

Highclere Neighbourhood Plan

Annual Update for
Parish Meeting
10 May 2022

Key NP Factors 2021-22

National Issues

- Housing Requirement Formula
- “Planning for the Future” White Paper

Local Issues

- JPP 26 and Watermill Bridge 350
- BDBC Local Plan Update

NP Actions

- Community Survey
- Call for Sites

Local Plan Update (1)

- Local Plan has 5-year update cycle
- Highclere Parish currently “countryside”
- Predominantly AONB
- B&D Settlement Study assessed our two settlements – Penwood & Highclere Village
- New settlement hierarchy
- Highclere Village IN, Penwood OUT

Local Plan Update (2)

- Draft Housing Requirement to 2039
 - Highclere Village – 10 dwellings
 - Penwood – zero
- All settlements in the hierarchy to have a Settlement Policy Boundary
- All new dwellings should be within (or adjacent) to the SPB
- The Parish & NP has influence on SPB

Community Survey

The Survey sought feedback on the 17 NP Objectives derived from Feb 2020 Open Day. Every dwelling in the Parish was sent a Survey

- 200 were returned – 14% of the community
- 13 objectives – over 90% positive response
- Housing (5) averaged over 92% positive

Call for Sites

Nominating Sites for development in a NP is considered the best way of controlling what is built where

- A Call for Sites was issued Jan 5th with soft deadline of Feb 12th
- Eleven residential sites were offered
- Independent assessment (NP-required) was returned April 1st

Site Selection

We are just starting a process to :

- Develop options with available sites
- Discuss thresholds and SPB with B&D
- Discuss housing mix with site promoters
- Consider Community-led Housing
- Consult with the Parish

followed by

Writing the Plan and
Consulting the Parish again