

## **ANON-AQTS-32FT-R - New Alresford Town Council**

### **Matter 8 - Policy NA3 Neighbourhood Plan Designation Area**

**1. What is the evidence to justify an approach to designate an additional site/sites in the Neighbourhood Plan?**

New Alresford Town Council confirmed to Winchester City Council that we would work to identify land through the Neighbourhood Plan, to accommodate in the region of 100 additional homes (as required by the Local Plan). Through the Neighbourhood Plan process, we are currently analysing the evidence and sites to determine if this number is deliverable.

**2. When is the Neighbourhood Plan expected to be 'made'? What is the evidence that it will come forward in an appropriate and timely manner?**

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. The policies have been drafted and several technical support packages completed. Sites are currently being evaluated. New Alresford Town council and the Neighbourhood Plan group are confident that the Plan will be 'made' in 2026.

**3. What is the evidence that there are suitable sites available for designation? Would this approach provide the necessary certainty for the development plan process? In taking this approach would the Plan accord with a Plan led approach?**

The Neighbourhood Plan group have undertaken three 'Call out for Sites'. As a result, six sites are currently being evaluated to determine their suitability and availability for designation. To help inform site designation and support the site evaluation we have undertaken a site options assessment and are currently undertaking a key views assessment, local greens space assessment and local heritage listing (amongst others). This approach will provide the certainty for the development plan process and accords with a plan led approach.

**4. If the Neighbourhood Plan was not made in a timely manner, how would the housing shortfall be made up**

**5. Should policy NA3 address off site infrastructure needs? Would it be necessary for the purposes of soundness to address the requirement to liaise with water and wastewater providers?**

**6. Would the phasing of development be justified by the evidence?**

Phasing until 2030 is justified. This would allow the impact of the additional 302 homes at Sun Lane (NA2) to be understood and particularly the impact on infrastructure provision. Wastewater is a significant concern. The new development will increase the pressure on the public sewer system and increase

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the number of hard surfaces, therefore reducing the ability of the ground to naturally absorb rainwater. Health services are also an important issue. We have been given the indication that there is not the capacity within the existing GP provision in New Alresford to cope with the new homes at Sun Lane, let alone additional housing on designated sites. This needs to be addressed, and further justifies the phasing from 2030.