

“The Winchester Parishes meetings” have been set up to facilitate discussions between Parish Councils who are in the process of developing their strategies in answer to the Winchester City Housing Allocation Numbers (SHELAA Sites) which have been allocated to their Parishes.

The meeting took place at Badger Farm Community Centre on Tuesday the 12th April.

This was the second of such meetings.

There were six Parish Councils in attendance, there are a total of Nine Parish Councils signed up to this group.

Extension of the deadline:-

1 PC confirmed they would meet the deadline.

The other PC's have as yet to request an extension, although it was likely that a few more PC's could follow suit.

1 PC did not have any SHELAA sites but could be affected by neighbouring parishes with SHELAA sites abutting their boundary.

South Wonston has requested to that Strategic Planning sanction an extension of the deadline - mid May.

Public Meetings:-

1 PC confirmed that they would not be holding a public meeting.

4 PC's had or were intending to hold a public meeting

South Wonston will hold a public meeting as soon as can be arranged.

Surveys:-

1 - PC has developed a detailed survey and are in process of extrapolating the data to underpin their response to WCC.

The other PC's did not confirm.

South Wonston PC will develop a survey which will be circulated house to house, results will be matched and where needed incorporated into the existing SHELAA response document.

It was evident that all PC's have had issues with the settlement hierarchy document and have needed to have inconsistencies corrected.

All had concerns related to level of communication and transparency of the SHELAA site review process.

We await the date for the next meeting.

Further update:

South Wonston Chair has requested a further meeting with Senior Planning Officers Adrian Fox and Joan Aston, this will be a Teams Meeting on Wednesday the 20th April. Minutes will be taken and posted on the website and the Facebook page.

It is hoped to,have the survey ready soon and a date for a public meeting as soon as can be arranged after Easter.

A draft document :- “Review of the proposed SHELAA sites” to WCC will be posted on the website and social media in a few days, this document is a working document and undoubtedly will include other relevant detail once the public meeting has taken place.

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