



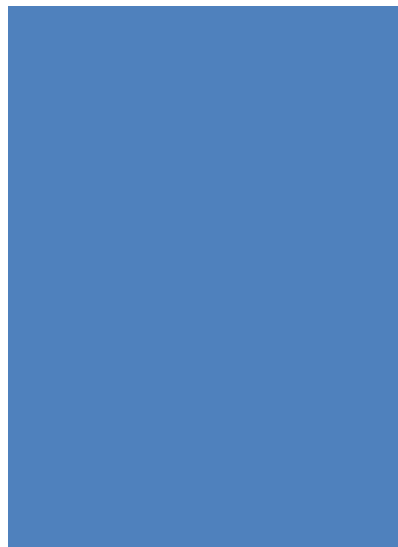
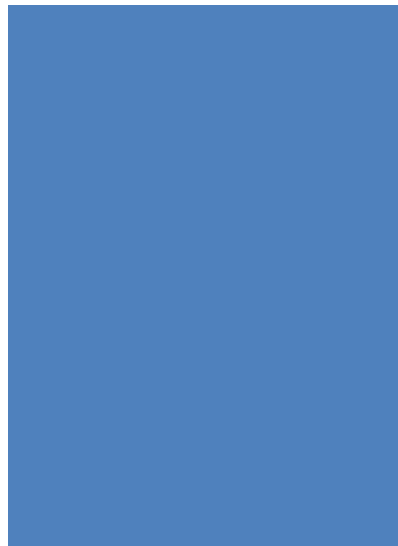
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

URS is currently providing support to the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (LNPWG) who are preparing the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of Loxwood Parish Council. As part of this support role URS was asked to undertake a gap analysis of the evidence collected so far to support the proposed plan.

All planning policies and proposals need to be developed based on the understanding of the area they relate to, if they are to be relevant, realistic and to address local issues effectively. This includes Neighbourhood Plans and therefore it is important that the policies and proposals they contain are based on robust information and effective community engagement

A robust evidence base provides an understanding of an area and analysis of this evidence will help to identify the key issues to be addressed by the NP. The evidence base for NPs needs to be proportionate to the plan's scope, content, impact and complexity.

1.2 Emerging vision and scope of the Loxwood's Neighbourhood Plan

The LNPWG's work to date on the Community Led Plan has involved developing a draft vision:

To maintain Loxwood as a semi-rural village with good facilities. A village that welcomes incremental change that will sustain and enhance its facilities while also contributing to a greater sense of neighbourliness and the development of a village centre.

This will include improvements around places where people meet and safe access to them, especially on foot and by bicycle, as well as some new building that is well integrated, develops the infrastructure of the village, contributing to, and sustaining, its sense of community

The plan is expected to cover the period to 2028 and a policy would be included which requires the plan to be reviewed every 5 years. Following recent community engagement, the scope of the plan has begun to emerge. Policies of the plan are expected to cover the following topics/issues:

- The amount of future housing development and the level of affordable housing to be provided;
- The location of future housing development;
- Transport and movement infrastructure in relation to improving safety and movement around Loxwood village;
- Community infrastructure;
- Utilities infrastructure; and
- Tourism

1.3 This Report

The remainder of this report sets out the type of evidence collected by the LNPWG to date and its source; and suggestions for additional evidence and potential sources where it is felt this would help with establishing the current baseline for the Parish and to support the proposed scope of the NP. It sets out a high level review ('light touch') of the evidence collected to date.

2 EVIDENCE BASE GAP ANALYSIS

2.1 Demographic Profile of the Local Population

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Local population numbers Number of households Household profile Age profile Ethnicity Percentage change in population 2001-2010 Inward and outward migration by age (2009) Income deprivation Health and disability data Employment numbers and sectors data Local population skills and education Local population density	Rural community profile for Loxwood Parish - Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project January 2012 - Some of this data is based on 2001 Census data Community Led Plan Survey Report October 2012 Action in rural Sussex	Updates to rural Sussex profiling data which has been based on 2001 census data	Data from 2011 census Chichester District Council Ward Profile

2.2 Local Economic Profile

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Business interests in the Parish/ suggested improvements to facilitate local business	Community Led Plan Survey Report October 2012 Action in rural Sussex	Businesses registered in the Parish	Request from Chichester District Council
Number of people working from home	Rural community profile for Loxwood Parish - Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project January 2012 – based on 2001 Census	Update to census data for number of people working from home	Data from 2011 census

