

Chairman's Announcements - 29 June 2011

Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation Document

Background

The council has published the '**Wiltshire Core Strategy – Consultation Document**' (along with accompanying evidence reports) for an informal consultation.

The emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy builds upon previous consultation exercises and introduces the council's detailed policies and proposals that will help guide investment and development proposals across Wiltshire for the period up to 2026.

This informal round of consultation seeks to gather the views of local communities, stakeholders and statutory consultees on the scope and content of the draft Core Strategy document.

The community area strategies for south Wiltshire (Salisbury, Amesbury, Wilton, southern Wiltshire, Tisbury and Mere) are within the South Wiltshire Core Strategy proposed submission draft which is at a more advanced stage. These community area strategies will be subsumed into the Wiltshire Core Strategy at an appropriate time. However the Wiltshire Core Strategy also includes policies to manage and shape development and these are also relevant to South Wiltshire.

The consultation will **end at 5.00pm on Monday 8 August 2011**.

Accessing the Document and How to Respond

The emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation document and accompanying draft evidence reports can be viewed and commented on via the council's dedicated consultation web site <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>.

A specific representation form can also be downloaded from the council's website and emailed to the spatial planning team (spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Alternatively, copies of the consultation documents can be viewed at the main offices of Wiltshire Council at:

County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN
Browfort Offices, Devizes, SN10 2AT
Bradley Road Offices, Trowbridge, BA14 0RD
Salisbury Offices, 27 – 29 Milford Street, SP1 2AP
Monkton Park Offices, Chippenham, SN15 1ER

In addition, the main consultation document can also be viewed at libraries across Wiltshire.

Public Exhibitions

A series of public exhibitions have been arranged across Wiltshire Community Areas. The exhibitions, staffed by council officers, will be open between 2pm and 8pm. The dates for all these events have been posted on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ldfconsult). The date and venue for our Community Area is: Monday 18 July 2011 at Malmesbury Town Hall.

In addition to publicising the **Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation Document**, the open days will also provide opportunity for people to come along and discuss the proposals set out within the **Proposed Submission Draft Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations** document. The Waste Site Allocations document is also out for consultation - **ending 5.00pm on Monday 8 August**. Further details can be found at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>. Copies of the document are also available at Wiltshire Council's and Swindon Borough Council's main offices; and local libraries.

Getting in touch and responding to queries

Should queries arise in relation to the consultations on the Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation Document, or the Proposed Submission Draft Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations DPD, a dedicated phone line has been set up for use - please ring: 01225 713223.

Alternatively, people can email queries to: spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk (for all Wiltshire Core Strategy enquiries); and mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk (for all Waste Site Allocations enquiries).

Youth Development Services - Wiltshire and Young People's Trust - Draft Commissioning Strategy for Young People Aged 13 to 19

Introduction

Wiltshire Children's Trust draft commissioning strategy for services for young people aged 13 to 19 has been issued for consultation. This is an important strategy which outlines plans for improving services for the 13 to 19 age range. The draft has sections on:

- An introduction including the purpose and scope.
- The national and local context for work with 13 to 19 year olds.
- Local needs and services.
- An analysis of the current position from the points of view of young people and staff and managers who work with the 13 to 19 age range.
- The commissioning priorities including some suggestions for the future delivery of youth work services in Wiltshire. These suggestions were developed with a range of stakeholders and wider views are now being sought.

If you would like a copy of the draft please email Pathways@wiltshire.gov.uk. The draft strategy is also available at www.wiltshirepathways.org on the home page and under "Latest News".

Developing the Strategy

Young people and representatives from a range of agencies working with 13 to 19 year olds have been involved right from the start and their views have informed the draft including the commissioning priorities and youth work suggestions.

Consultation

Consultation is taking place for 12 weeks from 13th May to 5th August 2011. The final strategy will be presented to Wiltshire Council's Cabinet in September 2011 along with a report making specific proposals on future plans for youth work. The draft includes key consultation questions. Written responses to the consultation should be sent to Pathways@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Purpose of the 13 to 19 Commissioning Strategy

The purpose of the commissioning strategy is to achieve better outcomes for young people aged 13-19 by:

- Ensuring a good range of high quality services for all young people.
- Providing an early integrated response when young people are vulnerable or at risk, as soon as problems or issues arise.
- Ensuring cost effective services by improved co-ordination and reducing any overlaps and duplication.

