

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?

Suggested evidence sources/methodology:	Data for Waltham Chase		
Undertake an audit of existing facilities	Data available from previous surveys/studies		
How well are these used?	List of facilities	Located in Waltham Chase?	Accessibility if outside settlement
What are the landowner’s long-term plans?	Doctors/Health Centre	No	Closest is Bishops Waltham and Wickham, within 20 minutes bus journey and can be reached by regular, daily bus service.
	Dentist	No	Closest is Bishops Waltham and Wickham, within 20 minutes bus journey and can be reached by regular,

<p>What are the aspirations of the community?</p> <p>Could the buildings be used for alternative uses?</p>			daily bus service
	Post office	Yes	
	Convenience store (eg bread, milk, eggs, loo roll etc)	Yes	
	Bigger weekly shop	No	Closest is Bishops Waltham and Wickham, within 20 minutes bus journey and can be reached by regular, daily bus service
	Train station	No	Nearest is Botley
	Bank	No	No bank, closest is Bishops Waltham and Wickham, within 20 minutes bus journey and can be reached by regular, daily bus service
	Cash Point	Yes	Fee Required
	Pub	No	*One Pub North of Waltham Chase Boundary One Pub to the South of the Boundary
	Leisure centre	No	Closest is in Swanmore Community School, New Place Conference centre and Meon Valley Hotel
	Library	No	Closest is Bishops Waltham, within 20 minutes bus journey and can be reached by regular, daily bus service. There is also a mobile library Service
	Primary school	No	*St Johns Primary School sits just outside Waltham Chase Boundary
	Secondary school	No	Closest is in Swanmore, within 20 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service (except Sunday)
	Further education (post 16)	No	Closest is in Fareham, within 60 minutes bus journey, and can be reached by regular, daily bus service. Also available is Eastleigh College slightly further away.
	Village or church hall	Yes	
	Prepared food outlet (eg café, restaurant, tea shop, takeaway)	No	
	Children's play area	Yes	Waltham Chase Recreation Space
Sports Pitch	No	Ball game space available Waltham Chase Recreation Space and triangle	
Community transport	Yes	Bishops Waltham Dial-a-Ride serves Waltham Chase	

	Internet connectivity Petrol stations Car servicing /MOT /Repairs Police Station Fire Station (Retained) Household Waste Recycling	Yes Broadband <=2mbps No Yes No No No	 Closest is Bishops Waltham and Wickham Closest is in Bishops Waltham Closest is retained (on-call) Fire Station at Bishops Waltham Closest is Bishops Waltham Source: Market Towns and Rural Area Development Strategy Background Paper July 2011 Other Infrastructure Information: <u>Waste Water Treatment and Water Supply 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. 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.
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>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>Waltham Chase has not yet nominated any community assets.</p> <p>To find out more on how to nominate community assets in Waltham Chase, 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> Waltham Chase Preschool Village Hall Some capacity</p> <p><u>Primary</u> St John the Baptist CofE Primary School, Solomons Lane, SO32 2LY Outside Waltham Chase Boundary, adjacent to the settlement.</p> <p><u>Secondary</u> Swanmore College of Technology, New Road, Swanmore, SO32 2RB</p> <p>School capacities:. Source: HCC</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="421 470 2042 790"> <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 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>St John the Baptist Primary</td> <td>315</td> <td>18</td> <td>2</td> <td>235</td> <td>71</td> <td>69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swanmore Secondary*</td> <td>1,350</td> <td>113</td> <td>113</td> <td>235</td> <td>49</td> <td>126</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Also takes account of additional pupils from Bishops Waltham, Waltham Chase and Wickham Primary Schools</p> <p>HCC would have to look at Swanmore and Waltham Chase together and adjust catchments accordingly. Swanmore may have some room for expansion. The existing school site at Waltham Chase is now quite tight.</p> <p>Planned projects:</p> <p>No specific requirements have as yet been identified for Waltham Chase. (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).</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 age pupils from new development (based on remaining housing requirement)	Total places needed to accommodate new development and population change	St John the Baptist Primary	315	18	2	235	71	69	Swanmore Secondary*	1,350	113	113	235	49	126
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<p>What is the capacity of health facilities and what changes are needed to accommodate new development?</p>	<p>Facilities within/nearest to Waltham Chase:</p> <p>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. Some parishioners use Wickham GP Practice • Dentists: Whites Dental Care and others at Bishops Waltham. Some use Wickham • Nearest Urgent Care facility: Southampton/ Winchester/ Portsmouth <p>Current and short term capacities</p> <p><u>GP Practice</u></p>																					

