



Winchfield Parish: Call for Sites to provide affordable housing to meet local need

The lack of affordable housing for local people has been raised as a key issue for many in Winchfield. In recent years house prices have increased rapidly, particularly in rural areas. This has resulted in many local people being unable to afford to buy or rent a home in the village they grew up in or work in and have had to leave to find cheaper, suitable accommodation elsewhere.

Action Hampshire, through Hampshire Homes Hub, has been working with Winchfield Parish Council to look at ways of increasing the amount of affordable housing available for local people. A Housing Needs Survey was distributed to all households and businesses in Winchfield which identified the need for a small development of 6-8 affordable homes. The full report can be found on <http://www.winchfield-pc.org.uk/>. The Parish Council has accepted the report and expressed support for the development of a Rural Exception Site in the parish, which would prioritise homes for local people in perpetuity.

This therefore is a call to all landowners in the parish. We are searching for a suitable site within the parish to provide 6-8 affordable homes. The ideal site will be in the region of one acre in size, which is outside or adjacent to the existing settlement of the village, close to existing housing, with a safe highway access which landowners are prepared to sell for £10,000-£12,000 per home plot. For 6-8 homes this is in the region of £60k - £96k.

Anyone owning land which they would like to be considered for this project should submit details, including a site location plan, in writing or by email to:

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All submissions to be made by **31/12/2021**