

# Winchester City Councillor News Central Meon Valley

## DARK SKIES AND THE SOUTH DOWNS

## SD8 AND THE TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE



<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/landscape-design-conservation/south-downs-landscape-character-assessment/south-downs-landscape-character-assessment-2020/>

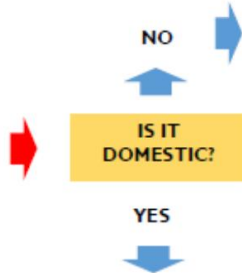
The proportion of council tax paid to Winchester City Council will increase by three percent which means that, from April 2021, a Band D property will pay an extra £4.25 per year.

Light pollution is a big issue. It not only wastes energy, costs money and impacts on wildlife, it can even affect our health – for example by disrupting sleep. It also stops people from enjoying the night skies. The South Downs National Park Authority is calling for people to show their support for tackling this problem by taking a Dark Skies Pledge.



Winchester City Council clamps down on fly tipping across the district

The stickers let the public know when a fly tip has been reported for removal and also ensure that potential fly-tippers are informed that 'hot spot' locations are being monitored by the city council's Neighbourhood Services team. The council is placing signs at locations across the district to encourage the public to record and report any incidents of fly tipping that they witness and act as a deterrent to offenders



- ENSURE:**
- 500 lumens lamps are preferred
  - Any lights above 500 lumens are fully shielded
  - Single lamps exceeding 1500 lumens should be avoided
  - Lamps should not exceed 3000K
  - Proximity sensors or timed switching should be used
  - Lights point downwards, below the horizontal
  - Illuminance is justified

**CATEGORISE NON-DOMESTIC LIGHTING**

<p><b>PATHWAY AND STREETLIGHTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High Impact potential</b> regardless of design efficiency</li> <li>• Illuminance levels will be high (20 lux+)</li> <li>• Consistent with Local Authority Managed</li> <li>• Bollard lighting preferred for small estates</li> <li>• Should be avoided in E0 and E1 zones</li> <li>• Often used in E3/E4</li> <li>• Referenced against illuminance standards</li> <li>• <b>3000K</b></li> <li>• <b>Downward Facing ULR= 0</b></li> <li>• Use smart lighting to illuminate only used courts</li> <li>• Timers such that Off when not needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider sports availability in urban areas</li> <li>• Lumens operate within 3000-5000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>SPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High Impact potential</b> regardless of design efficiency</li> <li>• Illuminance levels will be high (20 lux+)</li> <li>• Should be avoided in E0 and E1 zones</li> <li>• Referenced against illuminance standards</li> <li>• <b>Aim for 3000K</b> (difficult to achieve in small-object sports)</li> <li>• <b>Downward Facing ULR= 0</b></li> <li>• Use smart lighting to illuminate only used courts</li> <li>• Timers such that Off when not needed</li> <li>• Consider sports availability in urban areas</li> <li>• Refer to table ?? for typical illuminance levels, e.g. football, hockey</li> <li>• Lumens can be vary high (10,000)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PEOPLE AND VEHICLE ACTIVITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medium Impact potential</b> regardless of design efficiency</li> <li>• Illuminances vary from low (5 lux) to high (50 lux) depending on risk</li> <li>• Will apply in all zones as rural businesses need lighting for employees/visitors</li> <li>• Referenced against illuminance standards</li> <li>• <b>3000K</b></li> <li>• <b>Downward Facing ULR= 0</b></li> <li>• Use smart lighting to illuminate only used courts</li> <li>• Timers such that Off when not needed</li> <li>• Refer to table ?? for typical illuminance levels, e.g. car parks, walkways, vehicle movement</li> <li>• Single light should not exceed 5000 lumens</li> </ul>
<p><b>ADVERTISEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High Impact potential</b> regardless of design efficiency</li> <li>• Refer to Advertisements Section Page</li> </ul>	<p><b>SPECIAL CASES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High Impact potential</b></li> <li>• Lights have special purposes that may conflict with dark skies, e.g. Stage lighting.</li> <li>• Illuminance reference guidance not often available</li> <li>• Specific assessment will need to be made</li> <li>• Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Artistic installations</li> <li>o Light festivals</li> <li>o Temporary event lighting</li> <li>o Music festivals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Lights to be avoided</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Sky Scanners, Lasers, 3000K+</li> <li>o Upward light</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>BUILDINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Non-Essential Lighting</b></li> <li>• Useful in city centres/night life for economy</li> <li>• Should be avoided in E0 and E1 zones</li> <li>• <b>3000K</b></li> <li>• Up lighters to be avoided</li> <li>• Illumination of tree's to be avoided</li> <li>• All light directed at surfaces</li> <li>• Avoided in rural churches</li> <li>• Off a close of business</li> </ul>

