MEETING NOTE

Meeting: Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council
Attendees: Adrian Fox WCC and Emily Howbrook HCC

Date: 25 September 2026
Time: 10:00am

Purpose of Meeting

To provide an overview of the Winchester District Local Plan 2044 Scoping Consultation to assist Hampshire County Council with responding to this consultation.

Key Discussion Points

WCC provided an overview of the Local Plan 2044 Scoping Consultation, including its structure, consultation process, timescales and principal areas where responses from HCC may be beneficial.

The consultation has been structured around the chapters and themes set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

HCC advised that local planning authorities across Hampshire are taking differing approaches to the Local Plan Scoping consultations and expressed concern regarding the relatively short 21-day consultation period.

WCC explained that responses did not need to address every consultation question and that the questionnaire had been designed to enable proportionate and targeted engagement. While Hampshire County Council may wish to comment on any of the 32 consultation questions, the following the key questions most closely aligned with HCC's responsibilities and areas of interest:

Areas of Potential Interest to Hampshire County Council

- Questions 1-2: Future engagement and communication preferences during plan preparation.
- Question 3: Additional spatial development options that should be considered to meet future housing and employment needs.
- Question 11: Future economic growth sectors and employment opportunities.
- Question 19: The continued use of design-related policies within the Local Plan 2044.
- Question 21: Future parking standards and the use of supporting evidence, including the settlement hierarchy and Department for Transport connectivity tools.

- Question 22: Current Hampshire County Council Transport Assessment thresholds and their suitability for assessing development impacts.

Outcome and Next Steps

- HCC agreed to review the Scoping Consultation and consider submitting comments on the areas most relevant to its responsibilities.
- HCC noted that, given the consultation timescale, a proportionate response focused on key matters would be the most practical approach.