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What is the evidence base?

Robust evidence should support the choices made in neighbourhood planning and guide the approach taken and the conclusions reached. Planning policies need to be based on a proper understanding of the place they relate to and the communities that they support if they are to be relevant, realistic and to address local issues effectively.

The data about a place and its analysis is referred to as the evidence base in neighbourhood planning. This can include social, economic and environmental data. Evidence has been gathered over the whole course of the development of the Sherfield English plan and is continuing.

How did we create it?

The evidence base was created from a variety of sources including:

- Local sources (Parish records, the Village Plan, the Village Design Statement, local knowledge and community feedback)
- Residents' opinion surveys, housing need surveys and informal consultations. The evidence base has benefitted greatly from Sherfield English Parishioners thoughts and comments
- Sources within the local planning authorities ([Test Valley Borough Council](#))
- Hampshire County Council for county statistics, planning for mineral and waste development, public rights of way and local habits and wildlife corridors ([Hampshire Biodiversity information Centre](#))
- Government agencies: [Natural England](#) for designations of areas and habitats, [Historic England](#) for listed buildings and parks and gardens, Environment Agency for flood zones, [Office for National Statistics](#) for population numbers and characteristics
- [Ordnance Survey](#) for detailed maps and aerial imagery
- Google and other web search mechanisms for information on local businesses and other miscellaneous information
- Specialised surveys of the character of the Parish and the assessment of housing needs were done using consultants. Feedback on the character appraisal from members of the community contributed considerably to the final outcome.

Contents of the evidence base

The following lists the current contents of the evidence base. Where these are available for viewing by the community, a link is provided to a PDF file. In some cases, where the evidence can be presented on a map, then a link to an interactive map is provided, this can be navigated and zoomed by the user. The contents are arranged and titled as they appear in the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. The letters refer to the appendices referenced in the Plan.

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Until the final Plan is published these remain draft documents, whilst the team have made every effort to ensure that these documents are factually correct as far as can be determined, they may contain errors of omission or commission. If you see any errors, we would like to hear about them. Please email ndp@sherfieldenglish.org.uk with your comments. Alternatively, drop a letter into the Village Hall Letterbox.

(Also included as a final item is a list of key references cited in the Neighbourhood Plan with links to the documents themselves.)

A. **Sherfield English Parish Character Appraisal and Design Code**

The Character Appraisal sets out the special interest, character and appearance of Sherfield English Parish to highlight its local distinctiveness and identify.

It is a factual and objective analysis to enable a better understanding of Sherfield English's qualities that make the place unique such as open spaces, rural and built landscapes, building materials and types and ages of properties. Its purpose is to identify important issues to be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The character appraisal is accompanied by a design code which is described below.

Access the document by following the link:

Map of Character Areas

An interactive map showing the Character Areas found in Sherfield English Parish can be viewed *. The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2023.

The Sherfield English Design Code follows on from the character appraisal work and underpins the design based policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is intended to be used as a reference for any minor or major housing developments or mixed use allocations and for planning applications. A design code is a set of simple, concise, illustrated design requirements that are visual and numerical wherever possible to provide specific, detailed parameters for the physical development of a site or area. This Sherfield English Design Code is based upon the National Model Design Code, 2021.

Access the document by following the link:

List of Heritage Assets

Sherfield English Parish has * listed buildings and structures spread throughout the Parish. A number of unlisted buildings and sites have been identified as being locally important. Collectively these are referred to as Heritage Assets

Access a list these heritage assets by following this link:

Map of heritage assets

An interactive map showing the locations of heritage assets in Sherfield English Parish can be viewed *. This map is derived in part from mapping by [Historic England](#). The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2022.

The map can be navigated and zoomed. To find out the name and details of heritage asset area click on the symbol and the name will appear in the left-hand part of the screen under "Heritage assets".

Local Green Space Assessment

National policy makes provision for local communities to identify green areas of particular importance to those communities, where development will not be permitted except in very special circumstances. These Local Green Spaces can be designated through neighbourhood plans.