Priorities:

Campus Developments

The draft commissioning strategy notes that there are plans for developing a campus in each of the 18 community areas. Each campus would bring together a number of local services provided by the Council and other agencies in a building or collection of buildings.

It is envisaged that each campus will contain some space which will be used by the 13 to 19 age range. The draft includes a specific consultation question on space for young people in each campus.

Commissioning Priorities for Services for 13 to 19 Year Olds

The draft includes a number of suggested commissioning priorities outlined in the table below. The final strategy will include specific actions planned.

1	Maximising the participation and involvement of young people
2	Improving educational attainment
3	Supporting young people to move into employment and training
4	Improving access to information, advice and guidance
5	Increasing the availability of affordable housing
6	Reducing the number of young people who are unable to live with their families
7	Improving services available for young people who are engaged in risky behaviour

8	Improving services for young people with disabilities
9	Exploring options to improve transport for young people
10	Encouraging and increasing volunteering opportunities for young people.
11	Making sure information is available on services and activities for 13 to 19 year olds

During the consultation feedback is being sought on whether these are the right priorities and which, if any, should have higher priority.

Future Youth Work Services and Savings

The draft strategy also outlines 4 suggestions for future youth work services including some initial thoughts on making the savings from youth work budgets noted in the Council's financial plan. The suggestions are put forward in order to promote discussion and debate and there is not a favoured suggestion. Some of the suggestions could be combined and through discussions during the consultation period new ideas are likely to emerge.

More information on the draft 13 to 19 commissioning strategy and the suggestions for future youth work services will be provided at the Area Board meeting.

Invitation to Comment on the Final Draft Proposed New Council-Wide Street Trading Scheme

At a meeting on the 5 April 2011 Wiltshire Council's Licensing Committee considered the issues raised by public consultation on the proposed council-wide street trading scheme.

The main issues raised by public consultation were:

- The scope of the street trading scheme
- The level of bureaucracy and length of time it would take to process applications
- The level of the proposed street trading fees.

After considering these issues, the Licensing Committee decided to:

- Alter the proposed exemption for ice-cream vans so that it now reads 'trading from a motorised ice-cream van which moves from street to street not stopping in one place for longer than 15 minutes or within **200m** of a school/ college.' This will also result in a change to the application criteria and standard conditions.
- Introduce the following additional **exemptions from the scheme**:
 - trading on private land (including land owned, leased or maintained by a town/parish council) where this is **not** a road, car-park or industrial estate with public access or within **10 metres** of any road, car-park or industrial estate with public access

- markets run by town/parish councils
 - fetes, carnivals or similar community based and run events, for example Christmas lights switch-on events
 - non-commercial, community or charitable events where the profits are not used for private gain or are wholly passed to a charity or political/ educational organisation
 - sales of articles by householders on land within the boundary of their home, for example garage sales
 - goods from working farms or smallholdings sold at the premises where they were produced (officers to take a view on the proportion of goods that have been produced at the premises.
- Reduce the number of Standard Conditions to avoid duplicating existing legislation, for example environmental health, planning and trading standards.
 - Replace detailed references to additional legal requirements with a sentence reminding traders that there are other legal requirements that need to be met, which may involve additional costs.
 - Maintain two sets of fees, but replace the phrase 'town centre traders' with 'town traders.' A 'town' will be defined as any area that has a town council as opposed to a parish council and the boundaries of towns will be determined by the boundary of the town council.
 - Refund part of the street trading fees for street traders who can demonstrate that they have paid business rates.
 - Delete 'Needs of the area' from the criteria for determining applications on the basis that the council should not control competition between street traders and fixed business premises if street traders are paying street trading fees to the council.
 - Process street trading applications within a maximum of 60 days, including a 30 day consultation period.
 - Increase the fee for a Daily Street Trading Consent Sunday- Friday for town centre traders to £30 a day, and increase the fee for a Daily Street Trading Consent for all other traders to £15 a day.

The street trading scheme will now be revised in the light of these decisions. Council officers will undertake a second, two week, public consultation commencing mid June 2011 with all interested parties including area boards.

The consultation document will be available on the Council's website:
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

The Licensing Committee will consider the revised street trading scheme and the results of the second public consultation at a meeting in September 2011, with a view to the council adopting the council-wide street trading scheme by the end of 2011.