Southern Wiltshire Community Plan Steering Group: Draft Issues Document

Including the parishes of:
Alderbury, Britford, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Firsdown, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, Odstock, Pitton and Farley, Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish, Winterslow

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Full Steering Group meetings were held at the Methodist Church in Salisbury on 18 January 2010, 16 March 2010, 27 April 2010 and 13 May 2010.

The steering group would like to receive your comments and submissions on this document by Friday 10 September 2010.

We will be working on a programme of visits to parish council meetings where requested and hosting conversations with relevant service providers, user groups and key stakeholders. We want to make sure this is a useful document which will help focus the efforts of the community on the things that matter most to them.

Between now and 10 September 2010 we want to hear from you…

What new issues should be included in the renewed community plan?
What have we missed?
How could the document be improved?
Are there issues in here which you don't think should be?

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Key considerations:

1. This document was put together by a mixture of parish councillors, clerks, residents, officers and partners.

2. It has built on the issues remaining in the Southern Area Community Plan 2004-09, existing parish plans and input to the initial consultation back in January 2010.

3. The Steering Group would like to form 5 tasking groups to take on the implementation of the 5 different sections once the plan has been adopted.

4. Some issues below will require appendices to flesh out exact locations and details, this will be a task for the tasking groups.

5. This is a "living" document which will be updated annually and subject to a full review in 2015.

6. We will not have to do everything in this document all at once so an order of priority will be needed to spread the workload and address the matters which are most urgent.

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TITLE	PRINCIPLE	ISSUES and ACTIONS
TRANSPORT	**Develop and promote a more integrated, sustainable and safe transport network**	**Promote the maintenance of cycle and footpath provision across the area and assist in the realisation of the Wiltshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan** 1. Ask Parishes to identify opportunities for collaborative working in developing footpath access between Parishes, working with the Rights of Way team. 2. Identify issues for business employees and residents in accessing places of work and key locations. 3. Ask Parish Councils to identify problem areas with respect to Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT) with a view to taking appropriate actions, depending on the extent of the problem, working in conjunction with the Rights of Way team **Address speeding within the rural communities and work to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured** 4. Encourage and promote the further use of Community Speed Watch schemes within the community 5. Ask Parishes to conduct a review of local speeding black spots and identify key locations through the 'issue system' 6. Encourage Highways to establish new or adopt successful rural road initiatives from other counties to assess and respond to problems within our area 7. Work to establish consistant speed limits within the National Park boundary in order bring the Wiltshire part in line with the rest of the National Park. 8. Work with Police and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service to ensure driver educations programmes, especially to young people, are delivered

9. Identify and seek to agree priority routes for quiet road surfacing and natural screening

10. Work in cooperation with Parish Councils to establish the extent of the problem of rural roads/villages being used as "Rat Runs"

Work to reduce the impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles through village roads

11. Ask Parishes to identify any problem SAT NAV routes and SAT NAV "dead zones" and provide evidence to SWAB for an Area action plan.

12. Ask Police and Parishes to monitor the extent of HGV use within and outside weight restricted locations (7.5 tonne limits) and communicate major issues to the Area Board

Work to Improve public transport

13. Ask Parishes to propose solutions to inadequate local bus services and communicate proposals to the service providers

14. Address issues raised by CAYPIG (Community Area Young People's Issues Group) regarding transport for young people

15. Explore possibilities of extending the use of school bus passes outside of school hours

16. Promote and assist the Link Schemes to identify where schemes might need support and encourage volunteers to get involved

17. Promote pooled use of community transport facilities through the Community First scheme, Wiltshire All Vehicle Sharing Scheme (WAVeSS) eg. School minibuses

