

Plans for Places...after Blueprint - Response from Denmead Parish Council

Consultation Questions

Question 1

Table 3 identifies the amount of housing to be provided in the District, We think this housing distribution reflects the function and characteristics of the District, in a way that will provide the right number of new homes in the most appropriate locations over the next 20 years.

Do you agree with this or is there another way to distribute the housing requirement? If not, why not and what evidence do you have in support of that view that we could look at?

The Parish Council of Denmead agrees with the housing distribution and considers the allocation of 4000 homes for Winchester Town should remain irrespective of the outcome of the Bartons Farm enquiry.

Question 2

Tables 4 and 5 identify the amount of retail and employment development that is required for the whole of the Winchester District up to 2026 / 2031.

Do you agree with the amounts and distributions suggested? If not, why not and what evidence do you have in support of that view that we could look at?

Are there any other key land uses that should be quantified and specified for any of the three spatial areas of the District?

The Parish Council of Denmead does not agree with this and feels that in rural areas the promotion of the local economy and the reduction of travel miles should play a prominent role. Further in the light of Public Sector cuts, especially within the Ministry of Defence, this section should be re-visited.

Winchester Town

Question 3

Table 7 lists the various land uses required within Winchester Town and suggests potential sources. Have we missed any particular requirements or sources of development opportunities?

Refer to the answer at question 1.

Question 4

The Secretary of State for Communities is expected to decide in August whether to grant planning permission for 2000 dwellings and associated development at Barton Farm, to the north of Winchester.

- 4a) If Barton Farm gets planning permission do you agree with the additional components of the development strategy for Winchester Town (at paragraph 5.30) that will also need to be implemented? If not, what changes do you suggest and why?

Refer to the answer at question 1.

- 4b) If Barton Farm does not get planning permission do you agree with the alternative development strategy for Winchester Town (at paragraph 5.31). If not, what changes do you suggest and why?

Refer to the answer at question 1.

South Hampshire Urban Areas

Question 5

Do you agree that our strategy to deliver the majority of the development requirement for the Winchester District portion of the PUSH area should be to focus on large urban extensions at West of Waterlooville and Whiteley? If not, what alternative do you suggest and why?

The Parish Council of Denmead agrees with this but the impact on existing communities in the vicinity should be minimised and offset.

Market Towns and Rural Area

Question 6

Do you agree this revised vision more appropriately reflects the aspirations for this area and the key common elements raised through Blueprint - supporting appropriate development while maintaining rural character and settlement identity? If not, what changes do you suggest and why?

The Parish Council of Denmead agrees with this statement.

Bishops Waltham and New Alresford

Question 7

7a) Do you agree that New Alresford and Bishops Waltham are the main settlements in the Market Towns and Rural Area and with the suggested amounts of new housing to be provided (around 20-25 dwellings a year to produce a total of 400- 500 new homes over 20 years)?

The Parish Council of Denmead has no comment on this question.

7b) Do you agree that the key elements that need to be addressed include:-

- maintaining and strengthening the shopping, service, tourism and employment role of these settlements;
- ensuring that greenfield releases are aimed mainly at supporting this role or meeting other local needs;
- protecting the adjoining National Park and other important aspects of the environment and setting of the settlements, or gaps between settlements;
- creating development opportunities by relocating/redeveloping certain uses or areas, provided important uses and facilities are re-provided in locations that will continue to serve the settlements;
- maintaining and where possible improving public transport provision;
- provision of adequate and timely infrastructure in conjunction with development and to address existing deficiencies.

If not, what changes do you suggest and why?

The Parish Council of Denmead has no comment on this question.

Colden Common, Denmead, Kings Worthy, Swanmore, Waltham Chase, and Wickham

Question 8

8a) Do you agree that Colden Common, Denmead, Kings Worthy, Swanmore, Waltham Chase, and Wickham are locally important service centres which should provide in the range of about 150 – 250 new homes each over 20 years?

The Parish Council of Denmead would accept 200 new homes over the 20 year period providing this figure includes the 80 homes already allocated at Little Frenchies Field and providing any development is preferably on brownfield land and preferably within the defined development boundary and extant Village Design Statement or other supplementary planning documents for the non MDA part of Denmead.

8b) Do you agree that the key elements that need to be addressed include:-

- emphasising the need to maintain and improve local facilities and public transport provision;
- enabling small-scale business developments, particularly for local start-up businesses;
- promoting development suited to local housing needs, particularly for affordable housing or housing for older people;
- conserving local features which are important in giving the settlements their character, particularly those identified in Village Design Statements or the District Landscape Character Assessment.
- protecting the adjoining National Park and identified gaps between settlements;

If not, what changes do you suggest and why?

The Parish Council of Denmead agrees with the key elements that need to be addressed.

The remaining towns and villages

Question 9

9a) Do you agree that the suggested criteria-based approach is the right one for the various smaller towns and villages?

The Parish Council of Denmead agrees with this and feels that this equally applies to Denmead as well.

9b) Do the matters listed cover the right things that should be used to judge what types and how much development is appropriate?

If not what other items should be included and why?

The Parish Council of Denmead agrees that the matters listed cover the right things and feels that they should be used in respect of Denmead.

Topics

Question 10

Are there any other strategic topics that should be included in the Core Strategy that apply to the District generally, rather than to any of the three spatial areas, and why do you think these should be covered?

The Parish Council of Denmead believes that the overall proper provision of recreational and formal open space and the protection of bio-diversity within the Winchester district and not just the National Park should be covered. Our views are formed on the basis of the planning system and LDF as we understand it at the moment.