB and by residents (Community Survey)</p> <p>St Peter's Church report they could meet any increased demand.</p>
<p>CONCLUSION :</p> <p>DETERMINE IF ANY NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED AND OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY</p>	<p>Bishops Waltham is generally well served with services and facilities, however with the growth and changes to population there are three key areas where there is a need for further provision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A building and facilities suitable for activities and informal education with young people 2. Indoor Sports Facilities – the community have requested sports facilities such as gymnasiums, squash courts and a swimming pool accessible for greater periods of time during the day (See Bishops Waltham PC Sports and Recreations survey) 3. Elderly day care centre <p>Any future change to the demography of Bishops Waltham and surrounding settlements could further influence the needs and requirements of future provision.</p> <p>In all of our community facilities we have noted that there is a distinct lack of communication infrastructure and information technology. As the need for internet access continues to increase this needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Current NHS dental services in Bishops Waltham are already over capacity. As the population of Bishops Waltham and surrounding settlements increases due to larger settlements, further capacity is required.</p>	

	<p>Bishops Waltham's Library and Waste Recycling Centre also serve surrounding settlements, including Swanmore and Waltham Chase - both which are also expected to grow significantly. Plans to extend the library are currently unbudgeted but may be required to meet the resultant growth in population in the wider area. The Waste Recycling Site is currently running at or near to capacity to service the current population – to meet future need a new site could be required.</p>	
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2. Is the amount, location and type of open space available adequate for the settlement?

- In terms of open space provision are those sites allocated or protected by the 2006 Local Plan right, or should these be considered for other development and open space sites allocated elsewhere (if necessary)?
- Update to reflect the new standards in Local Plan Part 1 Policy CP7 (the Council is assessing each settlement named in MTRA2 against CP7 and details will be available by end of Feb 2013)

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2.1.1 Assess existing open space provision – is this in the right location and of the right type?	<p>Existing facilities within Bishops Waltham:</p> <p>Public Open Spaces: There are 7 public open spaces protected in the 2006 Local Plan (policies RT1, RT2), (the school grounds are covered by RT1 & 2 but are not publically accessible) and 12 recreational spaces identified in the <u>Open Space Strategy 2012-13</u> in Bishops Waltham.</p> <p>Existing Open Spaces include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Equipped Play:</u>, Claylands Road, Priory Park (incl skatepark), Hoe Road, Oak Road, Jubilee Hall, Blanchard Road and Hermitage Heights • <u>Local Sports:</u> Hoe Road, Priory Park, Albany Road Cricket Ground • <u>Informal Green Spaces:</u> Abbey Field, Byron Close, Claylands Road, Cricklemead 1&2, Jubilee Hall, Langton Road 1&2, Shore Lane, Siskin Close and Victoria Road • <u>Natural Green Spaces:</u> Claylands Nature reserve, North & South Pond, Priory Meadow and the Moors. • <u>Park & Recreation Grounds:</u> Albany Road, Hermitage Heights, Oak Road and 	<p>The open spaces protected by policies RT1&2 are highlighted on Open Spaces Table 1.</p> <p>Many of Bishops Waltham's open spaces are not protected by RT1&2 As they fall outside of the settlement boundary, this includes all of the sports grounds, which fall under countryside policy.</p>