Work to ensure safe and efficient transport to schools and colleges

18. Ask schools and relevant officers to ensure school travel plans are current and aimed getting children and young people to school efficiently and alleviating transport and congestion problems and encourage them

		to collaborate where appropriate **Facilitate the improvement of signage and other road side furniture** 19. Ask parishes to identify issues with road signage taking into consideration concerns over proliferation, poor design and necessity, with a view to discussing improvements with the relevant agencies **Identify solutions to alleviate traffic congestions into Salisbury** 20. Promote the Wiltshire car share scheme for commuters, Park and Ride, bus services and cycling and walking opportunities, making sure that they are open at key times
	Work with local authorities and communities to develop projects which reduce impacts of artificial lighting on 'dark skies' in rural areas	**Facilitate the reduction of unnecessary street lighting** 21. Ask Parish Councils to identify key areas of concern where village lighting could benefit from timed illumination & other eco-friendly solutions 22. Carry out a survey to establish which Parish Councils want to limit light pollution in respect of new developments 23. Promote involvement in the Wiltshire Street Light initiative

CRIME AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION	Take action to reduce crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour across Southern Wiltshire	**Promote closer relationships between the public and the police** 24. Support the Police in promoting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Farm Watch Scheme 25. Encourage Police to be involved in the planning of residential and business development with a view to designing out crime possibilities 26. Explore the potential for greater police presence in rural areas including effective police surgeries, police road shows, and foot patrols 27. Encourage Neighbourhood Policing Teams to use community facilities and visit local community groups and schools **Promote a safer environment for all** 28. Support opportunities for positive activities for Children and Young People 29. Ensure that agency support available to communities, especially to vulnerable members and families, is promoted widely at a local level and parish councils and residents are made fully aware of how to utilise these services e.g. Home Fire safety Checks, the Bobby Van, Sure Start Children's Centre and outreach work 30. Request Parish Councils and emergency services to identify any problem areas with regard to access when attending emergency calls. 31. Challenge Community Safety organisations to carry out annual programs of prevention, education and awareness in response to Southern Wiltshire Area Board priorities. 32. Organisations to confirm targets and success rates annually to Southern Wiltshire Area Board to facilitate the monitoring of success rates and the identification of new targets.

RURAL LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	**Identify environmental and eco-friendly solutions to rural issues**	**Natural Environment: Wildlife** 33. Parish Councils to work with Natural England to identify SSSI's and Internationally Designated sites that require upgrading to a "favourable condition" 34. Promote the good practices identified in the Natural England Living River Project and other initiatives run by wildlife protection agencies 35. Work with communities to improve the understanding of their environment and landscape and develop better links to the support organisations who can assist in the protection through grant support eg. Farmland Bird Initiative **Natural Environment: Flooding problems** 36. Ask Parishes to list those locations with significant flooding issues and communicate and monitor action undertaken to rectify problems through the flood steering group 37. Work with the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service to raise public awareness of their use in times of flooding **Natural Environment: Farming and land management** 38. Ask Parish Councils to identify concerns relating to health and traffic implications of extraction and landfill sites and identify "good practice" to minimise the impacts 39. Promote and support the newly established Wiltshire County Show which supports local food producers, farmers and rural economy. **Natural Environment: Energy Conservation** 40. Work locally with key stakeholder groups to promote energy awareness 41. Encourage the establishment of Community Transition Groups to act as a catalyst in 're-localising' the community to start planning for a low carbon life-style and raise awareness of the impacts of climate change

		42. Seek and circulate advice and information about how residents can reduce their energy bills and consumption saving them money and benefitting the environment 43. Signpost local businesses towards the Business Efficiencies event run by South Wiltshire Economic Partnership **Natural Environment: Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs (CC&WWD) Area of Outstanding natural Beauty (AONB)** 44. Promote the interests of the community and protection of the environment within the CC&WWD AONB (to the West of the Community Area) through improved cooperation and communication between all interested parties **Natural Environment: New Forest National Park** 45. Promote the interests of the community and protection of the environment within the National Park through improved cooperation and communication between all "stakeholders"

