

Winchester Local Plan

Supplementary note to Proposed Changes to the Policies Map (ED41d)

The Policies Map is not formally part of the Development Plan and therefore it is not directly part of the Local Plan Examination. However, it is a key document helping to identify areas covered by Local Plan policies.

The Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations notes that:

6.6 The policies map is not defined in legislation as a development plan document. This means that the Inspector has no powers to recommend MMs directly to it. However, the role of the policies map is to illustrate geographically the application of policies in the plan. If the geographical illustration of a policy is flawed, the policy will be unsound. In such circumstances, therefore, the Inspector will ask the LPA to draw up a proposed change to what is shown on the submission policies map. To ensure fairness, any such proposed changes will need to be subject to consultation alongside the MMs. When the plan is adopted, it will be for the LPA to update the adopted policies map to include those changes.

The Council is consulting upon changes to the Policies Map. Some arise as a consequence of Proposed Modifications to the Plan. Other changes are the result of other minor revisions.

The purpose of this note is to set out further detail on the proposed changes to the Policies Map set out in document (ED41d), particularly where they do not directly relate to Proposed Main Modifications. Each of the Proposed Changes is set out on the following page with reasons for its inclusion. Comments on the proposed changes to the Policies Map can be submitted at [Consultation Home - https://consult-winchester.objective.co.uk/kse/Keystone](https://consult-winchester.objective.co.uk/kse/Keystone) by 16 January 2026.

Policies Map Proposed Change 1 - Changes to Policies Map related to Policy E3

These were included in Submission Document SD14c: Schedule of Proposed Modifications dated April 2025. This change is proposed to remove primary shopping frontages brought forward from the previous Plan and identify Primary Shopping areas in Winchester Town and update the legend to reflect the correct terminology for town centres across the Plan area in line with Policy E3.

Policies Map Proposed Change 2 – Change to Policies Map related to Policy NE4

These were included in Submission Document SD14c: Schedule of Proposed Modifications dated April 2025. This change is proposed to update the Policies Map in line with new information on the environmental designations covered by this policy.

Policies Map Proposed Change 3 – Change to Policies Map related to Policy W4

These were included in Submission Document SD14c: Schedule of Proposed Modifications dated April 2025. This proposal relates to removal of the pedestrian access that is located along the rear of properties along Courtenay Road which is not required and the removal of part of the Barton Meadows Nature Reserve from the site allocation.

Policies Map Proposed Change 4 – Changes to Policies Map related to Policy BW1

This change is a result of Proposed Main Modification 86, to delete the site allocation as the development is now complete.

Policies Map Proposed Change 5 – Changes to Policies Map related to Policy WK3

This change is a result of Proposed Main Modification 105, to reduce the area covered by this policy in line to those identified in the Welborne Plan as having a potential role as Green Infrastructure on page 22 of the Welborne Plan¹.

¹ Available at <https://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/localplan.aspx>