## The Landscape Led Approach

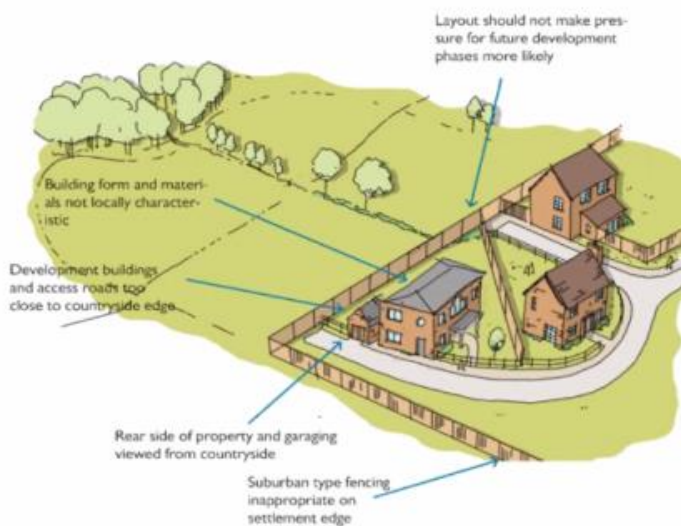
### Definition of Landscape-led Approach to Design

A design process which, at any scale, uses landscape as a framework for evidence of a site and its context, used to create a complete understanding of a place, its character and function. Design evolves using this understanding, maximising the site's potential to generate development which successfully conserves and enhances the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area and creates sustainable and successful places for people.

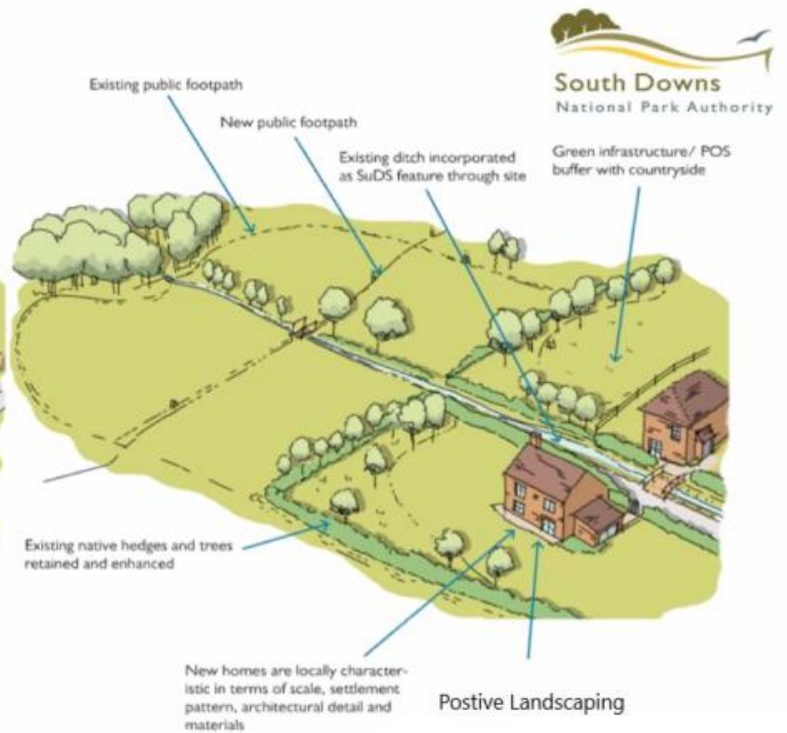
### Landscape-led Approach to Design in Practice

- **Proportionality** – the amount of evidence required will depend on the sensitivity of the site and the scale of the development.
- **Multi-disciplinary team, working closely together** from the very start (integrating the scheme vision and evidence through all design stages), particularly on larger schemes.
- **Iteration**-responding to the evidence in different ways, reviewing and changing layouts/designs to explore alternative ways to generate the most gains from a site.

