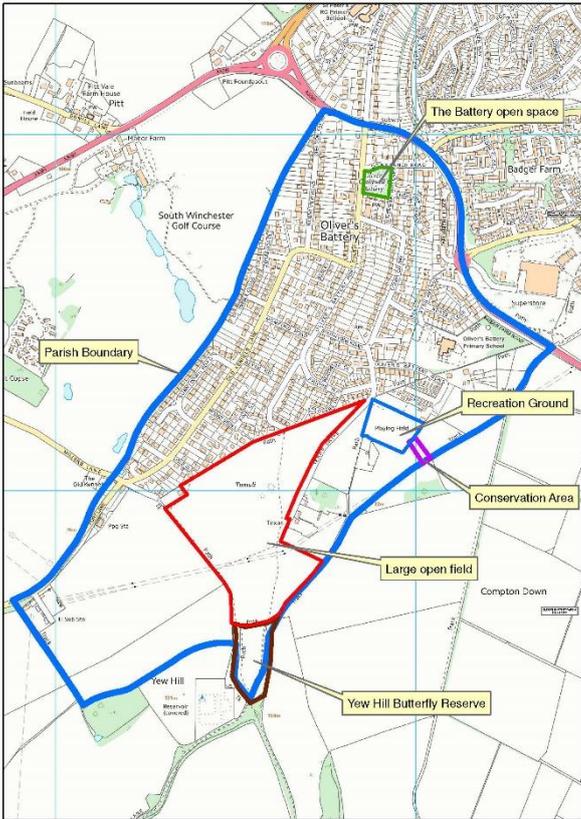


ABOUT OUR PLAN FOR OLIVER'S BATTERY...



Oliver's Battery. We are quite a small civil parish, with some 700 homes and around 1,400 residents. Our data tells us that approaching 25% of households have been here for 5 years or less. The demographic profile of our residents is also changing. We now have nearly as many residents working as retired. Over 20% of our households are single occupancy and approaching 30% of households have children in education.

If you look around beyond the boundaries of our parish, much of the surrounding open countryside is still land under the eye of housing developers. Since we started work on developing our Plan, the planning application for Pitt Vale has been refused and is now the subject of an Appeal, even though the Planning Inspector concluded that the Winchester City Council Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) is 'sound'. There has also been consultation of the re-development of Bushfield Camp as an employment site. Issues such as these may well bring profound change for our parish.

Inevitably, the only constant is change. But by developing a Plan for Oliver's Battery, we are attempting to respond to change in a proactive way – maintaining what we value and helping to prepare for change in the future. Our final Plan will provide impartial information about the priorities and needs of Oliver's Battery residents. It has the potential to influence a wide range of organisations, affording guidelines for future planning, investment and community activities.

We are now ready to share key aspects of our Draft Plan with you. .

Our Plan is 'evidence based' - this evidence being the ideas and opinions of the residents of Oliver's Battery. In obtaining a 73% response to the Questionnaire, we can be confident that we have a robust set of up-to-date data on the things that are important.

We have spent a year closely examining the data from the Questionnaire and all the other consultation evidence, and the Draft Plan has evolved from opinions and ideas received during the consultation process. Thus the Plan is underpinned by what you, the residents, have given us.

The key aspects of this Draft abridged Plan look quite simple at first glance. However it draws upon all background, context and detail which will appear in the final version of the Plan.

So have a look at what we've come up with