ECONOMY	**Promote the enhancement of the rural economy**	**Take opportunities to maintain and enhance retail units and services within villages**
		46. Identify vacant village retail units for a Southern Wiltshire Area Board register to facilitate improved investment opportunities through the availability of current data
		47. Set up a 'buy local' campaign promoted by local communities and identify local outlets selling local products
		48. Encourage local businesses to use local procurement channels in favour where possible
		49. Encourage local businesses to advertise employment opportunities locally within the parish which they operate
		50. Promote the establishment of Business forums or local networking groups to promote the availability, and raise the profile of, local businesses and trades
		51. Encourage tourism which is sympathetic to the needs of the local community and environment, supporting initiatives which highlight organised walks (or cycle rides)
		52. Support the provision and retention of community facilities e.g. Post Offices, schools
		Promote the provision of adequate broadband & communication services throughout the Southern Wiltshire Community Area
		53. Support the establishment of local task groups to promote an improved and more comprehensive broadband service and encourage providers to upgrade their services and broadband speeds in rural areas
		54. Promote the installation of WIFI in village halls
		55. Identify locations where mobile phone coverage, including 3G and 4G technologies, is inadequate (and do what?)

		Take action against financial exclusion 56. Ensure proper access to debt advice and counselling and ensure people are aware of credit unions as an option for affordable credit.

COMMUNITY	**Embrace opportunities which will enrich the communities within the Southern Area**	**Support communities in order to develop measures to preserve and enhance an awareness of local heritage** 57. Encourage production of Parish Plans and Village Design Statements (VDS) and the implementation of their findings. Encourage local initiatives to record and promote an understanding of local history, heritage and priorities for future conservation **Facilitate the identification of local needs for recreation, arts and learning opportunities in local communities, for all age groups** 58. Support the provision of appropriately equipped children and young people's play areas taking into consideration access for people with special needs 59. Support the community to raise awareness of available facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities 60. Identify Wiltshire Council owned land which might have community use opportunities which therefore could be acquired and owned by the local community through the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy 61. Encourage the community to raise awareness of available leisure activities and clubs and identify need for new provision 62. Take advantage of national/county initiatives and funding such as Sports Unlimited, Street Games etc to maximise the use of opportunities available to respond to local need 63. Support the maximisation of use, expertise and facilities across the wider community of schools with specialist status such as St. Edmunds status as a specialist sports college and Trafalgar School as a specialist school for performing and visual arts 64. Support the collaboration between the community, local businesses and schools to work together in providing local work experience, knowledge of the business sector and an understanding about how a good local business can support the local community

65. Support and promote the River Bourne Community Farm in Laverstock as a learning and recreational opportunity for the whole community

66. Encourage community education providers to facilitate more courses/activities out in the community, making use of existing facilities eg. schools

67. Promote the usage of mobile library services and ensure designated routes are effective.

68. Promote the retention and use of schools as a community resource

Support a more comprehensive delivery of programmes for children and young people

69. Encourage the development of activities for children and young people in all communities in response to local needs. Eg. school holidays

70. Promote the establishment of Youth Councils to increase the involvement of young people in the local community

71. Promote the Southern Wiltshire Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG) as a way of young people raising local issues and being part of the solutions

72. Promote and encourage participation in the Young Chambers initiative which gives young people an insight into business and local commerce

73. Promote and encourage participation in the Youth Parliament initiative

Housing and the Built Environment

74. Work with Parish Councils to identify housing need and challenge the Parish Councils, Land owners, Wiltshire Council, rural housing enablers, and New Forest National Parks Authority to identify exception sites for

		affordable housing

75. Promote affordable housing for local people with direct ties to the community, in which they are built, taking into account the needs of the young people of the parish.

76. Promote the provision of accommodation, within their own community, for the elderly who want to "down size"

77. Encourage Parish Councils & communities to produce Village Design Statements in order to establish structural design types and development designs based on parishioners preferences for village growth.

Improved access to all to NHS Services and Care Services
78. Promote provision and access to childcare facilities

79. Support organisations which deliver services to the 'hard to reach groups'

80. Encourage, promote and support the start up of Community First Responder schemes in communities which currently do not have one.

81. Review the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (Health Statistics) on an annual basis to identify actions needed to improve quality of life across the community area

Volunteering opportunities in your community
82. Facilitate the creation of a directory which displays local volunteering opportunities for all ages and interest in our community |