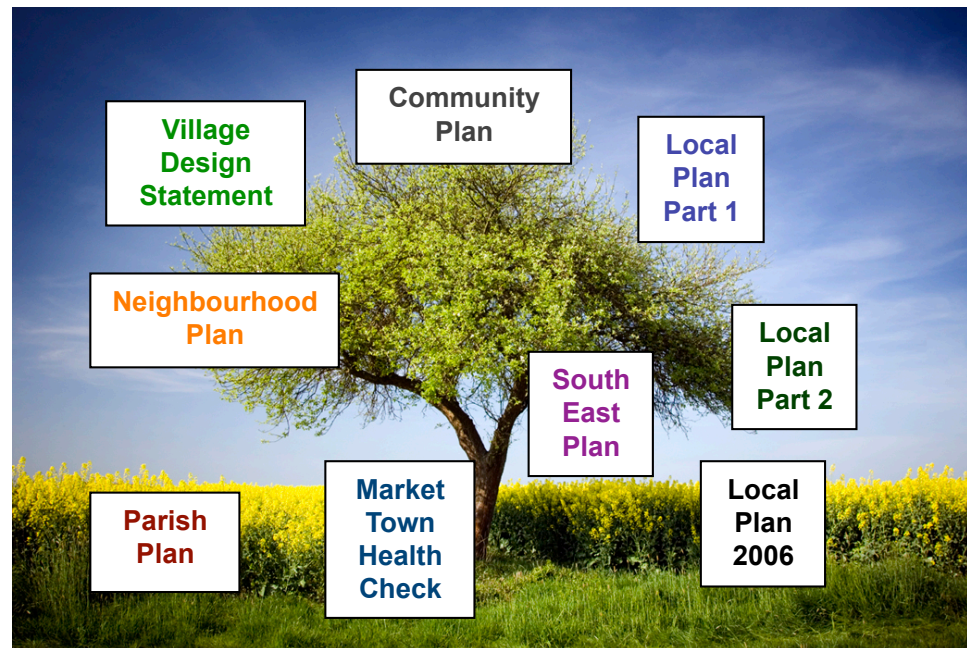


Planning Policy Briefing



We will look at ...



- Changes to national and regional policy
- Progress with the Local Development Framework
- Emerging guidance on neighbourhood plans
- The other types of community-led plan



National and regional policy

- Localism Act in place (Nov 2011), various provisions being brought into effect
- Single National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to replace 25 PPG/Ss
- Consultation on draft NPPF July 2011, final expected by end of March 2012??
- Abolition of regional strategies (Apr 2012?)



Winchester Local Plan Part 1

- LDF Core Strategy renamed Local Plan Part 1 – remains strategic document
- Current consultation on ‘Pre-Submission’ Plan (to 12 Mar) - Submission April, Examination July, Adoption Dec 2012
- Many policies from 2006 Local Plan ‘saved’ with others replaced/deleted



South Downs National Park

- All Plans/policies above apply District-wide
- 40% of District now in National Park and NPA is the Local Planning Authority
- NP Authority producing a Core Strategy (including part of Winchester District) and will adopt all other plans in the Park area
- ‘Split Parishes’ dealt with by authority with most of population



Winchester Local Plan Part 2

- Must comply with Local Plan Part 1 (will exclude that part of the District in the SDNP)
- Will allocate smaller sites for development
- Will include more detailed planning policies
- Evidence gathering already commenced
- Early consultation end 2012
- Draft plan published spring 2013
- Adoption early 2014



Neighbourhood plans

- New tier of planning introduced through Localism Act
- Not mandatory to produce one
- Purpose to allocate land for development + policies to control the use of land
- Detailed regulations setting out the process yet to be confirmed + budget responsibilities
- Must comply with higher order planning documents + EU and human rights legislation



Neighbourhood plans - process

- Led by Parish Council or designated neighbourhood forum
- WCC role ???
- Key stages to be followed:-
 1. Community engagement + evidence
 2. Publication of draft plan + consultation
 3. Conformity check
 4. Examination
 5. Referendum
 6. Adoption



Neighbourhood Plan success factors

- Ensure resources are available – preparation, community engagement, evidence gathering all costs money + skills
- Need effective leadership and governance
- NDP is a process – focus on delivery - what happens after NDP published – this is only the start!
- Determination to succeed



Local Plan Part 2 vs Neighbourhood Plan

- Both allocate smaller development sites
- Both include detailed planning policies
- Both to conform to higher level policies
- **Resources** - Local Plan Part 2 - WCC will resource / NDP - Parish Councils ??
- **Timing** - Local Plan Part 2 – started, due for completion early 2014 / NDP 18-24 months ??



Other community-led plans

- Village / Neighbourhood Design Statement
- Parish Plan
- Market Town Health Check



Neighbourhood Plan

Land allocation
Settlement boundary
Detailed planning policies

Character areas
Landscape

Shops, pubs
Affordable housing

Open space

Crime
Play facilities
Roads and traffic
Broadband
Community facilities and events

Design Statement

Parish Plan



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Which is the right plan?

- They are all about ‘planning’ for the future
- Understand the issues before deciding
- Which plan can achieve what you want?
- Neighbourhood Plan and Design Statement are part of LDF – used to determine planning applications – Parish Plan is not
- Maybe you need more than one?