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	<p>Priory Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RT.5</u> There is one site allocated under policy RT5 as a site reserved for improvements in recreational land and facilities at Pondsides Lane, Bishops Waltham <p>Under the current standards, the OS Strategy identifies deficiencies in the Standard, quality and distribution of play facilities and the Standard and quality of sports grounds.</p> <p><u>OS Strategy 2012/2013 Improvements Proposed:</u> Claylands: additional equipment. Victoria Road: landscaping. Jubilee Hall: improve kick about, fence & landscape. Blanchard Road: re-furb and new equipment. Priory Park Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).</p>	<p>If built as per the current approved plan the Pondsides development will contribute to Equipped Play Space, Informal Green Space and Natural Green Space figures.</p>
<p>2.2.1 use the updated open space schedule produced by WCC to determine amount and type of new open space required?</p> <p>2.2.2 where's this best located?</p>	<p>WCC Open Space Project Officer (Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey) has reviewed the current provision of open space against the new standards. The new standards can be found under <u>policy CP7 of LPP1</u>.</p> <p>Using the new open space standards the open space provision has been reviewed under this study and summarised in the Green Space Summary Table and analysed in more detail within the 'Public Open Space Assessment: Bishops Waltham'.</p> <p><u>Allotments:</u> the figures indicate that there is a surplus of provision, however there is currently a small waiting list for allotments.</p> <p><u>Equipped Play Areas:</u> The figures show that there is a significant shortfall of provision for play areas of 2.6Ha, (this would increase to 3.4Ha by 2031 due to the projected population). Despite this the drawing indicates a fairly good distribution of play areas, however the access figures do not take into account accessibility across busy roads etc and the category does not break down the play area provision for different age groups. Some play areas are small with few pieces of apparatus and only cater for younger children; the Open Space Assessment highlights that there is a shortfall in provision of play space for older</p>	<p>The allotment provision should be retained to accommodate the growing trend for healthy and sustainable living.</p> <p>Provision of new play areas needs to be focussed towards older children, close to the centre of town (i.e. Malt Lane redevelopment or at Jubilee Hall) and for all age groups within the Newtown/Siskin Close Area.</p>

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	<p>children and youth.</p> <p><u>Informal Green Space:</u> The figures indicate that there is a significant shortfall in provision of Informal Green Space of 2.84Ha, although the drawing indicates a fairly even distribution. This would suggest that many of the areas provided are too small. The informal space at Siskin Close is very small and has only been included because there is evidence that children are using it as an informal play space. Apart from the small space at Siskin Close there is a shortfall of provision in informal green space in the Newtown/Siskin Close area.</p> <p><u>Natural Green Space:</u> The figures show that Bishops Waltham is well provided for in terms of Natural Green Space and with a fairly good distribution and accessibility.</p> <p><u>Parks and Recreation Grounds:</u> This includes kick about areas as well as the larger park at Priory Park. The table indicates that there is a shortfall of just over 1Ha. The drawing indicates that they are largely located to the periphery of the settlement and that there is a shortage of a parks/recreation ground to the centre of town and to the Langton Road area, which will be alleviated by the Pondsides development.</p> <p><u>Sports Grounds:</u> The figures show that Bishops Waltham is well provided for in terms of sports ground provision, (it provides facilities to a much wider area than Bishops Waltham), with fairly good distribution and accessibility.</p>	<p>There is an opportunity to utilize some Informal Green spaces for equipped play. New and larger areas of Informal space are required, particularly in the Newton and Siskin close area. Langton Road and Jubilee Hall would benefit from landscape planting.</p> <p>The Natural green space provision is protected under Countryside policy.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to provide a more centrally placed park with the redevelopment of the Malt Lane area, creating a green space link with the Palace Grounds and the ponds from the town centre.</p> <p>Retain the location of Sports ground provision; however the figures indicate an opportunity to utilize some of the area for other uses.</p>
<p>CONCLUSION :</p> <p>DETERMINE AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF OPEN</p>	<p>The projected population of 7500 for 2031 does not significantly alter the shortfalls and surpluses of open spaces from the 2013 figures, however the requirement for the provision of additional homes in Bishops Waltham does provide the opportunity to design in and contribute to the shortfall of Equipped Play Areas (3.4Ha), Informal Green Spaces (3.37Ha) and Parks</p>	

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SPACE AND OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY	and Recreation Grounds (1.55Ha).	

