

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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Undertake an audit of existing facilities How well are these used? What are the landowner’s long-term plans? What are the aspirations of	Data from Market Towns and Rural Area Development Strategy Background Paper July 2011 and updated by NATC in March 2013			
	List of facilities	Located in New Alresford?	Accessibility if outside settlement	Further Information on Retail from NLP Retail and town centre uses study, 2007
	Doctors/Health Centre	✓		

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<p>the community?</p> <p>Could the buildings be used for alternative uses?</p>	Dentist	✓		
	Post office	✓		
	Convenience store (eg bread, milk, eggs, loo roll etc)	✓		The centre has two national food stores suitable for top up food shopping. In addition there are a number of independent, specialist convenience retailers such as a butchers, delicatessen, off licence and a newsagent.
	Bigger weekly shop	<p>✓It is possible to do a weekly shop in Alresford, but many choose not to do so, for convenience of delivery service & choice from larger outlets.</p>	<p>Outside of Alresford, the closest is in Winchester, within 40 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service</p>	<p>The Town Centre has a reasonably wide range of specialist independent comparison shops, but no national multiple comparison retailers.</p>
	Train station	x	<p>closest mainline station is in Winchester, within 40 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service</p>	
	Bank/Cash Point	✓		<p>There are four national banks/building societies represented in the centre (NLP 2007).</p>
	Pub	✓		<p>three pubs (in centre)</p>
	Leisure centre	x	<p>closest is in Winchester, within 40 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service</p>	
	Library	✓		<p>There are also three art galleries and two hotels</p>
Primary school	✓			

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	Secondary school	✓	
	Further education (post 16)	x	There is a choice: Alton is used by about a third of Alreford & village 16-18 year olds, while others go to Queen Mary's at Basingstoke or also Winchester
	Village or church hall	✓	
	Prepared food outlet (eg café, restaurant, tea shop, takeaway)	✓	5 restaurants. 7 Restaurants, cafes & takeaways units in total.
	Children's play area	✓	
	Sports Pitch	✓	
	Community transport	✓	www.towntrust.org.uk/mini_bus.htm
	Internet connectivity	✓ Broadband >8mbps	Broadband connectivity varies throughout the town,
	Petrol stations	x	within 5 miles
	Car servicing /MOT /Repairs	✓	
	Fire Service – shared office with Police (HCC Infrastructure Report 2012)	✓	
	Household Waste Recycling	✓	
	<p>Opportunities and Issues raised: (summarised from NLP Retail and town centre uses study, 2007)</p> <p>The town centre is supported by a loyal local customer base. Local residents have to travel large distances to reach alternative facilities. 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. The historic character of the town centre means development opportunities are limited. The town centre should therefore improve its range and choice of facilities.</p> <p>3 potential development opportunities were identified in New Alresford. The theoretical floorspace capacity of opportunities is as follows; 2,200 sq m gross in New Alresford, (Winchester Retail Study : Retail Update 2010).</p>		

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	<p>Planned projects: Alresford Library - New replacement for Alresford to meet Museums, Libraries & Archives Council space standards, to be provided by 2017 at a cost of £600,000 from developer contributions (HCC Infrastructure Report 2012).</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. For Waste Water Treatment and Water Supply infrastructure, no site specific issues have been raised by the water company. 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>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 safeguard local amenities of great importance to the community. The Council maintains a 'list of assets of community value', which are nominated successfully by local community groups. 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>New Alresford has not yet nominated any community assets under this scheme. To find out more on how to nominate community assets in New Alresford,, visit our website at: http://www.winchester.gov.uk/community/community-right-to-bid/</p>
<p>Is there existing capacity in schools to accommodate new development?</p> <p>Are there firm projects/proposals to provide additional capacity?</p>	<p>Schools within Catchment:</p> <p><u>Pre-School</u> Patchwork Day Nursery & Pre-School, Perins School 345 (but does not provide afternoon sessions)</p> <p><u>Primary</u> Sun Hill Infant (YrR-Yr2) Sun Hill Junior (Yr 3 – Yr6) Cheriton Primary (YrR-Yr2) Cheriton Primary (Yr3-Yr6)</p> <p><u>Secondary</u> Perins School- A Community Sports College Henry Beaufort School King's School The Westgate school</p>

