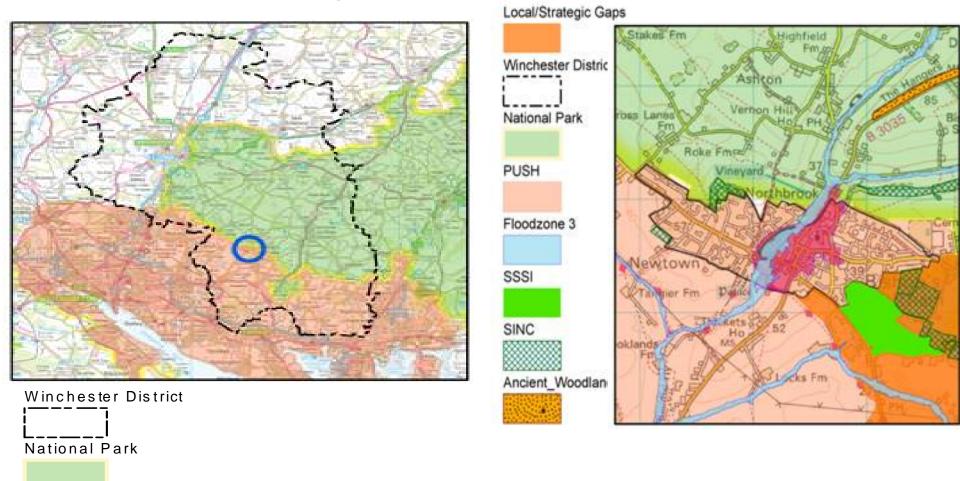


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Location characteristics & setting¹



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¹ Blueprint Responces, Bishop's Waltham 'A Market Town Healthcheck' January 2010

South Downs National Park

The National Park borders the northern edge of the settlement of Bishops Waltham.

Designated wildlife sites?

The sites designated for their nature conservation interest mainly cover wetland and ancient woodland habitats
The Moors SSSI lies on the south eastern boundary of Bishops Waltham part of which is also a Local Nature Reserve. A number of SINCs have been designated around the settlement.

Heritage sites?

Within the centre of Bishops Waltham lies the Bishop's Palace and fish ponds which are scheduled monuments. The Palace is also listed as a historic park. To the east of the settlement lies another scheduled monument at Two Bowl Barrels.

Flood zone 3?

Bishops Waltham lies in the upper reaches of the River Hamble. An area of flood zone 3 runs through Bishops Waltham across the ponds in the centre of the town.

Conservation Area or listed buildings?

There are 119 listed buildings within the settlement; most are around the town centre which makes up a large part of the Conservation Area.

Grade 1 agricultural land under agriculture or horticulture?

There is no grade 1 agricultural land in the immediate vicinity of the settlement. The land around Durley Mill is nearest area of grade 1 agricultural land.

What makes Bishops Waltham special?

- 'Bishops Waltham is a well defined town in an attractive rural setting, with many natural environmental features'. The centre has much historical interest, having developed around a medieval town. The mature trees enhance the character of this area. There is a locally based economy and a strong community spirit (Bishop's Waltham A Market Town Healthcheck January 2010).
- Bishops Waltham is unique and a gateway to the South Downs National Park (Blueprint Responses).

What do you see as the main opportunities for Bishops Waltham?

- Creation of a Business Park; Community control of Palace Ponds; Facilitate "Safe Cycling" routes within the Parish and also to link with others; Improve diversity of sports & leisure activities; Encourage positive participation in local issues More suitable "social housing" (Bishop's Waltham A Market Town Healthcheck January 2010).
- BW could be promoted as a gateway to the South Downs National Park; the appearance of the town could be improved.
- There is an opportunity to develop small business units and light industrial units on suitable sites (shared services and facilities).
- Can investigate potential for providing an indoor sports and leisure centre (to include gym, pool, tennis/badminton etc) and establish more youth clubs and facilities (Blueprint Responses).
- High speed broadband should be provided and all forms of renewable energy and sustainable heat production should be encouraged (Blueprint Responses).

What are the challenges facing Bishops Waltham over the next 20 years?