3. Is there a need to change access in and around the settlement?

- Transport and connectivity in rural areas is a key issue for many, particularly with rural public transport services diminishing, and there is often the need to be creative and look at alternative provision. Are there opportunities to improve local transport provision to enable local people to access essential services more easily?
- What are the green links like locally – footpaths, cycle routes – do these go to the places that people want to be – are there opportunities for improvement or to create new links?

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<p>3.1.1 map all green links, footpaths etc – do these provide a reasonable set of access points?</p> <p>3.1.2 <i>consider where footpaths lead and what type of route are they – circular walks?</i></p>	<p>Existing footpaths/bridleways can be found on-line at: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/row/row-maps.htm. These are also shown on the map provided.</p> <p>Parish Council has produced leaflet detailing circular walks of various lengths around Bishops Waltham Settlement – see Exploring Bishops Waltham Leaflet</p> <p>Local residents wish to see more circular walks devised, especially more shorter circular walks of an hour or less (source Bishops Waltham Development Plan Road Safety, Cycle Paths and Footpaths Document). Creating shorter routes is difficult due to the lack of connecting ‘spur’ footpaths near the settlement.</p> <p>Bishops Waltham has five rights of way accessible to horse riders and cyclists, although these do not link to form a circular off road route. Two bridleways can be linked using approximately 400m of the B3035 – a national speed limit road.</p>	<p>Creating shorter circular footpath and bridleway routes is to be encouraged wherever possible</p> <p>It is encouraged that linking sections of bridleways be provided to avoid fast moving traffic that could pose a safety risk to Bridleway users.</p>

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<p>3.1.3 are there plans for any new routes?</p>	<p>Hampshire County Council produced Cheesefoot Head Cycling Trail Leaflet is a circular off road ride easily accessible from Bishops Waltham Settlement. South Downs National Park are due to launch (June 2013) a circular 20 Mile cycle route that starts and ends in Bishops Waltham, as part of their walk and ride leaflet series. There is the possibility to create many circular cycle routes using appropriate Rights of Way, if linked with sections of road.</p> <p>Projects identified: Hampshire Access Plans highlight the need to identify walking and cycling routes which would create links between town and countryside and provide high quality, useful 'missing links' in the network. - see Hampshire Downs Access Plan.</p> <p>HCC Transport Statement for Winchester District 2012 identifies the following projects needed to improve pedestrian/ cycle access and infrastructure and Public Transport improvements:-</p> <p><u>Access /Junction Improvement Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared space type Traffic Management scheme for High Street • Signalised controlled crossing on the B2177 Winchester Road at Texaco (Now Esso) garage <p><u>Improved pedestrian/ cycle access and infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian/ Crossing Point on Corhampton Road to serve footpath to Free Street as identified in Travel Plan • Upgrade old disused railway line linking to Curdrige • Upgrade footpaths in vicinity for improved pedestrian access to schools/ village centre. Plans with Rights of Way. • Enhance pedestrian provision by widening splitter islands on approach to roundabouts • Enhance pedestrian crossing points on Coppice Hill • Ridgemedede junior school- new pedestrian access at rear of the school • Pedestrian crossing point on Winchester Road and associated parking layout amendment • Pedestrian crossing on Hoe Road, near to recreation ground 	<p>Where relevant future development should seek to support the projects identified in the HCC Transport Statement</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic management In Free Street and Hoe Road to reduce vehicle speeds around school • Missing link of footway on the B3035 Lower Lane from Station roundabout towards Beaufort Drive. • Cycle route between Bishops Waltham and Swanmore College of Technology <p><u>Public Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelters, complete timetable information and seating at bus stops in Bishops Waltham • Bus stop upgrades/shelters in vicinity. • Deployment of journey planning kiosk and bus departure screen in village centre. <p><u>Winchester District Cycling Strategy</u>2012 identifies the following projects needed to improve cycle access and infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colden Common to Bishops Waltham Cycle Route (Part of the Winchester to Wickham Cycle Route) Provision of link between the two settlements and to serve Marwell Wildlife • Bishops Waltham to Wickham Cycle Route (Part of the Winchester to Wickham Cycle Route) 	<p>Where relevant future development should seek to support the projects identified in the Winchester District Cycling Strategy</p>
<p>3.2.1 what green infrastructure exists locally are there opportunities for more or for improvement to existing?</p>	<p>The Green Infrastructure (GI) network is formed of green spaces (such as parks and gardens), links such as hedgerows, rights of way and river corridors, and features such as green roofs and ponds. The Bishops Waltham Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (See item PEH27/13) have approved a proposal to ensure that any new property boundaries provide a 100mm square opening on each side to provide access for wildlife.</p> <p>Rights of Way - Rights of Way data can be found on: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/row/row-maps.htm and are mapped on the map supplied. Bishops Waltham has good relationship to long distance paths and there is a good Rights of Way network. Bishops Waltham acts as a gateway to the South Downs National Park, with a number of footpaths and bridleways leading into the South Downs National Park.</p>	<p>New development should ensure that green links for wildlife are maintained through any new development</p> <p>Where possible new accesslinks from new to existing nearby rights of way should be provided</p>