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	<p>Current and short term capacities: in local schools based on population projections. Source: HCC</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 336 2054 603"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Existing School Capacity</th> <th>Surplus/deficit places in 2012</th> <th>Surplus/deficit places 2017 based on existing permissions</th> <th>Remaining housing requirement to 2031 (excluding sites with planning permission)</th> <th>Number of primary/secondary age pupils from new development (based on remaining housing requirement)</th> <th>Total places needed to accommodate new development and population change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Primary</td> <td>439</td> <td>4</td> <td>-83</td> <td>420</td> <td>126</td> <td>209</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secondary</td> <td>1040</td> <td>-17</td> <td>-58</td> <td>420</td> <td>88</td> <td>146</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Planned projects: No specific requirements have as yet been identified for Alresford. (HCC Infrastructure Report 2012). However, new development will 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).</p>		Existing School Capacity	Surplus/deficit places in 2012	Surplus/deficit places 2017 based on existing permissions	Remaining housing requirement to 2031 (excluding sites with planning permission)	Number of primary/secondary age pupils from new development (based on remaining housing requirement)	Total places needed to accommodate new development and population change	Primary	439	4	-83	420	126	209	Secondary	1040	-17	-58	420	88	146
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What is the capacity of health facilities and what changes are needed to accommodate new development?	<p>Facilities within Alresford: Source: NHS Choices: http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Practice: Alresford Group Surgery – 9283 Registered Patients • Dentists: Berukin Dental Surgery and Pound Hill Dental Surgery • Nearest Urgent Care facility: Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester <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 PCT 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.</p>																					

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	Planned projects: None planned. Improved facilities may be needed to meet demand from anything other than small developments.
CONCLUSION : DETERMINE IF ANY NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED AND OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY	

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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Assess existing open space provision – is this in the right location and of the right type?	<p>Existing facilities within Alresford:</p> <p>Public Open Spaces:</p> <p>There are 7 recreation sites protected in the 2006 Local Plan (policies RT1, RT2), within Alresford Settlement. See Open Space Strategy 2013-14:-</p> <p>Existing Recreational Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Play:</u> Arlebury Park, Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, Sun Hill Recreation Ground, Benenden Green • <u>Local Sports:</u> Arlebury Park, Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, Alresford Bowling Club • <u>District Sports:</u> Perins School • <u>General Use:</u> In the developed areas Arlebury Park, Langton Memorial: In the adjacent countryside: Wayfarers Walk • <u>RT.5</u> There is one site West of Arlebury Park allocated under policy RT5 as a site reserved for improvements in recreational land and facilities. <p>Under the current standards, the OS Strategy identifies deficiencies in the amount of play facilities and the amount, standard and quality of sports grounds.</p> <p>OS Strategy 2013/2014 Improvements Proposed: children’s play could most appropriately be provided</p>

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	by an extension to the existing Arlebury Park. Rugby pitches should be provided in the parish. The facilities at Bighton, which also serve the parish, are unsuitable for improvement and should be relocated should be relocated adjacent to Arlebury Park.
use the updated open space schedule produced by WCC to determine amount and type of new open space required ? where's this best located ?	The existing open space provision has been reviewed for the settlement during 2013, which post-dates even the 2013/14 Open Space Strategy. This assessment forms part of the evidence base and is separately available.
CONCLUSION : DETERMINE AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF OPEN SPACE AND OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY	

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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map all green links, footpaths etc – do these provide a reasonable set of access points ? <i>consider where footpaths lead and what type of route are they – circular walks?</i> are there plans for any new routes?	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. Projects identified: Hampshire Access Plans are seeking to identify walking and cycling routes required to establish links between town and countryside and provide high quality, useful 'missing links' in the network. - see Hampshire Downs Access Plan . HCC Transport Statement for Winchester District 2012 identifies the following projects needed to improve pedestrian/ cycle access and infrastructure and Public Transport improvements:-