- Lack of expansion opportunities in existing businesses; Lack of "user friendly" public transport; Lack of an integrated transport system; Low tourism activity; Lack of appropriate car parking facilities; Excessive water abstracted from Palace Ponds; Increasing quantity and speed of road traffic; Housing development pressures; Lack of local work opportunities (Bishop's Waltham A Market Town Healthcheck January 2010).
- There is a need for additional housing together with the appropriate infrastructure prior to development. Need to provide affordable homes (2/3 beds with gardens and parking), provide social housing (part rent/purchase) and provide sheltered accommodation near the town centre (alongside increasing the size of the surgery). Young people not living at home need to have supported accommodation. However, the rural character of the area needs to be maintained by protecting local gaps with Swanmore, Waltham Chase, Durley and Upham (Blueprint Responses).
- There is a mismatch between skills and expectation of local jobs available need policy to limit use of new employment allocations to business sectors poorly represented in the catchment (Blueprint Responses).
- There is as need for better public transport to surrounding city centres including Winchester particularly in the evenings and during the day for the elderly

(All of above from 'Blueprint Responses').

Population & Housing

Givens	Figure		Scale	Data Source and reasons used
No. of dwellings	2011 3017	2001 2704	Parish	2011/2001 Census data, Office of National Statistics (ONS)
Population	2011 6723	2001 6550	Parish	2011/2001 Census data, ONS
Tenure: Privately owned Council/RSL rented Privately rented	2011 2125 412 297	2001 2051 382 157	Parish	2011/2001 Census data, ONS
No of new houses built- last 5 years	t 120		Parish	From Hampshire County Council Annual Housing Surveys 2010
Affordable housing Number of households with local connection	214		Parish	From the <u>Hampshire Home Choice Register</u> 2012. Number of household with local connection = the number of households identified as being eligible for affordable rural housing in a village to which they had a local connection by reason of family, residence or employment (2008). These households are also included on the housing register.

How many houses need to be developed	Figure	Scale	Data Source and reasons used
New homes to be provided as identified in Local Plan Part 1	500	Settlement	Local Plan Part 1 – Figure to be provided between April 2011 and March 2031
Planning permissions already granted (up to Sept 2013)	52 ²		From Hampshire County Council Annual Housing Surveys 2013
Homes completed since 1 April 2011	16		From Hampshire County Council Annual Housing Surveys 2013

² Pondside's 24 permitted dwellings included

Shortfall	About 446	New homes to be provided minus new houses built &
		permitted

Known Potential Housing Sites	Figure	Scale	Data Source and reasons used
SHLAA sites within the existing boundary	55 ³	Settlement	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, 2012

Key housing data sources :	
Winchester District Housing Strategy 2008/09 - 2012/13	http://www.winchester.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategies/winchester-district-housing-strategy-2008-09-2012-/
Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF)	http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop- estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm
Office for National Statistics 2001 Census	http://www.winchester.gov.uk/data/census-2001/
Office for National Statistics Neighbourhood Statistics	http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/
On this webpage you will find evidence base documents for housing, such asetc	http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/evidence-base/housing/
housing-market-assessment-2007	http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/evidence-base/housing/housing-market-assessment-2007/

³ Capacity in 2012 SHLAA is 73. The 18 estimated for SHLAA site 2459 has been discounted as now has planning permission.

Employment

	Figure		Scale	Data Source and reasons used
Those aged between 16-64	4833		Parish	2011/2001 Census data, ONS
Economically active = people in work or looking for work	2011 3516	2001 3367	Parish	2011/2001 Census data, ONS
People looking for Work (JSA Claimants)	71 (1.	7%)	Parish	Nomisweb Jan 2013
Economically inactive	2011 1317	2001 1231	Parish	2011/2001 Census data, ONS Economically inactive = retired, students, looking after family/home, permanently sick/disabled
Top five employment destinations from Bishops Waltham:	Southampton 13% Winchester 11% Eastleigh 9% Portsmouth 7% Fareham/ Portchester 5%			Census 2001 (Occupation Groups); SQW Winchester Economic and Employment Study 2007;
Working residents Working at home % of workers in BW who live in BW	44.2%			SQW Winchester District Economic and Employment Land Study, 2007
Net flow of Employees	-914			

Occupational type	<u>2011</u>	<u>2001</u>		2011/2001 Census data, ONS	
Managers and senior officials Professional	457 734	631 497			
Associate professional & technical	432	454			
Administrative & secretarial	345	407	Parish		
Skilled trades	417	379			
Caring, Leisure and Other Services	287	205			
Sales and customer services	237	202			
Process plant and machine operatives	172	199			
Elementary occupations	296	315			

Key employment data sources :

http://www.invest-in-southampton.co.uk/property/

http://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/commercial-property/

http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/evidence-base/economy/

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm

http://www.winchester.gov.uk/data/census-2001/

http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/

www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk

ONS Census 2011 ref Terry Wilson

Retail and service provision

Retail units	88 Units	Neighbourhood Plan FG 2013
	including hairdressers and estate agents	Business List

