



Planning for Wiltshire's future

The Spatial Planning Service

Welcome to the first Planning for Wiltshire's Future newsletter. The newsletter will contain updates on planning policy and the implementation of specific projects affecting the whole of Wiltshire.

Wiltshire will experience great change over the next 20 years. A growing population will need enough houses, jobs and services to be provided so that they can enjoy the beautiful countryside, rich history and unmatched quality of life that we benefit from today. However, we need to make sure that, by planning for the future, we do not diminish what we have now and, indeed, strive to make Wiltshire an even better place to live.

Economy and enterprise

The economy and enterprise department of Wiltshire Council has a broad remit for planning for sustainable development and economy, in Wiltshire.

The four services that come under this department are spatial planning, climate change, regeneration and economic development. In this way, there is a direct link between the planning of development and the means of actually making things happen on the ground.

Spatial planning

This edition of the newsletter will focus on the work of the spatial planning service, which carries out research and develops the policies that plan for physical, social and economic

development in Wiltshire. Mindful of the necessity to protect and enhance our built and natural environment, the spatial planning service works with local communities to deliver change while protecting our heritage for future generations.

The spatial planning service comprises the following four teams:

LDF team

The LDF team produces the Local Development Framework (LDF), a group of planning policy documents that act together to guide development in a local authority area.

Minerals and waste team

The minerals and waste team prepares policy documents for the extraction of minerals resources and for the development of waste facilities which also form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

Monitoring and evidence team

The monitoring and evidence team monitors the effectiveness of existing planning policies and collates the information that informs the preparation of these policies.

Strategic landscape team

The strategic landscape team protects and conserves Wiltshire's landscape and natural heritage and works with countryside colleagues to provide facilities, access and opportunities for people to enjoy it.



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Would you like to have a say in what happens in Wiltshire over the next 20 years?

If you have an opinion on how we can deliver homes, jobs and services to support a growing population, then we would like to hear from you. At the end of October we will be commencing a consultation seeking your views on where homes and jobs should be provided in Wiltshire Council's northern, western and eastern areas.

This is an important stage in the production of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The core strategy, perhaps the most important document within the Local Development Framework (LDF), provides an overall vision and strategy for meeting the needs of a growing population over a 20 year period. When adopted, the core strategy will eventually replace elements of existing local plans.

The consultation will bring together all the work carried out by the former district councils and present a strategy for development in Wiltshire for the period to 2026.

However, it will not be looking at south Wiltshire (former Salisbury District Council) because much work has already been done there as part of the well-advanced South Wiltshire Core Strategy, which is likely to be adopted by Wiltshire Council next year.

Wiltshire 2026

This document is the main consultation document and invites comment on three key areas:

Vision and strategic objectives

A vision for how Wiltshire and its individual communities should look in 20 years time. To ensure that this vision becomes a reality, it is supported by a series of strategic objectives designed to address and overcome the issues affecting your community.



Draft spatial strategy

The draft spatial strategy considers the role and function of various settlements and how they relate to each other. It sets out proposals for how much development will take place in these settlements. It is a blueprint for delivering the right amount of growth, supported by the necessary infrastructure, without harming what we have now.



Draft strategic site allocations

This sets out where the council considers the best locations for major housing and employment development in the larger settlements, based on an understanding of their role and function. Alternative sites that were considered are also included, along with an explanation of why they are not favoured.



Supporting information

Wiltshire 2026 will be supported by a series of background papers that explain parts of the process in more detail and show how we have arrived at our conclusions. This includes a sustainability appraisal.

Sustainability appraisal



Sustainability appraisal is a process that tests all emerging planning policies to make sure they are moving towards creating more sustainable places to live and work. A sustainability appraisal report has been prepared to consider the possible locations for development and make sure a balance is maintained between protecting the environment, addressing social issues and looking after economic interests.

How can I take part?

We will be seeking your views on where homes and jobs should be provided in your community during the consultation period starting from 30 October 2009 and ending 31 December 2009.

When the consultation begins on 30 October 2009 you can:

- View a web version of all consultation material and enter your comments online and see what other people have said.
- Download the consultation papers in full, enter your comments using the response form and submit via post or email.
- Attend an exhibition in one of the community areas, where you will be able to discuss the consultation material with a planning officer.

The exhibition will be open between 1.00pm and 7.00pm (unless otherwise stated) at the venues below and overleaf.