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	<p><u>Access /Junction Improvement Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grange Road traffic calming and footway widening- issue of mature trees • Improvements to the junction of Spring Gardens and New Farm Road • Improvements to the junction of the B2177/Jaclyns Lane/Spring Gardens • Junction signalisation and pedestrian phasing - Jacklyns Lane/Pound Hill/West St. • Station Road Improvements and access to Station Car Park <p><u>Improved pedestrian/ cycle access and infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle links from Town centre to National Cycle Network route 23 • Footpath 15 pedestrian enhancements • Pedestrian crossing point on West Street near junction with Jacklyns Lane • Pedestrian improvements on West Street / The Dean crossroads. • West Street Improvements (North Side) – i.e. the pavement build out to narrow the road for pedestrians. • West Street Improvements (South Side) (in the vicinity of Co-op) <p><u>Public Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Time Information at high frequency bus stops as part of bus stop infrastructure improvements (buses already equipped) (2-4k per unit) • Alresford - Cheriton - A272 - West Meon (Stagecoach service to Petersfield): Upgrade bus stop facilities on this route <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 stops requiring hard standings and raised kerbs • 5 new poles required • Winchester - Alresford Road - A31 - Alresford (Stagecoach x64 to Alton & 67 to Petersfield): Upgrade bus stop facilities on this route <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 stops requiring hard standings and raised kerbs • 8 new poles required • Deployment of journey planning kiosk and bus departure screen in village centre
<p>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. There is 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.</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. There are a few footpaths and bridleways leading into the South Downs National Park and across the River Itchen, a few restricted access bridleways lead from the North of the Parish.</p>

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	<p>Wildlife Sites Sites designated for wildlife can be found on: www.magic.gov.uk and county wildlife sites (Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation) can be viewed on the following map: Local Plan 2006 Map 34 and for further information see tables supplied and http://www3.hants.gov.uk/biodiversity/sincs.htm</p> <p>In New Alresford Parish, the following designated sites are present:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Itchen Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation – runs along the North West boundary of New Alresford • Alresford Pond SSSI lies along the North East boundary of New Alresford. • SINC: St John’s Churchyard is within the settlement. Arle River SINC and Arle Mill Water Meadows & Cressbeds SINC lie along the North East boundary of Arlesford, and Tichbourne Down lies to the South of the Parish boundary. <p>Other Designations The South Downs National Park lies on the South Western edge of the Parish.</p> <p>Public Open Spaces: - see information provided in previous section.</p> <p>Projects identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hampshire Downs Access Plan identifies a need for more links in the public access network, to create a range of off-road, circular routes for all users. • The Winchester Green Infrastructure Study identifies that New Alresford is deficient in having an accessible natural green space site of over 20ha within 2km of the settlement. • The River Itchen is a Biodiversity Opportunity Area for the restoration, and creation of Wet Woodland, Lowland Meadow, Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pastures, Floodplain Grazing Marsh and Reedbed habitat. • The Winchester Biodiversity Action Plan has a Local Project Area for the West of Alresford, and sets out actions for habitat restoration and creation of a network of biodiversity sites • The South Downs Nature Improvement Area lies to the West of Alresford. This project has numerous objectives, including looking for opportunities to create a viable chalk grassland ecological network.
<p>what transport exists for those that do not have access to a car</p> <p>- public transport scheduled services</p>	<p>Bus services (Frequently changes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. 67 – Winchester, Alresford, West Meon, Petersfield • No. 240 – Alresford, Ropley • No. 64 – Winchester, Alresford, Alton

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<p>- community/volunteer services</p> <p>are they opportunities for improved co-ordination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB1 – around the town & to Old Alresford, 2 days a week only <p>Mainline Rail services - 8 Miles to Winchester railway station</p> <p>Steam railway – Tourist orientated</p> <p>Further information on community transport can be found at Traveline Southwest : www.travelinesw.com/swe/XSLT_TRIP_REQUEST2?language=en&timeOffset=15</p> <p>Projects identified: See projects listed under transport above.</p>
<p>CONCLUSION</p> <p>HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OPPORTUNITES FOR IMPROVEMENT THAT NEED TO BE REFERRED TO IN LPP2</p>	