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	<p>The Parish Council have also identified a number of circular walks around the Parish:- Bishop's Waltham nature walk, Bishop's Waltham Country Walk and the Bishop's Waltham Heritage Walk</p> <p>Wildlife Sites Sites which have statutory wildlife designations (sites of Special Scientific Interest for e.g.) can be viewed at www.magic.gov.uk. County designated wildlife sites (Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation - SINC) can be viewed on the following map: Local Plan 2006 Map 34. For further information on SINC see http://www3.hants.gov.uk/biodiversity/sincs.htm.</p> <p>In Bishop's Waltham Parish, the following designated sites are present:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI): The Moors SSSI (adjacent to settlement and also a Local Nature Reserve) and Galley Down Wood SSSI • Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation: Within the settlement boundary lies Upper Pond SINC. To the North of the settlement lie Claylands SINC (also a Local Nature Reserve), Claylands Field North SINC and Lower Claylands Meadow SINC. Albany Farm SINC lies to the West, and The Moors Meadows SINC, Hoe Lane Meadow SINC, Suett's Farm Meadow SINC, Suetts Lane West SINC, Pumping Station Meadow SINC and Alexander's Moors SINC lie to the East of the settlement. To the Northeast lie Dundry Valley Meadow, Chalkpit & Woodland SINC and Runny Down/Sheelds Copse SINC. In the North of the parish lie Peak/west/Blackmans Copses SINC and Stephens Castle Down (East) <p>There is an active conservation group(Bishops Waltham North Pond Conservation Group) working to restore, improve and preserve the upper pond SINC. Plans include excavating the southern tip of the pond to provide year round water.</p> <p>Other Designations The South Downs National Park lies on the North Eastern edge of the Parish.</p> <p>Public Open Spaces: - see information provided in previous section.</p>	<p>All sites should be maintained and any development should not compromise designated wildlife sites</p>

