

The Welborne Plan

Issue 6: Education, Community and Health Facilities (WEL14 – WEL16)

Action arising from hearing session

October 2014

CD-35

Introduction

The Council has proposed as part of its Suggested Change an additional, alternative location for the Secondary School (CD-03).

Outcomes from the Welborne Plan Hearings Session

At the hearing session of the Welborne Plan Examination, the Inspector advised the Council that he did not consider the approach regarding the location of the secondary school set out in policy WEL16 as likely to be found sound.

The location of the secondary school is an important consideration which has consequences for other areas of the Plan.

The Council's Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment have already been prepared on the basis that the secondary school may be delivered adjacent to the district centre (SA05, HRA04, CD-03a). Therefore the Council is content there is sufficient information for the Examination to proceed on the basis that the secondary school can be located adjacent to the district centre.

Taking these into account, and the advice given by the Inspector, the Council is minded to propose a modification to the Plan to provide all parties with the clarity required to move forward with the remaining hearings sessions.

The Council therefore proposes an amendment to the Submission Plan Policy WEL16 as follows, with deleted text ~~struck through~~ and new text underlined:

WEL16 - Secondary School Provision

One minimum 7 form entry secondary school shall be provided on a site of at least 9 hectares at the broad location adjacent to the new district centre ~~in the west of Welborne~~ as indicated on the Fareham Policies Map and on Appendix B.3 of this plan.

The school shall be phased to enable an initial intake of pupils by the end of Main Phase 3, or as agreed with the Council in consultation with Hampshire County Council as Local Education Authority. In the period prior to the first intake at the Welborne School, site promoters shall work positively with Hampshire County Council to ensure that the capacity at surrounding schools is sufficient to meet the needs of Welborne, including contributing to the delivery of temporary additional capacity, where required by the Welborne development.

The secondary school site shall be:

- i. ~~Large enough to enable appropriate landscaping to minimise the visual impact of the school into the Knowle Triangle and Knowle itself;~~ Designed and laid out to ensure it is well related**

~~to the district centre, in a sympathetic manner taking into account surrounding uses and constraints;~~

- ii. Well and safely connected to new and existing pedestrian and cycle routes, including to Welborne's green corridor network;
- iii. Provided with or in very close proximity to bus stops for conventional bus services and for BRT;
- iv. Be transferred by the developers to Hampshire County Council or to the relevant education provider at the time agreed with the Council and in a form consistent with the relevant site transfer requirements.

~~Detailed proposals for the school's layout shall ensure that all of the school buildings can be accommodated within the plan boundary. The intended uses within Knowle Triangle shall be consistent with the role of that land as a settlement gap between Welborne and Knowle, as set out within Winchester City Council's Local Plan Part 1.~~

Other consequential changes will arise from this move, in a similar way to the schedule of consequential amendments set out in the Council's original Suggested Change document (CD-03). These include amendments to the Policies map and a number of minor modifications throughout the Plan.