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Negative Landscaping



Positive Landscaping

# WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2021



The Winchester BAP 2021 will also feed into and help deliver actions within partner documents including:

**Biodiversity Action Plan 2021**  
Winchester City Council

- South Downs Management Plan**  
South Downs National Park Authority documents
- Biodiversity Action Plan for Hampshire 1998**
- South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017 - 2034**  
PfSH (Partnership for South Hampshire)
- PfSH South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan**  
(June 2019)
- Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy**  
Bird Aware Solent
- East Hants Catchment Partnership Action Plan**
- Nature Improvement Areas and Biodiversity Recovery Plans**  
Newly emerging

Finally, the BAP will take account of and ensure the City Council properly implements national policy including the Environment Bill (draft at time of writing) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Appendix ii - List of current relevant legislation and documents).



# Maintaining Ditches and water course to prevent surface water flooding

## Your riparian responsibilities

Watch a short video explaining your riparian responsibilities via the below link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an4KpfaRwBg&feature=youtu.be>

*Do you own land that has a watercourse or drainage ditch on or adjacent to it?*

Answer: Yes –You are therefore a '**riparian landowner**' and you are responsible for maintaining those watercourses

### What is a watercourse?

Watercourses are any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows. Watercourses are classified as either 'Ordinary Watercourse' or 'Main River'.

**Ordinary Watercourses** are watercourses that are not part of a main river and include streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers) and passages, through which water flows.

**Main Rivers** are typically larger streams and rivers, but some are smaller watercourses of local significance.



*What can land and properties owners do to reduce the risk of flooding?*

- ❖ Identify your ordinary watercourses/ditches/piped watercourses – check deeds if required
- ❖ Check whether they are clear from debris and vegetation and if not clear them

**As a landowner you have a right to protect your property from flooding – consider how you might do this and prepare a plan.**



More information:

[www.hants.gov.uk/watercourses](http://www.hants.gov.uk/watercourses)

National Flood Forum provides information on preparing for a flood:

[www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/at-risk-of-flooding-2/](http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/at-risk-of-flooding-2/)



Winchester City Council is inviting public feedback on the potential Strategic Issues and Priorities for a new Local Plan which will cover the district outside of the South Downs National Park.

To reach as many people as possible, there are a range of ways that local people can have their say. Parish Councils have been briefed and provided with information to help them spread the word in their communities, and a series of online events for members of the public, businesses and community groups are being arranged for 2pm on 4 March, 7pm 9 March, 10am 12 March and 10.30am on 20 March. Registration for these events will be on the new [Local Plan website](#) where you will also be able to provide comments on the Strategic Issues and Priorities document.

In response to the climate emergency declared by the council in 2019, carbon neutrality targets will be at the centre of the new Local Plan, alongside other key themes addressing the need for housing, jobs, shopping, transport and other infrastructure, and community facilities as well as how best to protect our rich built and natural heritage.

This initial consultation seeks to determine the high level priorities the Local Plan is to address, before consulting further on more detailed proposals as the plan evolves, so we are not proposing any sites for development at this point. Therefore the council is inviting views from residents, businesses, parish councils, community groups, and from anyone with an interest in the district, including those living or working in the South Downs National Park, about what is important to them. The new Local Plan will help shape future development in our city, market towns, villages and countryside so we are seeking comments from as many people as possible which will feed into the plan making process.

The Local Plan will cover nine interlocking areas:

- Carbon Neutrality
- Biodiversity and the Natural Environment
- Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment
- Homes for All
- Creating a Vibrant Economy
- Promoting Sustainable Transport and Active Travel
- Living Well
- Low Carbon Infrastructure and Local Plan Viability
- Delivery and Success of the Local Plan

There will be an opportunity for everyone to comment on the Strategic Issues & Priorities document and an Integrated Impact Assessment as part of this phase of consultation which launched on 15 February and will run to midnight on 12 April 2021. Alongside the consultation there will be a 'Call for sites' for brownfield land, sites for housing, self-build/custom build, gypsy and travellers, employment, renewable energy generation, biodiversity offsetting, carbon offsetting, nutrient offsetting and green infrastructure. This is to make sure we have the most up-date information about the availability land for development when we move on to the next stage of developing the new Local Plan, which will involve identifying sites for development, having considered all the feedback received from the Strategic Issues and Priorities consultation.

Anyone without access to the internet who would like to have the information in hard copy can call 01962 848 508 and the document will be sent to them in the post. There will also be announcements on Wave FM about the Local Plan consultation and posters will be displayed at a wide range of locations across the district