Retail provision

Convenience shopping – including a butchers, delicatessen, fresh fish shop, bakers, vegetable shop and the Budgens and Co-Op stores; Permission granted for a large retail store outside town centre December 2011

Comparison shopping - a good range of independent shops such as Boutique Blank and Cassis (Ladies Clothing), Hazels Florist, Ron Upfield (Electronics), Morgans Hardware, Simon Lawson Jewellers, Boots and Lloyds Pharmacies, various furniture / gift/card shops (Tashinga, Studio4, Acacia etc), toy shop, the Wool Shop;

There are further outlets at Claylands Industrial Park for building supplies including roofing and glazing, and also upholstery

Services - including 2 large banks, Barclays and Lloyds TSB, Stainers Tea Room, Josies and Barringtons Coffee Shops and Delis, and other restaurants/cafés, Paul's Plaice (Fish and Chips takeaway), Chinese takeaway, several estate agents and hairdressers, Bath Travel (travel agent), Crest dry cleaners, Print It, Plates PC IT support, Fox's Garden Machinery, Petrol Station and a Post Office;

Entertainment –four pubs, youth club, guides and scout halls, sport pitches and pavilions, tennis courts;

Community facilities – a social club, public toilets, The Bishops Palace, library, swimming pool, NHS physio centre, the Jubilee Hall, Church Halls, allotments;

Hotels - The Crown Inn and 2 B&Bs.

Neighbourhood Plan FG 2013

WCC, Retail and town centre uses study, 2007

WCC.

www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/, Planning application reference, '10/01650/FUL'

Summary of Bishop's Waltham Town Centre's Strengths and Weaknesses⁴

Strenaths

- Bishop's Waltham Town Centre has a reasonable range and choice of shops and services for a centre of its size, reflecting the centre's role as a town centre within the District. The centre has a higher proportion of convenience retail uses compared with the national average.
- The centre has three general food stores (2 Co-Ops and Budgens) and butchers, bakers, fresh fish shop, vegetable shop and a delicatessen. Food and grocery provision in the town centre is suitable for top up food shopping but is also used by many locals for their main shopping.
- The town centre provides a reasonable range of service facilities including two banks. The proportion of restaurants/cafes/takeaways is slightly below the national average but the choice of facilities is reasonable considering the size of the town.
- The vacancy rate (0%) is significantly lower than the national average (9%) for small towns, which suggests demand for premises is strong.
- The architectural quality of buildings in Bishop's Waltham town centre is predominantly good, the majority being historic buildings.
- The majority of Bishop's Waltham is located within a designated Conservation Area.
- The centre has reasonably pleasant shopping environment for customers, due to the charming buildings, low presence of litter, and well maintained hanging baskets and pot plants.
- In 2011, the business rentals in Bishops Waltham (£20/sq ft) were much lower than the national average for small towns (£31/sq
- The centre has reasonably good public transport access during the day (each bus once an hour). However there are no evening or night buses) restricting access to entertainment...

Weaknesses

- The centre has a lower than average proportion of comparison retailers and does not offer as wide a range and choice of facilities as for example New Alresford.
- There is a poor range of leisure and entertainment facilities. The centre's evening economy is based primarily on 6 coffee shops, restaurant/bars and pubs.
- There is a limited supply of premises available to accommodate new operators looking to trade in Bishop's Waltham, given the low vacancy rate.
- The movement of pedestrians is limited due to traffic flowing throughout the centre, a lack of pedestrian crossing places and onstreet parking, albeit illegal.

⁴ WCC. Retail and town centre uses study 2007. This WCC Report was updated in both 2010 and 2012, but this Summary was not updated. The Neighbourhood Plan FG will therefore update it. The 2010 study recommended out of town retail developments for Bishop's Waltham.

- There is a lack of public seating and lighting, and the street furniture has not been well maintained.
- There is no obvious visitor information.
- The pavements are narrow in places, although fairly even throughout.

Opportunities

• Bishop's Waltham town centre benefits from a loyal local customer base, and local residents need to travel to reach alternative facilities. Expenditure generated by this customer base is expected to grow in the future, which should provide opportunities to improve the range and choice of shops and services in the town.

