

Protecting our Parish- the Neighbourhood Plan

Many of you have contributed to the successful and ongoing Hursley Parish Plan process. Positive outcomes so far include the purchase of the Community Shop and Post office, mutual support for our local businesses, and a strategy to improve our broadband service.

Given your views about the importance of protecting the rural character of the Parish, the Parish Plan team is now keen to develop a neighbourhood plan. A neighbourhood plan allows the residents and community to outline the amount and type of development or infrastructure needed for the future of our parish and how we can best protect our historic heritage and rural landscape. Statutory status gives a neighbourhood plan more weight than a parish plan or village design statement. A neighbourhood plan takes around 18-24 months to produce. It involves good publicity, community consultation, engagement, submission for examination and a local referendum.

Why is this important now?

You may be aware that a significant amount of land in the Hursley Parish has been put forward for development by landowners as part of the local plan process for Winchester. This is called the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and lists sites which have been submitted to the City Council. In due course, preferred options for growth will be selected by City Councillors and allocated within the updated local plan for the Winchester District. Hursley Parish Council has a copy of the detailed vision document prepared by the landowner for all his land between Oliver's Battery and Hursley, called 'Royaldown' as outlined in HU02 below.

We believe it is important that **all** the residents of Hursley have a say now on what is needed in the future. *The work involved in preparing reports for a neighbourhood plan may be our only opportunity to have influence on the Winchester City Council strategic planning decision process.* We have a great deal of local knowledge acquired over many years. We want to protect and enhance our community.

We need help now preparing the Neighbourhood plan. If you have expertise in any of the following areas and are willing to volunteer your time, then please contact a member of the Hursley Parish Neighbourhood Plan team now.

Project Planning

Strategic Planning and Development

Landscape and Visual Assessment

Sustainability Appraisal

Heritage and Conservation Planning

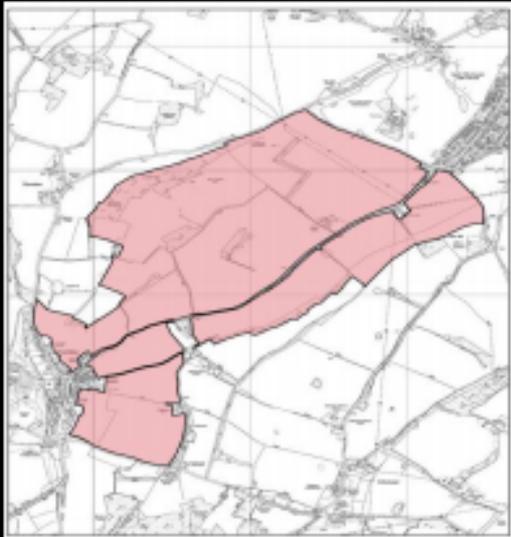
Biodiversity and Environment

Website Design and Communications

What large scale developments could impact our Parish?

Significant sites put forward within the Hursley Parish include:

All the land between Oliver's Battery and Hursley (HO02)

Site Ref	Address	Parish/Settlement	Site Area
HU02	Land south west of Winchester	Hursley	348.9 ha
Site Description			
<p>The site is situated between Winchester and Hursley, located to the south west of the District. The site is currently in use as agriculture. The site is accessed from Romsey Road (A3090) and Port Lane (which is a single track).</p>			
Planning History			
<p>No relevant planning history within the last 5 years.</p>			
Suitability			

The South Winchester Golf Club site (HU01)

Hursley Parish Site Assessments and Maps

Site Ref	Address	Parish/Settlement	Site Area
HU01	South Winchester Golf Club, Romsey Road	Hursley	71.3 ha
Site Description			
<p>The site is located adjacent to Oliver's Battery, located to the west of the District. The site is currently occupied by a golf course. The site is accessed from Romsey Road (A3090) and is bounded by residential properties to the north and east and agriculture to the south and west.</p>			
Planning History			
<p>No relevant planning history within the last 5 years.</p>			

You can see the full list of land allocations in the Hursley parish on the Hursley Parish Council website below (under news)

<https://hursleypc.org.uk/>

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