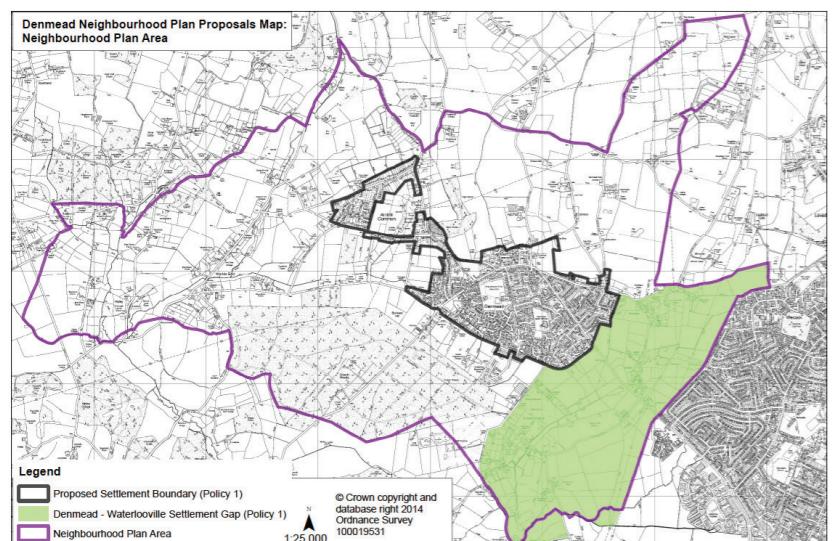


DENMEAD GAP – PROTECTED BY THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

For many people the Denmead Gap is of great importance, a symbol that Denmead is in Winchester District and not part of Waterlooville. In the Plan, special attention is paid to ensuring that the gap continues.

Despite statements made by some people during the consultations that have been held, the boundary of the Denmead Gap *has never, ever changed*. It is exactly the same now as in 1986 when it was first defined. Nor has the idea of changing it ever been considered during the work of creating the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan. The continued existence of this green space is important to Denmeadians on both sides of 'The Gap' and in the Plan which will be subject to your vote, its future is assured.



Within the Gap, the Parish Council is putting together new plans to improve access and make Goodman Fields a great place for everyone to use.

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS

WE HAVE PASSED EXAMINATION!

When Winchester City Council (WCC) assessed your comments made during their six-week Consultation exercise held by them during October and November, they found they had 126 responses. These were all posted on their web-site. Together with the Plan itself, all the comments, were sent to an independent Examiner approved by Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and Department of Communities.

The Examiner concluded that all parties have had full opportunity to register their views and put their case forward. He took the decision that a Hearing was not necessary and proceeded by examination of all written representations

After completing examination of the Plan, the Examiner was satisfied that it met all statutory requirements. He recommended that the Plan go to Referendum.

NO COST TO YOU!



At the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan, and at meetings since, many people were worried about the cost to the residents of preparing it. I said at the time that we had applied for grants to cover the costs and that it would not cost the residents a penny. Denmead became a FRONTRUNNER with a £20,000 grant from DCLG to get the job done.

With that and money from other grants for which we have been eligible we have been able to get professional independent help, from such bodies as *Locality* and the *Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust* as well as employing a planning consultant. The whole job has been done with the funds made available. The job is now complete, and as I write, there is a little money to spare.

As promised, we haven't taken any extra payment from your taxes to fund the work.

Neil Lander-Brinkley
Chairman, DNP Steering Group

✓OTE ON 5th MARCH



Neighbourhood Plan

Do you want to know more about the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan? Perhaps you would like more background, or maybe know more about things *other* than housing and development which have featured in the public meetings?

In that case, come along to the
DROP IN SURGERY
on Thursday, February 12th 2015
at The Cornerstone, Mead End Road
(formerly The Mead End Inn)



between 6.30 pm and 9.00 pm

You will be able to talk face-to-face across a table to two members of the Steering Group and find out the facts. You will get an honest answer. To ensure everyone gets a turn, you will get a ticket for a 10 minute slot to ask YOUR question. At least three tables will operate and there will be tea and biscuits while you wait your turn. You can have more than one slot if you wish, but to be fair to all, these slots would not necessarily be together!