Threats

- Bishop's Waltham is an historic town centre with many listed buildings and an extensive conservation area and development opportunities are limited. Therefore the existing urban form provides limited opportunities to expand facilities within the town centre. If the town centre does not improve its range and choice of facilities the town's role in the hierarchy could diminish.
- The demand for premises within Bishop's Waltham from national and regional retail and leisure operators is relatively poor. The town centre is dominated by independent traders. If independent traders close in the future the availability of new occupiers is uncertain and the number of vacant units could increase, which may undermine the vitality and viability of the town centre.

Community and Social Infrastructure

	Figure	Data Source and reasons used
Car parking provision	There are two Council car parks serving Bishop's Waltham town centre; Basingwell Street Car Park, and Lower Lane Car Park. These car parks are reasonably well placed throughout the centre, close to the primary shopping area, and both appeared close to capacity during our site visit (11am, Friday 1st June). The Basingwell Street Car Park is a short stay car park (up to 3 hours) and the Lower Lane Car Park is a long stay car park (all day parking available). There is also limited on-street parking.	WCC, Retail and town centre uses study, 2007
Bus services	Frequent Weekday services to Winchester, Southampton, Petersfield, and several local schools	www.travelinesw.com
Rail services	Nearest connection to rail network: Botley Station (frequent bus service)	www.travelinesw.com
Schools - Capacity	Bishops Waltham Primaries 420 Swanmore Secondary 1350	HCC Education department
Education - Capacity	Surplus	HCC Education department
Primary 2012	37	
Secondary 2012	113	
Primary 2017	-134	
Secondary 2017	-124	

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Health facilities Doctors surgery Bishops Waltham Surgery	9 Doctors	http://www.bishopswalthamsurgery.nhs.uk/doctors,43558.htm
NHS Dental practices	Shield House, Brook St, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX Whites Dental Care, Hoe Road, SO32 1DS	www.ssdentistry.co.uk/ www.whitesdentalcare.co.uk/
Library services	Bishops Waltham Library, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Southampton SO32 1EE, SO32 1AN Mobile service	WCC.Retail Study 2007, WCC Settlement Hierarchy Topic Paper 2009, www.nhshampshire.co.uk, www.hampshiredentalhelpline.nhs.uk/hampshire/

Infrastructure

Infrastructure					
	Core Strategy Policy Link	Source of Information			
Access /Junction Improvement Works	CP10	HCC draft Transport Statement Sept 2012, Winchester Local Transport Schemes 2012			
Shared space type Traffic Management scheme for High Street					
 Signalised controlled crossing on the B2177 Winchester Road at 	Texaco				
Improved pedestrian/ cycle access and infrastructure	CP10	HCC draft Transport Statement Sept 2012, Winchester Local Transport Schemes 2012			
 Cycle route between Bishops Waltham and Swanmore College or 	f Technology				
 Enhance pedestrian crossing points on Coppice Hill 					
 Enhance pedestrian provision by widening splitter islands on app 	roach to roundabo	uts			
 Missing link of footway on the B3035 Lower Lane from Station ro 	undabout towards	Beaufort Drive.			
 Pedestrian crossing on Hoe Road, near to recreation ground 					
 Pedestrian crossing point on Winchester Road and associated page 					
 Pedestrian/ Crossing Point on Corhampton Road to serve footpa 		s identified in Travel Plan			
Ridgemede junior school- new pedestrian access at rear of the second secon					
Traffic management In Free Street and Hoe Road to reduce vehi	•				
Upgrade footpaths in vicinity for improved pedestrian access to s	chools/ village cen	tre. Plans with Rights of Way.			
Upgrade old disused railway line linking to Curdridge		THOO I "T 1011 10 10010			
Public Transport	Public Transport CP10 HCC draft Transport Statement Sept 2012, Winchester Local Transport Schemes 2012				
 Bus stop upgrades/shelters in vicinity. 					
 Deployment of journey planning kiosk and bus departure screen 					
 Shelters, complete timetable information and seating at bus stops 	s in Bishops Walth				
Open Space, Play and Sport	OS Strategy 2012/2013 and Built Facilities Open Space, Play and Sport CP7 Study 2008				
A Life Life Life Life Life Life Life Life					
 Additional tennis courts and clubhouse Provision of a MUGA 					
 Refurbish pavilion, and facilities at Hoe Road. Refurbish pavilion at Priory Park. Acquisition of additional land for sports. Community Centres and facilities also serving cultural function CP6 HCC Infrastructure Statement 2012					
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Bishops Waltham Library improvements					

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Health Services-	CP6, MTRA2	NHS Advice - Infrastructure Study
Improved facilities to meet demand from anything other than small developments.		