

New Alresford NDP – ‘Action Table’ (11th July 2022 Advisory Group Meeting)

	Key Issues & Opportunities raised by the Community	Technical Evidence	Actions	Supporting Actions	Status
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 1: Affordability of housing is a major concern, especially regarding the impact it will have on younger people and lower income families. Issue 2: There are concerns that development would lead to loss of important sites for ecology, biodiversity, or public space. Opportunity 1: Support for smaller schemes on sites within walking distance of the Town Centre. Opportunity 2: Linking to themes on Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, there should be environmental standards that need to be met in the construction of new development. 	<p><u>Housing Needs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Alresford Housing Needs Assessment – DRAFT (2022) Winchester District Strategic Housing Market Assessment (February 2020) Future Local Housing Need and Population Assessment (January 2020) <p><u>Housing Supply</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winchester CC Call for Sites (2021) Winchester Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 2021 Windfall Assessment Report (2021) 	1. Review and summarise existing evidence base in relation to New Alresford.	HNA to be completed and summarised. (See Action 4)	TROY (TH)
			2. Request full Call for Sites information from WCC for New Alresford.	Ann email to Adrian	NATC to provide update
			3. Undertake local Call for Sites to inform site availability / selection for the Neighbourhood Plan.	First need WCC call for sites info from their previous call for sites - housing / employment, biodiversity land etc Ann email to Adrian	NATC to provide update
			4. Finalise New Alresford Housing Needs Assessment – Presentation from consultants.	Ann to contact AECOM	NATC
			5. Prepare Site Assessment Methodology	First need nitrate neutrality clarification from WCC.- Ann email to Adrian	NATC to provide update
			6. Undertake Site Assessments	First need nitrate neutrality clarification from WCC. - Ann email to Adrian	NATC to provide update
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 1: The disappearance of employment and manufacturing has been identified as a key issue for the town. Issue 2: There is a lack of opportunity for young people seeking local employment. Opportunity 2: Support for small/medium sized local businesses, including support for more attractive rental prices for start-up businesses and shared office spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winchester Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) (2021) Employment Land Study (April 2020) 	7. Review and summarise existing evidence base in relation to New Alresford.	NATC (Marcia to look at Employment Land Study)	NATC
			8. Prepare Business Survey to send to local businesses to understand existing and future needs / constraints etc.	TPD to send example of employment survey to NATC	TROY (TH/MT)
			9. Hold round table discussion with local businesses?	Business Survey First – survey to include question about interests in participating in round table	TROY (TH/MT)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity 3: General support for increased employment opportunities as long as traffic does not increase as a result. ● Opportunity 4: Support for new light industrial units, especially in the new employment area located south east of Sun Lane. 		10. Develop 'economic strategy' for Neighbourhood Plan which could include employment allocations.	This is for the NDP itself.	TROY
Design and Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Recent residential development has not been sympathetic to or positively contributed to the character of New Alresford. ● Opportunity 1: The importance of preserving New Alresford as an ancient market town, in particular the protection of the character of the High Street. ● Opportunity 2: New development should be of the highest quality, and respond positively the local character of New Alresford, in particular the Georgian architecture of the town. The conservation area should be protected. ● Opportunity 3: Innovative design is encouraged as long as it is still sympathetic to local character. ● Opportunity 4: Declutter the public realm, fewer road signs, remove unsuitable advertisements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winchester Design Workshop – Report of Workshop 3: Market Towns and Rural Villages (January 2022) ● New Alresford Design Statement (April 2008) 	<p>11. The approach to design in the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be discussed and agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design Code? Perhaps a presentation by Troy Planning + Design on what a design code is, what it can cover etc compared to just design policies in the Neighbourhood Plan 	TPD to provide a presentation at 11th July Advisory Group	TROY (TH / MT)
Green Infrastructure and Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Concern over the impact that residential development has had, and might have in the future, on New Alresford's Green Infrastructure and Landscape. ● Opportunity 1: Overwhelming support for the designation of local green spaces. Some respondents wanted these designations to prevent infill developments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Landscape Character Assessment (2022) Main Document. Appendices ● Flood Risk Assessment? (2007 is the most recent on WCC Website) ● Local Green Spaces Assessment (to be prepared) ● Locally Valued Landscapes / Key Views Assessment (to be prepared) 	12. Review Landscape Character Assessment in relation to New Alresford	TPD to review and provide feedback	TROY (RH)
			13. Clarify with WCC status of Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and whether it is being prepared for the District and New Alresford	Ann to clarify in email to Adrian	NATC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity 2: River Arle, River Itchin and Old Alresford Pond are locally valued landscapes. The NDP should protect important views in the area, including from The Avenue towards the River Arle and south towards the South Down National Park. ● Opportunity 3: Support for increased accessibility to the surrounding countryside and green spaces, for example to Alresford Pond. ● Opportunity 4: Support for improved green infrastructure within new housing developments, including support for tree planting schemes which can act as landscape buffers. 		<p>14. Review and confirm existing designated green spaces in New Alresford and their status.</p> <p>15. Prepare Local Green Space Assessment.</p>	<p>TPD to review and advise</p> <p>TPD to undertake assessment if necessary.</p>	<p>TROY (TL)</p> <p>TROY</p>
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Concern over the impact that residential development has had, and might have in the future, on New Alresford's biodiversity. ● Opportunity 1: NDP should protect waterways including River Alre and Itchin. ● Opportunity 2: NDP should encourage biodiversity net gain beyond the current requirements, such as the promotion of tree planting. ● Opportunity 3: Optimise green open areas to provide more biodiversity, i.e. stop mowing wildflowers, plant proper meadows, more allotments, and enhance small green spaces in residential areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WCC Position Statement on nitrate neutral development 	<p>16. Meeting with WCC for an update on its position for the Itchen Catchment Area in relation to nitrates and phosphates.</p> <p>17. Request catchment map from WCC.</p> <p>18. Discuss the need for a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>Ann to put in email to Adrian.</p> <p>Ann to put in email to Adrian. (?)</p> <p>TPD to contact Locality /AECOM about HRA process for NDP.</p> <p>It will be up to WCC to determine if an HRA is required. We will therefore need to discuss with WCC.</p>	<p>NATC</p> <p>NATC</p> <p>TROY (TH)</p>
Community Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Many expressed concerns that the GP surgery is already under a lot of pressure, and that it would not be able to cope with much more population growth. ● Issue 2: There are a lack of community facilities and public spaces for young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Settlement Hierarchy Review (2021) 	<p>19. Prepare Community Facilities Audit and check against the WCC Settlement Hierarchy Review.</p>	<p>Advisory Group to review Settlement Hierarchy as first step</p>	<p>NATC</p>

