

“BLUEPRINT”

NOTES RE: HEADBOURNE WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL AND KINGSWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL JOINT PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT THE CHURCH ROOMS, LONDON ROAD, KINGSWORTHY

A very enjoyable but difficult exercise the results of which will hopefully prove helpful to the Winchester City Council's Strategic Planning Team when drafting their Local Development Framework. Although there was a disappointingly low turn-out following the ample advanced publicity, the 20 members of the public and councillors who attended approached the task with enthusiasm. To provide some structure to their discussions and to think about the future of the local communities they were required to consider the changing circumstances of six fictitious characters over time. To assist with this process the Winchester City Council had provided profiles of these characters and plenty of background statistics. To enable sufficient time to be devoted to each character and to allow everyone to participate, the meeting was divided into three groups which then considered the circumstances of just two characters.

At the conclusion of their discussions each group presented its findings and as can be expected each character or family's requirements were not identical but after a general discussion the following is a summary of those areas where there was some agreement:

1. The “Worthies” is distinct and separate from the City and has its own identity.
2. Although each Parish is separate, the “Worthies” should be considered as a whole.
3. A good bus or community transport service is essential into and across the City. Operating hours to include early morning and late evenings.
4. A need for a good mix of Housing, including sheltered and warden controlled accommodation plus larger homes to allow for increase in working from home. The proportion of small 2 bed roomed single storey dwellings and bungalows should be retained and further development of them not permitted.
5. More local facilities and shops required, including open space provision with changing facilities.
6. Broadband must be improved.
7. Infrastructure must keep up with development
8. Development of locally based small hi-tech companies to be encouraged.
9. Concern regarding possible inadequate capacity of local Primary School.

More detailed “character feedback forms” giving conclusions and comments in respect of each “character” are being forwarded to the Strategic Planning Team at the Winchester City Council. The assistance and input from Councillor Jackie Porter H.C.C., Councillor Robert Johnston W.C.C. and Mrs Alison Davidson W.C.C. was much appreciated.

Councillor David Pearcey. (Chair of Headbourne Worthy Parish Council)

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