2.3 Current Land Use and Planning Context

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
General summary of land uses in the Parish	Loxwood Village Design Statement July 2003	Local planning designations within and surrounding the parish such as green belt	Request from Chichester District Council
CDC Adopted Local Plan 1999 policy	Copies of the adopted Local Plan sections on built environment, housing, transport, rural environment	Audit of current land uses within the parish and for potential development sites	LNPWG site visits
		Summary of the adopted local plan policy and emerging local plan policy context applicable to the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan area	Request from Chichester District Council

2.4 Built Environment

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Settlement form; buildings in Loxwood village	Loxwood Village Design Statement July 2003	Any changes since 2003	LNPWG review

2.5 Natural Environment

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Summary of countryside features of the parish	Loxwood Village Design Statement July 2003	Biodiversity and landscape audit identifying landscape and ecological designations in the parish such as sites of special scientific interest, areas of outstanding natural beauty, nature reserves; quality of agricultural land; Key natural features within the parish such as woods, rivers and other water	Defra's environmental designation mapping tool
List of Tree preservation orders	Appendix III of the Loxwood Village Design Statement July 2003		Request from Chichester District Council Planning Department (Chichester DC GIS team)
Perceived quality of the local outdoors	Rural community profile for Loxwood		

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
environment	Parish - Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project January 2012 Community Led Plan Survey Report October 2012 Action in rural Sussex	features; Air quality of the Parish Landscape character of the area Any updates to the list of trees covered by tree preservation orders Flood risk (fluvial and surface water) within the Parish	Chichester District Landscape Capacity Study Extension October 2009 Request from Chichester District Council Planning Department Environment Agency flood risk mapping / Request from Chichester District Council Planning Department/ West Sussex County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority

2.6 Historic Environment

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Historic context of the village Listed Buildings; Buildings and their settings, spaces and outlooks needing protection	Loxwood Village Design Statement July 2003 Appendices I, II and III of the Loxwood Village Design Statement July 2003	Change since 2003 to the list of listed buildings, buildings and their settings, spaces and outlooks needing protection	Request from Chichester District Council or West Sussex County Historic Environment Record

2.7 Housing

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Number of dwellings (2001 data) Types of accommodation (size and property types) Housing tenure Household size	Rural community profile for Loxwood Parish - Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project January 2012 Community Led Plan Survey Report October	Local housing market analysis Landowners for key sites Developer interest in Loxwood	Discussions with local estate agents Land registry search Request from Chichester District Council Planning Department

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
<p>Condition of housing</p> <p>Affordability of housing</p> <p>Affordable housing need – housing register waiting list</p> <p>Identification of potential sites for housing within the village</p> <p>Potential housing numbers for future development in Loxwood village</p>	<p>2012 Action in rural Sussex</p> <p>Loxwood Affordable Housing Need Register 2010 and 2013</p> <p>Loxwood Strategic Development Group Report on Social Housing in Loxwood (June 2011)</p> <p>Chichester District Local Housing Requirements Study: Final Report (DTZ July 2011) (District level analysis)</p> <p>Chichester District Council Parish Council Housing Numbers Survey 2012</p> <p>The Glass-House Community Led Design Project Support Report 2012</p> <p>Chichester District Council officer correspondence (2011) regarding suitability of potential land within Loxwood for social rural housing under local plan policy H9</p> <p>Chichester District Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2010</p> <p>Chichester District Council Informal Consultation Delivering Development Opportunities January 2007</p>	<p>Objective selection and appraisal of land suitable for potential housing development covering availability; current land use and ground conditions; presence of environmental/ historic designations; flood risk; access constraints; proximity to the village centre ; greenfield/brownfield status</p>	<p>Potential objective criteria to be provided by URS – LNPWG to undertake appraisal using evidence base and site visits</p>

