

Call for Sites and Green Sites FAQs

1) Why are we asking for site information?

The Call for Sites is used to identify land within the Winchester plan area that has potential for future development in the next Local Plan that will cover the period up to 2044. The information you provide helps the Council assess each site for:

- **Suitability:** *(any constraints and how they can be addressed)*
- **Availability:** *(land ownership, when development could start)*
- **Achievability:** *(the site's potential to be developed)*

Providing complete and accurate answers ensures the council can properly assess each site. All sites submitted will be assessed against the SHELAA methodology and published on the council's website. Personal data will not be made public in line with GDPR.

2) Who can submit a site?

Sites should only be submitted by the owners or by those who have the owner's permission – e.g. landowners and agents. You may submit a site on someone's behalf if you have their permission.

3) Why can't others submit sites?

The Council is required to assess sites to consider their *availability* and then assess the *achievability* of the use proposed. To do this, it is essential to understand the landowner's intentions. For that reason, we only consider sites proposed by the landowner or those acting on their behalf.

4) What information is required when submitting a site?

The following information will be required to complete the form

- Details of the proposed development
- Landowner/agent contact details
- Information on the availability, suitability and achievability of your proposal

The SHELAA will set out the Council's initial assessment of sites promoted for development in the Winchester plan area. It will record the presence of planning and other constraints to inform subsequent stages the plan-making process. This call for sites consultation also invites respondents to submit additional relevant information such as technical studies, masterplans etc which may contain information not

required for the SHELAA document to be prepared, but will assist in the subsequent stages of the plan-making process.

The more information that you can tell us about the site and why you consider that the site is suitable for future development the better.

5) How do I submit a site?

Please watch the video [here](#) providing a tutorial on how the consultation platform works and how you can submit a site and supporting documents (e.g. site plans, technical documents).

6) What area does the Call for Sites cover?

Call for Sites covers the Winchester planning area located outside the South Downs National Park. The South Downs National Park produces their own “Call for Sites” and is available to view on their website [Submit a Site to the Land Availability Assessment - South Downs National Park Authority](#)

7) What type of development are we interested in?

We are interested in receiving site submissions for a range of potential uses, including:

- Housing
- Employment
- Mixed-use proposals
- Gypsy and Traveller accommodation
- Green sites (separate form to the Call for Sites)

8) My site is already included in the 2023 SHELAA – do I need to resubmit it?

Yes – Sites that have been included in the 2023 SHELAA do need to be resubmitted as these sites will not be automatically rolled forward.

9) What information will be in the public domain?

If you put forward a site and it is included in the SHELAA, the report will include a map of the site and an initial assessment of the site. The updated SHELAA report will be available on the WCC website so please be aware of this before you submit a site to us. Additional supporting documents submitted by site promoters, such as technical assessment to address constraints, will not be published as they will typically not feed directly into the SHELAA site assessments.

10) Can I withdraw a SHELAA site if I decide that I no longer wish to pursue development on the land?

Once we have published the SHELAA report this information will be on the WCC website. We cannot remove a site from the SHELAA until we prepare the next iteration of the SHELAA but we will make a note on the Council's website that the site is no longer available.

11) Why are you asking me to identify the land on a site plan?

We want people to identify a site for inclusion in the SHELAA using the mapping tool to ensure that we have the correct boundary of the site rather than us trying to interpret plans. You can still submit additional supporting information by emailing to planningpolicy@winchester.gov.uk.