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Winchester District Local Plan

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**Additional Minor Modifications - Consultation
Responses**

January 2026



Winchester
City Council

Schedule of Additional Minor Modifications - consultation responses

The proposed Additional Minor Modifications were published for consultation from Friday 21st November 2025 until Friday 16th January 2026.

This document sets out the responses to that consultation and a council response. Each respondent is given a unique reference number, starting with AM2040 followed by a number. Each comment made by that respondent is given a representation number, which is their representor number, followed by a hyphen and then a number.

This report includes only those Additional Modifications on which comments were submitted. Additional Modifications that did not receive any comments are not included in this report.

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Name	Mr Ben Marsh
Representor Number	AM2040 2
Representation Number	AM2040 2-1
Representation Summary	
Full Representation	<p>Please include any comments on this Additional Minor Modification in the text box below.</p> <p>1. Conflict with Ecological Designation</p> <p>I object to the proposed wording because it conflicts with the ecological protection of the site. The modification requires the retention of heritage features as part of a <i>"heritage trail"</i> and <i>"place of enjoyment by the general public"</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conflict: The "heritage features" (specifically the military hardstandings and parade ground) are now designated as part of the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). This designation is based on the unique flora and fauna that have colonised the hardstanding over 50 years. • Recreational Disturbance: Explicitly designating this area as a <i>"place of enjoyment by the general public"</i> and a <i>"heritage trail"</i> encourages high levels of recreational footfall and disturbance. This is incompatible with the protection of the sensitive SINC habitats required under Policy CP16. <p>2. Proposed Remedy</p> <p>To ensure the policy is internally consistent and does not promote the degradation of a designated site, the text must be amended to prioritise biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested Wording: The text should be amended to read: <i>"...incorporates them into any redevelopment of the site as part of a wider heritage trail, provided that public access and interpretation measures do not degrade the ecological integrity of the designated SINC."</i>
Officer Response	Disagree

	<p>The northern part of the SJM Barracks site (which includes the parade ground) is a candidate SINC which has been nominated by the Parish Council to HBIC with the aim of enhancing the biodiversity of the site. The city council has agreed with Hampshire County Council that the site will remain a candidate SINC while the concept master plan process and future outline planning application are being considered enabling this to be considered as part of that process. This would be considered in the assessment of any subsequent planning application along with the concept masterplan process. As no decision has been made on the candidate SINC, it is considered not appropriate to make the change that has been suggested in this representation.</p>
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