6 November Neeld Hall, Town Hall, **Chippenham**

9 November Scout Hut, **Ludgershall** (12-4pm)

10 November Ante Room, Assembly Rooms, **Warminster**

12 November Methuen Town Hall, **Corsham**

16 November Foyer, Civic Hall, **Trowbridge**

18 November Community Centre, **Tidworth**

18 November Town Hall, **Malmesbury**

Wiltshire Core Strategy

October - December 2009 Public consultation on Wiltshire 2026
September 2010 Publication of the draft Wiltshire
Core Strategy for public consultation



time line

January 2011 Submission to Secretary of State
January - July 2011 Public examination
August 2011 Adoption

- 19 November** St. Margaret's Hall, **Bradford-on-Avon**
- 23 November** Bouverie Hall, **Pewsey**
- 24 November** Town Hall, **Marlborough**
- 25 November** Laverton Hall, **Westbury**
- 26 November** Mobile Unit, Town Centre, **Melksham** (12-6pm)
- 30 November** Civic Centre, **Wootton Bassett**
- 1 December** Town Hall, **Calne**
- 3 December** Town Hall, **Cricklade**
- 7 December** Town Hall, **Devizes**

How do I find out more?



- Visit the council offices and main libraries to look at all the consultation material.
- Contact the LDF team or go to the council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshire2026.
- If you have responded to a previous consultation on the former district council core strategies, you will be notified of the consultation nearer the time.
- However, if you want to make sure you are notified, please send your contact details to the LDF team (Please see the back of this leaflet for details).

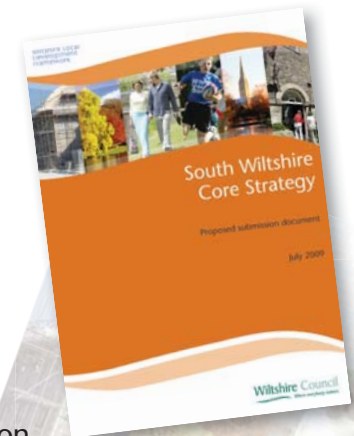
Other news

South Wiltshire Core Strategy

The public consultation on the proposed submission draft of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy closed on 30 September 2009. The next step is to submit the strategy, plus all the responses received, to the Secretary of State. A public examination is programmed early in 2010.

The South Wiltshire Core Strategy has been through several previous stages of consultation, beginning with an issues and options paper, in 2007. This was followed by a preferred options paper in 2008, and a revised preferred options paper later the same year. It will, in effect, be a temporary planning document that will be replaced by the Wiltshire Core Strategy when the latter is adopted towards the end of 2011, although the key elements of the adopted strategy for this part of Wiltshire, will be retained and implemented.

Please contact the LDF team, or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planningpolicy and follow the links for the South Wiltshire Core Strategy, for further information.



Gypsies and travellers

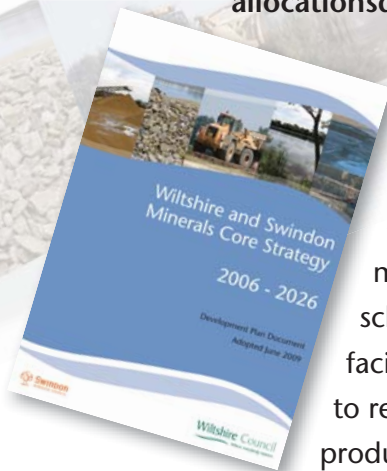


Wiltshire has a well-established gypsy and traveller community and also attracts new travellers during the summer months. We have the same responsibility to plan for their accommodation needs as we do for the settled community. By providing sites in sustainable locations, we can reduce the number of unauthorised sites and resist planning applications for inappropriate sites.

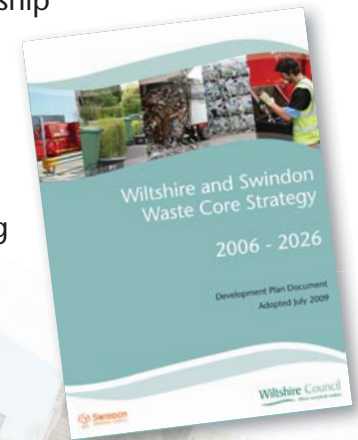
We have commenced work on preparing a policy document that will help identify the most sustainable sites for gypsies and travellers and, also, for travelling show people. If you are aware of any suitable sites for gypsies and travellers, contact the LDF team, or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellersiteallocationsdpd for further information, or to submit a site.

Minerals and waste

The planning of minerals and waste facilities is essential to almost every aspect of our daily life. We need an adequate supply of minerals for Wiltshire in order to build houses, schools, roads, railways and hospitals. Sufficient facilities are then needed across Wiltshire to recycle, recover and dispose of the waste produced from these developments.



Policy documents that deal with the planning of minerals and waste facilities are prepared in partnership with Swindon Borough Council. The Minerals and Waste Core Strategies were adopted this summer. These documents set out a vision and strategy for the next 20 years. A further two documents, dealing with development control policies for minerals and waste planning applications, have also been adopted recently.



We still need to identify a range of sites for both waste management and development and, also, for sand and gravel extraction and processing. Waste and minerals site allocations documents are both in the pipeline and we hope that these will be adopted in 2011. We recently held a consultation on a means of identifying potential sites for inclusion in these documents. Please contact the minerals and waste policy team, or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planningpolicy and follow the links for minerals and waste.



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