



Press Release

Three leading Winchester organisations are working together to shape the future of Winchester. At a special joint Open Meeting of the City of Winchester Trust, Winchester Action on Climate Change and Winchester Area Community Action in Winchester Guildhall on Saturday November 6th 10.30am - 12.30pm, members of all three organisations and members of the public are invited to respond to Winchester City Councils Blueprint initiative.

WinACC members are asked to note that this is the same time as the regular monthly open meeting, but the venue has been changed to the Guildhall to make room for more people.

Policies for Winchester that set down what sort of a city it should be, what it should look like and how we want to live in it, are no longer set by top-down Government targets. Now is the chance for local people establish priorities and needs.

The meeting is being organised because the Government has abolished the Regional Spatial Strategies that set figures and locations for housing and employment, which each local authority was bound to incorporate in its Local Development Framework, that sets the strategic planning policies for the next 20 years.

Winchester must still have a District Local Development Framework. It will set the rules and guidance that developments must follow, rather than having a free-for-all. But the Government now requires that local people are consulted about their wishes before the document is drawn up.

The host organisations hope to secure agreement to their ambitions for a sustainable, enjoyable and fairer city. They want Winchester's future to build on its special historic characteristics as a compact, mixed use city.

All welcome.

Notes to Editors:

- For further information, please contact Chris Holloway, Director, WinACC, 01962 827083 / 07779 283451 email press@winacc.org.uk
- Winchester Action on Climate Change was formed in October 2007 to engage every household and every organisation in Winchester district in cutting the carbon footprint of the district by a third by 29015.

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