See you there!

✓OTE ON 5th MARCH

SPORT, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

We Listened

When preparing the Plan, the idea of working with the War Memorial Hall trustees to build a new Hall, suitable for a range of indoor sports and activities was considered and explained to the public. Opinion expressed at a public meeting clearly told us that the current building, with its connections to the families of living Denmead residents, despite its age, was preferred. Despite the fact that some people thought a new Badminton Hall would be very welcome, we listened to the views of a majority of the residents at the meeting.



We Thought Again

Without funds for a new Hall we had to think ‘outdoors’ and decided to provide new facilities through a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)@ at Ashling Park for which it was felt we could negotiate with a Developer. The Steering Group have succeeded in doing exactly that!



An example of a MUGA elsewhere

We Did It!

If the Neighbourhood Plan gets voted into law, a MUGA, sited in the part of the Park that isn’t suitable for a pitch, will provide a surface which can be used for football training when the grass area is too wet to play on. Importantly, it will provide an opportunity for games such as Street Hockey, Netball, and 5-a-side football.

...With Open Space As Well

As part of the negotiations regarding the potential development at Carpenter’s Field, the need to increase the amount of open space has been important. There will be more open space for residents to walk and breathe in fresh air if the Neighbourhood Plan is approved. A total of 7.4 acres will be made available as open space for the Denmead community.



FLOODING IN ANMORE

- The water from the catchment area of streams, ditches and dry valleys which eventually end up in Kings Pond (and then becomes the Wallington River) covers some 4,800,00 sq metres, most of which is farmland.
- Carpenters Field = 1% of this total catchment.
- Development of the site with a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) would maintain the natural greenfield discharge from Carpenters Field (noting that approx one third of the field drains towards Anmore Road, the remaining two thirds go to the east via a natural ditch which (via a pond) goes onto White Horse Lane).
- The site has approximately 12 inches of topsoil over some gravelly clay. The underlying clay has been shown to be impermeable.
- There is a perception that hard surface = more run off. However, National Planning Policy makes it illegal to increase flood risk. Any development on Carpenters Field must include a SUDS. Altogether the run off rates will be slowed down.

HOW DOES THE REFERENDUM WORK?

✓OTE

The Referendum will be held on **Thursday 5 March 2015**.

Two Polling Stations will be used, the Community Centre in School Lane and the All Saints Church Hall in Hambledon Road. Opening hours will be from 7.00am to 10.00pm. Postal voting will also be allowed.

The only question to be asked at the Referendum is “Do you want Winchester City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Denmead to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?” A YES or NO answer is then required.

What is the use of the plan?

The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan, if approved by the forthcoming Referendum, will stand alongside the Winchester District Local Plan and be used by WCC to determine planning applications.

Recently the Plan has been used by both Planning Inspectors and WCC Officers in their justification for the prevention of development in some sensitive, rural areas outside the proposed, slightly revised, Development Boundary. **That news points the way forward for people as they think about the value of the Plan.**

REMEMBER, 22 sites have been put forward by residents/developers. If the Referendum does not accept the Plan, then the decision will revert to WCC as part of their Local Plan. This gives a window of opportunity to residents/developers to put forward their sites and there will be minimal protection to stop them succeeding. This will probably significantly increase the number of houses built compared with the Plan.

DON’T FORGET, the NP also covers a significant number of village facilities. Some examples are:

- Keeping Kidmore Lane car park as a car park – not available for sale/developing by Winchester City Council.
- Ensuring that any developments abide by the detailed design features set out in the Village Design Statement.
- Providing a multi use games area in Ashling Park (KGV Field).
- Protecting our country lanes.
- Preventing development in the Denmead Gap (between Waterlooville and Denmead).

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