A Local Green Space must be demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife. It cannot be an extensive site and it must be located close to the community that it serves. Land can be considered for designation even if there is no public access. The designation does not confer any additional rights of public access.

Designating a Local Green Space gives protection consistent with that in respect of Green Belt land but otherwise there are no new restrictions or obligations on landowners. Management of land designated as Local Green Space remains the responsibility of its owner. If the features that make a green area special and locally significant are to be conserved, how it will be managed in the future is however likely to be an important consideration.

The Pre-submission Draft includes a number of sites that have been proposed by residents and assessed. Their actual designation as Local Green Spaces is subject to consultation and agreement with Test Valley District Council.

The list of proposed Local Green Spaces and the details of their assessment can be accessed by following this link:

Map of Local Green Spaces

An interactive map showing the proposed Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan area can be viewed [*](#). The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2023.

The map can be navigated and zoomed. To find out the name of an area click on the area and the name will appear in the left-hand part of the screen under “Local Green Spaces”.

Important Views Assessment

A table of the Important Views in the Parish which have been included in the Neighbourhood Plan available [*](#). This contains the name of each view and a description with an assessment of why the view is considered important.

An interactive map showing the approximate extent of the view and the viewpoint is available [*](#).

B. Housing Needs Assessment and Survey

A summary of the detailed housing needs assessment including the key findings from of the housing needs survey conducted in 2020 is available. The assessment forms the basis for assessing the future housing need of existing and future residents of Sherfield English Parish and determining the appropriate number of new homes and their size, type and tenure.

The housing needs survey can be accessed by following the link:

Map of sites

An interactive map of the sites assessed can be viewed [*](#). The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2023.

The map can be navigated and zoomed. To find out the characteristics of a site click on the area and the characteristics will appear in the left-hand part of the screen under “Site assessment”.

C. Ecology – List of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs), information from Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre and Sherfield English Wildlife Plan

Access the list of Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINCs) by following this link:

Map of SINCs

An interactive map showing the SINCs in the Neighbourhood Plan area can be viewed [*](#). The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2022.

The map can be navigated and zoomed. To find out the name of an area click on the area and the name will appear in the left-hand part of the screen under “SINCs”. This map is derived from mapping by the [Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre \(HBIC\)](#).

Map of designated and non-designated areas and zones

An interactive map showing SINCs, designated areas – Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Mottisfont Bats SAC Foraging Zone, Special Protection Areas (SPAs), SPA 400m Impact Zone, and Ramsars – and ancient woodlands can be viewed [*](#). Shown are the limits of the SPA impact zone and the SAC buffer bat foraging zone. The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2022.

The map can be navigated and zoomed. Individual layers (e.g. SINCs) can be removed by unticking the layer from the drop-down menu under “Layers”. Since many areas overlap, viewing of some layers will be made easier by unticking other layers.

Map of broad habitats

An interactive map showing broad habitats can be viewed [*](#). This map is derived in part from mapping by the [Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre \(HBIC\)](#) modified by field

observation and aerial imagery. The map contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown Copyright and database rights 2023.

The map can be navigated and zoomed. A key to the habitat types can be viewed on the drop-down menu under “Layers”.

D. Community consultations and Surveys

There has been consultation with the community both formally through surveys – principally on-line – seeking views and comments and informally through events, public meetings and interchanges with individual residents.

Access a summary of the 2021 survey by following this link:

Access the results of the 2023 policy consultation by following this link:

Key references cited in the Neighbourhood Plan

The following are a list of the key documents cited; they can be accessed by following the links:

Not yet operational

- *Sustainability Matrix – Key Themes and Objectives for Sherfield English Neighbourhood Plan; 2019*
- *Sherfield English Parish Plan 2008*
- *Sherfield English Village Design Statement; Sherfield English Parish Council; 2010*
- *Sherfield English Parish Plan; Sherfield English Parish Plan; 2010*
- *Test Valley Landscape Character Interactive Map*