	<p>The NHS has advised that improved GP health care facilities may be needed to meet demand from anything other than small developments in Bishops Waltham (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)</p> <p>Planned projects: None planned. Improved facilities may be needed to meet demand from anything other than small developments.</p>
<p>CONCLUSION :</p> <p>DETERMINE IF ANY NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED AND OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY</p>	<p>None identified.</p>

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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<p>Assess existing open space provision – is this in the right location and of the right type?</p>	<p>Existing facilities within Waltham Chase:</p> <p>Public Open Spaces: There are 3 open spaces protected in the 2006 Local Plan (policies RT1, RT2) {Waltham Chase Recreation Ground, Provene Gardens and at Brooklyn Close. Land to the east of the school in Waltham Chase is reserved for recreation use by policy RT5 of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The existing open space provision has been reviewed for the settlement in summer 2013, which post-dates even the 2013/14 Open Space Strategy. This assessment forms part of the evidence base and is separately available.</p>

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	<p>Existing Open Space Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Allotments: none</u> • <u>Play: Waltham Chase Recreation Ground;</u> • <u>Informal Green Space: Provene Gardens, Evelyn Close, Chase Farm Road and Brooklyn Close</u> • <u>Natural Green Space: None in or adjacent to settlement</u> • <u>Sports: None</u> • <u>Parks and Recreation Grounds: Recreation Ground, The Triangle</u> <p>Provene Gardens is not currently equipped for children’s play, although it has been in the past.</p> <p>Although there are four informal greenspaces identified in the assessment, they are small and only total 0.63ha, whereas the standard for Waltham Chase based on the revised standards is 2.09ha</p> <p>Although the Recreation Ground and The Triangle are used for information recreation, they are not suitably laid out or equipped for formal sports. The Triangle is outside the current settlement boundary, but is adjacent to it and is used by the population of Waltham Chase.</p>
<p>CONCLUSION :</p> <p>DETERMINE AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF OPEN SPACE AND OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY</p>	<p>Considerable shortfall based on current population of Waltham Chase (2,616 in the Market Towns and Rural Area Development Strategy LDF background paper 2011), in all categories except parks. This will be exacerbated by new development.</p> <p>Revised figures need to be calculated based on projected populations, but for moment shortfalls of – allotments (-0.52ha), play space (-1.16ha), informal greenspace (-1.46ha), natural greenspace (-2.49ha). Provision of +0.64ha in parks category.</p>

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>map all green links, footpaths etc – do these provide a reasonable set of access points ?</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>

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<p><i>consider where footpaths lead and what type of route are they – circular walks?</i></p> <p>are there plans for any new routes?</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 Forest of Bere 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 in Shedfield Parish:-</p> <p><u>Access /Junction Improvement Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to the Botley Road/Winchester Road junction <p><u>Improved pedestrian/ cycle access and infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winchester Road- pedestrian crossing enhancements in vicinity of the Post Office • St John the Baptist- Footpath from rear of school to park and walk site . • St John the Baptist- re-siting of school crossing point
<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.</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. Waltham Chase has a reasonable Rights of Way network to the South, but poor links to the North.</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 - SINCs) can be viewed on the following map: Local Plan 2006 Map 34. For further information on SINCs see http://www3.hants.gov.uk/biodiversity/sincs.htm.</p> <p>Around Waltham Chase, the following designated sites are present:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI):</u> Waltham Chase Meadows SSSI • <u>Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation:</u> Non within the immediate vicinity of Waltham Chase. <p>Public Open Spaces: - see information provided in previous section.</p> <p>Projects identified:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forest of Bere (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 Waltham Chase, 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. Other suggested projects include creating a route through Waltham Chase to link to Meon Valley Trail (to also improve bridleway links) and circular walks from Bishops Waltham (suggested in the Green Infrastructure Study). ○ 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. <p>Parish Council added - Cycle path links between Waltham Chase and Swanmore Community school and to Bishops Waltham are required</p>
<p>what transport exists for those that do not have access to a car</p> <p>- public transport scheduled services - community/volunteer services</p> <p>are they opportunities for improved co-ordination</p>	<p><u>Bus services (Frequently changes):</u> Regular service to local market towns, local schools and colleges including Peter Symonds and Barton Peverill colleges, Winchester, Fareham and Southampton.</p> <p><u>Nearest connection to rail network:</u> Rail services run from Fareham & Botley</p> <p><u>Community transport:</u> Bishops Waltham Dial-a-Ride serves Waltham Chase</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>CONCLUSION</p> <p>HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OPPORTUNITES FOR IMPROVEMENT THAT NEED TO BE REFERRED TO IN LPP2</p>	<p>Some of the projects referred to above?</p>

