

Appendix 11: Stakeholder Event: Issues, Futuring and Drivers for Change

“Live for the Future... a Sustainable Winchester District”

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:
VISIONING
STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP 0930-1300 22 MARCH 2007
King Alfred Hall, Winchester Guildhall**

ISSUES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT AND THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Each participant was invited to state up to 3 key issues for sustainable development, spatial planning and the Winchester District; subsequently participants were invited to place stars against those issues that they thought to be most important.

MOVEMENT		
Reducing Car Dependency Development that reduces car dependency whilst retaining Winchester as a viable & attractive place to live and work	3	5*
Sustainable Modes of Transport including safe & regular public transport, footpaths & cycle links between settlements, and other green travel	4	3*
Access to Services	2	
Plan & Provide for those without access to a car	2	
ECONOMY, WORKPLACE & TECHNOLOGY		
High Quality jobs in sustainable locations including good access & close to quality homes, working closer to home & less commuting	3	3*
Winchester as major focus of learning, education & government	1	1*
Reducing commute in/out balance	2	1*
Balance between housing & employment land delivery	2	
SOCIETY, EDUCATION & LIVING		
Affordable Housing	6	5*
Adequate Facilities & Services , including for education, health, schools, shops, affordable leisure facilities; accessible for all ages & timely; new leisure centre, high quality sports environments, footpaths & cycle ways to encourage physical activity	13	9*
Social inclusion ; support for vulnerable & disadvantaged, responding to community consultation	4	3*
Accommodating Housing Growth , including positive benefits to communities	3	1*
Enabling Green & Healthy Choices	1	3*
Interactions of Health & Learning with spatial planning	1	1*
Low/Zero Carbon homes ; including zero carbon homes by 2016, micro-renewables in existing & new development	3	
Sustainable Communities , including historic environment & a sense of place and community; avoiding anti-social behaviour by design	3	

ENVIRONMENT		
Climate Change , including adaptation & mitigation; overarching policy; reduce carbon emissions	5	5*
Renewable Energy/Energy Saving Design , flexible approach, wind power, passive solar design	4	1*
Retain Winchester's landscape setting , prioritise previously developed land	5	4*
Protect historic environment , local distinctiveness in building style & materials, continue tradition of quality architecture, accommodate change whilst respecting & retaining historic assets	4	1*
Green Infrastructure , including retention of green space, place shaping, buffer zone	4	3*
Biodiversity , including National Parks & Natura 2000 sites	3	1*
Water Resources & Flood Risk	2	
Air Quality	1	
Total post-its	81	
Total Stars		50

FUTURING AND DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

The aim of this session was to have participants think beyond the issues and problems being faced today and imagine what the future may hold for Winchester. Participants discussed the drivers that may affect Winchester District in the next 10-20 years, and any changes foreseen. Responses are grouped by theme.

	Cities	Market towns	Rural Areas	General
Society and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodating Housing needs, particularly affordable housing. Winchester is a small compact city; accommodating increased growth may not be sustainable. Should assess impact of extended schools and education facilities. A mix of people will live in Winchester, but limited scope to tackle housing affordability. Does Winchester want 'own city' status, or continue as London suburb? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People's aspirations may need to be reduced under climate change /low energy scenarios. May need to adapt less demanding lifestyle in all areas. LDF should force growth of market towns- they are big enough to be sustainable and successful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to define sustainability for rural areas. Village schools are closing, but need to plan for future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ageing population Will economic growth continue? Changing family structures, but will still need to provide larger homes to meet needs of families. High housing costs continue to force people out of London.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban/rural interface/fingers of green should be preserved/enhanced. More allotments needed. Low energy development. Is car parking used to full potential? Could there be a better use for spaces? Infill development is changing the character of communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over-development may occur- leading to a strain on infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be an increase in organic farming/ demand for local produce, therefore more important role for farming. Increase in the idea of a multiple-use countryside, e.g. for recreation, farming, carbon sinks and habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be increasing pressure on water resources There is too much of an emphasis on bricks and mortar. We need to think outside of the box. People will adopt less demanding lifestyles. Could the national park squeeze development into other areas?
Economy, workplace and technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will Winchester City retain Government organisational presence? City has distinct retail environment, suburbs also need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New business centres to support home working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexibility in reuse of ex-agricultural buildings. Pressure on agricultural industry to convert for employment use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home working is growing, but there are limits- people still need some contact with colleagues. There will be more pressure for development in the southern

	<p>their own retail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to land prices, the City is being dominated by residential development. 			<p>part of the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth of small specialist farming produce and farmers markets. Large scale agriculture under pressure.
Leisure, Culture and Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winchester needs another accessible Country Park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness facilities required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community facilities are key providers of leisure, culture and sport facilities. Flexible space for hire with a range of activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shopping on-line will increase, but high street shopping will still be a leisure pursuit. Home deliveries of shopping increase; shopping becomes primarily a leisure activity. People should still be able to walk into the countryside surrounding Winchester. Need to better promote facilities. School curriculum should encourage more activity.
Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to decrease congestion - more park and rides. Commuter patterns will change due to congestion costs. Congestion and parking may lead to a decline in city centre environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to reduce car usage/ increase working from home opportunities/ increase internet shopping. Further distances to travel to schools as school catchment boundaries become less strict. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreasing levels of bus services may affect vitality of market towns and villages Home working to increase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less car use will affect working patterns. Attitudes to school transport will change, more walking, less school run. People will travel less overseas (air travel expensive and environmentally unfriendly). There will be future capacity problems on trains. People will continue to use their cars and mobility will increase. Travel to schools will increase due to choice and children not remaining in catchment areas.