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	<p>Projects identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forest of Bere to the South of Bishops Waltham (spanning to Denmead) is the focus of a number of interconnecting Green Infrastructure projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Forest of Bere Access Plan identifies a need for links to other centres of population and improved links to provide linear and circular walking and cycling routes between communities and the countryside. ○ The Winchester Green Infrastructure Study identifies that there appears to be a deficit in public park provision in the wider area around Bishops Waltham. There is also a Green Infrastructure Implementation Framework for the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) which identifies wider reaching projects to improve the GI resource in the south of Winchester District. For Bishops Waltham, projects identified include: Botley to Bishops Waltham Multi-User Trail as part of the Strategic Countryside Recreation Network. This project will create a multi user route along the 6.1km length of the disused railway line linking the two settlements and providing a gateway link from the urban fringe to the South Downs National Park. ○ The Forest of Bere is a Biodiversity Opportunity Area for the restoration, and creation of Wet Woodland, Lowland heath, Lowland Dry Acid Grassland, Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland, Lowland Meadow. ○ The Winchester Biodiversity Action Plan identifies a project at West Walk which lies to the South East of Bishops Waltham. This sets out actions for habitat restoration (ancient woodland, pasture woodland, river valley habitats and heathland) and creation of a network of biodiversity sites. 	
3.3.1 what transport exists for those that do not have access to a car	<p><u>Cycle Paths</u> – There are currently no marked cycle paths in Bishops Waltham, either on road or shared-use pavements (source Bishops Waltham Development Plan Road Safety, Cycle Paths and Footpaths Document). There is very limited capacity to create shared-use cycle paths in Bishops Waltham, due to pavement width; only potential sites exist (B2177 between Station Road East and Botley</p>	<p>Where possible new development should consider safe cycle routes away from the busiest roads in Bishops Waltham</p>

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<p>3.3.1.1 - public transport scheduled services</p>	<p>Road – 100m; B3035 Between Lower Lane and Old Station Roundabout – 500m). There is potential to provide strategic cycle routes through from residential areas to town centre (Source Bishops Waltham Development Plan Cycle Paths Document)</p> <p>In the Bishop’s Waltham Parish Council Sports and Recreation Survey 2012, the joint-highest response to what facility they would use if available were cycle paths</p> <p><u>Bus services (Frequently changes):</u> Frequent Weekday services to Winchester, Eastleigh, Hedge End, Fareham, Southampton, Petersfield, and several local schools and colleges. Currently last bus leaves Bishops Waltham in any direction at 1915, and last bus to arrive in any direction is at 1933 (Source Bishops Waltham Transport Services Report). Currently no buses operate on a Sunday. The Community Survey indicated some residents with cars would use the busses more if the service was better.</p> <p>In survey of bus stops (Source: Bishops Waltham Development Plan Bus Stops in Bishops Waltham - 31st January 2013), 62.5% (20) of all Bishop Waltham bus stops had no shelter, and 75% (24) had no nearby seat</p> <p><u>Nearest connection to rail network:</u> Botley Station (frequent bus service)</p> <p><u>Car Parks:</u> There are two Council car parks serving Bishop’s Waltham town centre; BasingwellStreet Car Park, and Lower Lane Car Park. These car parks are reasonably wellplaced throughout the centre, close to the primary shopping area. The Basingwell StreetCar Park is a short stay car park (up to 3 hours) and the Lower Lane Car Park is along stay car park (all day parking available). There is also limited on-street parking. (WCC, Retail and town centre uses study, 2007) Current Car Parking need often exceeds existing car parks capacity in Bishops Waltham, during busy periods on weekdays and weekends, which adds to traffic congestion as cars circulate looking for spaces, and leads to people parking in</p>	<p>Despite a current lack of bus services in the evenings and Sundays, consideration should be given to improving the bus stops infrastructure (seating and shelters) – see also 3.1.3. New development should consider the ease of accessing existing bus routes.</p> <p>The proposed creation of a Botley to Bishops Waltham Multi-user trail (see also 3.1.3 and 3.2.1 (projects identified)) could provide safe and convenient access to the Botley Rail Station for cyclists</p>