2.8 Transport/movement infrastructure

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
<p>Car ownership; travel to work data; travel times by public transport</p> <p>Traffic safety concerns and infrastructure deficiencies</p> <p>Information regarding the parish public transport service.</p>	<p>Rural community profile for Loxwood Parish - Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project January 2012 – based on 2001 Census</p> <p>Community Led Plan Survey Report October 2012 Action in rural Sussex</p> <p>The Glass-House Community Led Design Project Support Report 2012</p> <p>Constraints to development in Loxwood (source unknown)</p>	<p>Road safety analysis</p> <p>Data regarding traffic speed, flows and composition</p> <p>Village footway audit</p> <p>Parish public rights of way, bus stops</p>	<p>Transport consultant survey and analysis</p> <p>Data obtained from West Sussex County Council</p>

2.9 Community infrastructure

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
<p>Identification of community facilities and their condition</p> <p>Perceived quality of community facilities</p> <p>Improvements to community facilities and future provision</p>	<p>Parish facilities Update August 2011</p> <p>Community Led Plan Survey Report October 2012 Action in rural Sussex</p> <p>The Glass-House Community Led Design Project Support Report 2012</p>	<p>Open space, sport and recreation facilities audit and future need</p> <p>School capacity and future need</p>	<p>Chichester District Council Open Space, Sport & Recreation Facilities Study 2013 – 2029 – Analysis for North East, Hammer and Calmersdale area which includes Loxwood</p> <p>Discussions with West Sussex County Council education department</p>

2.10 Utilities infrastructure

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Number of people working from home	Rural community profile for Loxwood Parish - Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Rural evidence project January 2012 – based on 2001 Census Community Led Plan Survey Report October 2012 Action in rural Sussex	Update to census data for number of people working from home Available capacity of utility services and plans for upgrades	Data from 2011 census Discussions with West Sussex County Council/Chichester District Council and utility providers
General summary of the existing condition of services	Constraints to development in Loxwood (source unknown)		

2.11 Tourism

Evidence collected to date	Source	Suggested additional evidence	Suggested sources
Public enjoyment of the canal	The Glass-House Community Led Design Project Support Report 2012	Future plans for Wey and Arun Canal	Discussions with the Canal and River Trust

2.12 Further details for suggested evidence sources

The suggested sources for additional evidence require discussions with key organisations and further collection and analysis of data. The following provides further details of how to obtain some of this information:

- 2011 Census data – A 2011 Census prospectus was published in December and this includes the release schedule and links to the data tables. A copy of the prospectus has been sent to the Chair of the LNPWG;
- Defra's magic mapping tool - www.magic.gov.uk – the website provides a map tutorial which explains how to display key environmental designations;
- Environment Agency flood risk (rivers and sea) mapping – you can type in postcode or place to see the flood risk from fluvial and tidal flooding <http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiybyController?x=357683.0&y=355134.0&scale=1&layerGroups=default&ep=map&textonly=off&lang=en&topic=floodmap>

- Chichester District Council Open Space, Sport & Recreation Facilities Study 2013 – 2029 – A copy of this can be obtained at <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=21771> This study evaluates the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space and recreational land provision within the Chichester District. It also recommends standards and effective mechanisms in order for appropriate provision to be secured to meet future needs. Loxwood Parish is included in the North East, Hammer and Calmersdale sub area of the study.
- West Sussex County Historic Environment Record – a request for information can be made via a form at the following website http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/environment_and_planning/environment/historic_environment_record.aspx#requesting
- A Ward Profile can be requested from Chichester District Council by emailing corporateinfo@chichester.gov.uk. This may have more up to date information relating to the demographic and economic profile of the Parish.

2.13 Presentation and analysis of evidence

The majority of the locational evidence collected to date is not mapped and therefore it may be potentially difficult to understand the spatial portrait of the parish and illustrate this within the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan.

It is recommended that mapping of key features and infrastructure is undertaken to support the analysis of the evidence base. Support with this could be explored with Chichester District Council as they are offering access to all the OS mapping that Chichester District Council subject to signing the OS Public Sector Mapping Agreement.

Alternatively, URS has a total place analysis tool called Oikos. The analysis covers specific indicators relating to the natural, social and economic capital ('assets') of a place and can provide a mapped output with interpretation of the evidence associated with the specific indicators to assist with the preparation of neighbourhood plans. The LNPWG would need to determine the indicators and level of detail required. Additional resources would be needed to undertake this work which would be in addition to the support awarded to the LNPWG by Locality. This would involve data collection, interrogation and mapped outputs. This additional resource would need to be discussed further and agreed with Locality should Chichester District Council be unable to assist with mapping.