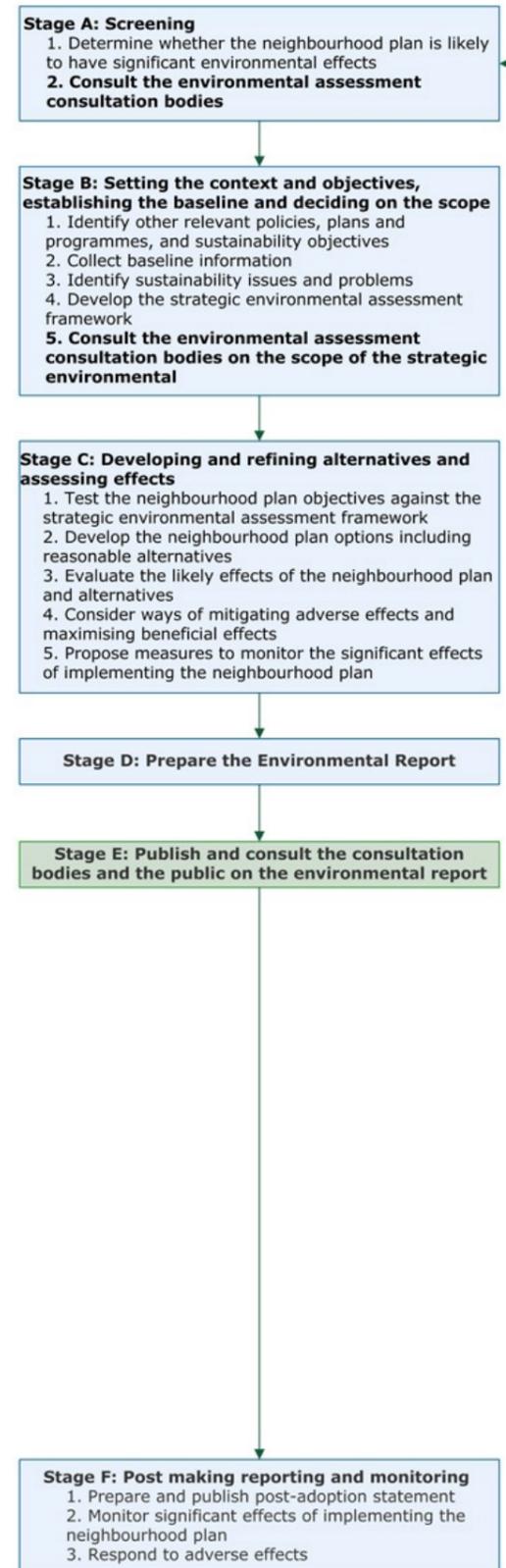
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity 1: Community facilities were seen as adequate (Community Centre, Alresford Recreation Centre) but could do with improvements / expansion to help serve the growing population, such as a need for a leisure centre. ● Opportunity 2: High level of support for new or improved medical services, most notably for the GP surgery. ● Opportunity 3: Provide more activities for the young people/ teenagers: support New Alresford Music Festival, Youth Centre, public spaces etc. 		<p>20. Map Community Facilities</p> <p>21. Discussions with key stakeholders such as the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Hampshire County Education about future plans and how the Neighbourhood Plan can help support these plans.</p>	<p>TPD to map.</p> <p>We need a list of the key stakeholders</p>	<p>TROY (RH)</p> <p>NATC</p>
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Better signage and information is needed to help inform the public on New Alresford's heritage. ● Opportunity 1: The ongoing work of the Alresford Town Trust should be encouraged and supported. ● Opportunity 2: Generally, most respondents were not aware of the ability of the Town Council to prepare a 'Local List' of heritage assets, but most were in support of it. ● Opportunity 3: Participants generally considered heritage to be a great asset for the town and felt it should be further conserved and enhanced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Locally Listed Heritage Assets Criteria and Approach WCC ● Historic England nationally listed buildings 	<p>22. Prepare Locally Listed Heritage Assets Assessment using WCC Criteria</p>	<p>Advisory Group to look at this in first instance.</p>	<p>NATC</p>
Town Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Concern over high business rates, with some blaming this for empty shops. ● Issue 2: Not enough variety in types of shops (a lot of coffee shops and 'upmarket' clothes shops). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retail, Leisure and Town Centre Uses Study (August 2020) – Main Report and Appendix A. Appendix B and Appendix C 	<p>23. Review and summarise existing evidence base in relation to New Alresford.</p>	<p>Barbara to review</p>	<p>NATC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 3: Lack of small independent businesses, restaurants, affordable shops, menswear shops and banks. ● Issue 4: Concern that supermarket and chain stores were threatening to dominate the high street. ● Opportunity 1: Introduce and encourage greater variation in shop types. ● Opportunity 2: Convert part of Broad Street to 'car free' or shared surfaces, introducing street furniture. 				
Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issue 1: Some felt that cycling infrastructure was poor and could be improved, particularly through the provision of safe off-road routes linking to surrounding villages, pedestrian crossings and encouraging a shift towards active travel. ● Issue 2: Active travel is made even more difficult for people who require a mobility aid because of poor infrastructure such as uneven pavements, and a lack of traffic lights and safe crossings. ● Issue 3: Public transport is too expensive and doesn't run early or late enough ● Issue 4: General concern about the availability of parking in the Town Centre and how this could worsen as a result of increased demand from a growing population. ● Opportunity 1: Improve sustainable travel opportunities to wider areas, for example through the provision of all weather cycle routes and later bus services. ● Opportunity 2: Ensure that all new developments provide a link into the existing pedestrian and cycle network. <p>Opportunity 3: Support the provision of electric vehicle charging points.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evidence – TBC through discussions with HCC And WCC 	<p>24. Mapping of existing walking, cycling and public transport routes. Include isochrone mapping.</p>	<p>TPD to confirm mapping it holds.</p>	<p>TROY (RH)</p>
			<p>25. Discussion available evidence with Hampshire Highways and Winchester City Council.</p>	<p>Ann to include in email to Adrian.</p>	<p>NATC</p>

Delivery and Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific issues or opportunities raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCC Authority Monitoring Report (2020-2021) 	26. Review the 'monitoring framework' of WCC's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) – what does it monitor, who monitors it and how / when are the results published. What is monitored in New Alresford?	No current actions.	-
			27. Does the Town Council wish to monitor particular policies / measurables in the future such as the uses in the Town Centre?	No current actions.	-
			28. How the Neighbourhood Plan will be delivered in terms of project timing, responsibilities and funding could be best managed through a 'Delivery Plan' in the form of a table that is kept up to date over time. This table could also help prioritise projects for funding etc.	No current actions.	-
			29. The Town Council should consider how frequently it considers the Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed and what would trigger a review.	No current actions.	-

As the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to allocate sites a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Sustainability Appraisal (SA) will need to be prepared. Please see Government's Guidance on the requirements of preparing an SEA <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal>. The SEA process and Neighbourhood Plan preparation flow chart is provided below:

Strategic environmental assessment process



Neighbourhood plan preparation