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3.3.1.2 - community/volunteer services 3.3.2 are they opportunities for improved co-ordination	<p>restricted areas, and overspill on to residential streets. (see Bishop’s Waltham Parish Council Car Park Working Group notes, and Bishop’s Waltham Development Plan Car Parking Scoping Report). A proposal is currently under consideration by Bishop’s Waltham Parish Council to provide designated long-term parking at Jubilee Hall.</p> <p>Bishop’s Waltham Employment Development Requirement has also examined the lack of existing car parking in terms of employment</p> <p><u>Planned Projects:</u> 298 space cark park underneath new Sainsbury’s Food Outlet (see 1.1.5 above) has been granted planning permission as part of food store development, to service stores parking requirements.</p> <p><u>Community transport:</u> Bishop’s Waltham Minibus Group, Bishop’s Waltham Dial-a-Ride, Meon Valley Active Retirement Association and Bishop’s Waltham Care Group. See http://www.e.volve.org.uk/directoryitem.aspx?index=978&item=3317&dataitem=7162</p> <p>Further information can be found at Traveline Southwest : http://www.travelinesw.com/</p> <p>Projects identified: See projects listed under transport above.</p>	<p>Consideration should be given toward opportunities to provide further car parking serving the town centre</p> <p>The development of further community transport is currently limited by the number of volunteer drivers in the community</p>
CONCLUSION	In addition to the projects identified in the Hampshire Transport Statement for Winchester District 2012, there is a need for additional linked rights of	

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<p>HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OPPORTUNITES FOR IMPROVEMENT THAT NEED TO BE REFERRED TO IN LPP2</p>	<p>way for walkers, cyclists and horse riders to form circular routes.</p> <p>Currently within Bishops Waltham car parking is at capacity and there are issues of overspill in to surrounding residential streets for long-term car parking. The proposed Sainsbury's Car park and Parish Council proposal for long-term parking should address these issues, however if these do not occur there will be a need to address them in other ways.</p> <p>There is a need for more bus shelters and seats at bus stops to encourage greater bus usage. The lack of evening bus services to and from Bishops Waltham to other areas reinforce the need to have a more diverse evening economy to include recreational and leisure facilities for all ages within Bishops Waltham (as stated in 1.1.5).</p>	

Glossary

Definitions from [NLP Retail and town centre uses study, 2007](#)

Convenience Goods Consumer goods purchased on a regular basis, including food and groceries and cleaning materials.

Comparison Goods Durable goods such as clothing, household goods, furniture, DIY and electrical goods.

The following is a guide definition of the Use Classes taken from <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/commonprojects/changeofuse/>

- **A1 Shops** - Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel and ticket agencies, post offices (but not sorting offices), pet shops, sandwich bars, showrooms, domestic hire shops, dry cleaners, funeral directors and internet cafes.
- **A2 Financial and professional services** - Financial services such as banks and building societies, professional services (other than health and medical services) including estate and employment agencies and betting offices.
- **A3 Restaurants and cafés** - For the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises - restaurants, snack bars and cafes.
- **A4 Drinking establishments** - Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments (but not night clubs).
- **A5 Hot food takeaways** - For the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises.
- **B1 Business - Offices** (other than those that fall within A2), research and development of products and processes, light industry appropriate in a residential area.
- **B2 General industrial** - Use for industrial process other than one falling within class B1 (excluding incineration purposes, chemical treatment or landfill or hazardous waste).
- **B8 Storage or distribution** - This class includes open air storage.
- **C1 Hotels** - Hotels, boarding and guest houses where no significant element of care is provided (excludes hostels).
- **C2 Residential institutions** - Residential care homes, hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, residential colleges and training centres.
- **C3 Dwellinghouses**
- **C4 Houses in multiple occupation** - small shared houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals, as their only or main residence, who share basic amenities such as a kitchen or bathroom.
- **D1 Non-residential institutions** - Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, day centres, schools, art galleries (other than for sale or hire), museums, libraries, halls, places of worship, church halls, law court. Non-residential education and training centres.
- **D2 Assembly and leisure** - Cinemas, music and concert halls, bingo and dance halls (but not night clubs), swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums or area for indoor or outdoor sports and recreations (except for motor sports, or where firearms are used).
- **Sui Generis** - Certain uses do not fall within any use class and are considered 'sui generis'. Such uses include: theatres, houses in multiple occupation, hostels providing no significant element of care, scrap yards. Petrol filling stations and shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles. Retail warehouse clubs, nightclubs, launderettes, taxi businesses, amusement centres and casinos.