

Citizens'

P A N E L

Questionnaire

October 2006

The twelfth Citizens' Panel questionnaire,

Planning Winchester's Future
Results

Planning Winchester's Future

The current style of local planning in Winchester District is changing. Sustainable Development is central to the reformed planning system. In short this means *“development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”*.

18 In the following three broad areas, what do you think should be the Council's priorities for planning for future development in the District up to 2026?

Housing		Very Important	Important	Not Important	Not at all necessary
a	Support the extension of existing settlements	18.2%	55.8%	16.8%	9.2%
b	Support the provision of new settlements	5.3%	31.7%	30.4%	32.6%
c	To provide a diverse range of homes to suit all needs.	44.5%	47.5%	4.9%	3.1%
d	To only allow new housing where sufficient employment opportunities exist or are planned.	40.4%	39.9%	14.7%	5.0%
Transport and the Economy		Very Important	Important	Not Important	Not at all necessary
e	To plan new development and service provision at the same time.	65.0%	30.8%	2.8%	1.4%
f	To promote a local culture that is vibrant and diverse and encourages local participation	31.2%	50.1%	13.1%	5.6%
g	Allow some development in the countryside, to promote the rural economy.	13.9%	51.9%	17.1%	17.1%
h	To ensure all new development has access by means other than the private car to facilities and services	61.2%	32.2%	4.9%	1.7%
i	To encourage and support the provision of good public transport to link urban and rural centres	70.2%	27.2%	1.7%	0.9%

Planning Winchester's Future

The Environment		Very Important	Important	Not Important	Not at all necessary
j	To encourage the construction of buildings that can adapt and change over time to minimise the use of resources	37.8%	52.7%	7.5%	2.0%
k	To safeguard the countryside and the natural environment in the District by directing development mainly to existing built-up areas	59.4%	32.3%	6.5%	1.7%
l	To protect the historic environment of the District	59.3%	37.8%	2.5%	0.4%
m	To ensure all new development incorporates accessible green space	51.7%	40.1%	7.0%	1.2%
n	Promote use of renewable energy, energy saving mechanisms and recycling to reduce the impact of climate change.	69.4%	26.3%	3.1%	1.2%
o	Retain existing trees and encourage the planting of more	73.4%	22.9%	3.0%	0.7%

19 Please rate the following aspects of where you live?

		Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Unacceptable
a	Its overall character	36.3%	49.2%	12.8%	1.3%	0.4%
b	The quality of the built environment	15.9%	55.8%	25.4%	2.4%	0.5%
c	The quality of the natural environment	37.5%	44.4%	16.0%	1.6%	0.5%
d	The range of services and facilities it has to offer	9.7%	31.8%	38.5%	17.1%	2.9%
e	The opportunity for everyone to be involved in the decisions that affect the community	8.5%	29.0%	38.9%	20.7%	3.0%
f	Accessibility to neighbouring areas for work, shopping or leisure purposes	15.8%	34.0%	29.8%	17.8%	2.7%
		Non-existent	Very Low	Low	High	Unacceptably high
g	The Level of Crime	3.9%	35.2%	55.2%	4.6%	1.1%