

FAREHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Welborne Plan

Statement of Common Ground

Fareham Borough Council
and
Winchester City Council

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Fareham Borough Council (the local planning authority) and Winchester City Council have prepared a Statement of Common Ground ahead of the Welborne Plan Examination Hearings.

The enclosed statement is agreed by:

Name: Claire Burnett

Position: Head of Planning Strategy and Regeneration

Organisation: Fareham Borough Council

Signed:



Name: Steve Opacic

Position: Head of Strategic Planning

Organisation: Winchester City Council

Signed:



1. The purpose of this statement is to set out the agreed position of the Borough Council, and Winchester City Council on the Welborne Plan.
2. This statement builds on a substantial dialogue and correspondence that has been undertaken between the parties throughout the preparation of the Welborne Plan.
3. Fareham Borough Council and Winchester City Council are both members of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). Proposals for a New Community North of Fareham were included as part of the South Hampshire Strategy prepared by PUSH and incorporated into the South East Plan. The City Council originally objected to the allocation of the North Fareham Strategic Development Area, largely due to its potential effect on the southern part of Winchester District, particularly Wickham and Knowle. As the SE Plan developed, the Council sought to ensure protection for Wickham and Knowle and succeeded in securing provision in SE Plan (policy SH2) for areas of open land to be maintained between existing settlements and the SDA, a requirement that the SDA would be within Fareham Borough, and consideration of the impact on surrounding districts.
4. Since then, Winchester City Council and Fareham Borough Council have worked together to bring Welborne forward. This has been through regular liaison meetings, both bilateral and wider PUSH planning officer and Member meetings. Winchester and Fareham Borough Council also both endorsed the refresh of the South Hampshire Strategy in October 2012.
5. Concerns raised by Winchester City Council through the strategic planning process have been responded to in the following manner –
 - Confirmation that the built part of Welborne will be within Fareham Borough
 - The inclusion of settlement buffers
 - Ongoing transport evidence
 - Work on green infrastructure and mitigation land.
6. Both parties agree on the principle of delivering Welborne as part of the delivery of the South Hampshire Strategy.
7. Both authorities agree on the need to work together to secure the following elements of Welborne which fall within Winchester District:
 - Green Infrastructure, including SANGs where appropriate;
 - Pedestrian and cycle links from Welborne to Wickham, Knowle, Whiteley and other surrounding communities;
 - Transport measures to mitigate the impact of any increases in vehicular movements on Wickham, Knowle and beyond, in accordance with a completed Transport Assessment to accompany planning applications for the site.
8. Both parties agree that provision of a secondary school is key to securing a successful new community at Welborne.

9. The Winchester Local Plan Part 2 is currently being brought forward by the City Council which will provide more detailed planning policy for those parts of the District which are adjacent to Welborne. The Plan will recognise and reflect the emerging position regarding Welborne.