

Devizes Area Board 4 October 2010

Item No. 01

## Chairman's Announcements

### Leisure Review

Wiltshire Council has carried out a review of our indoor leisure facilities across Wiltshire.

We want everyone to be able to access high quality facilities and a range of activities that are considered to be good value for money. Currently, there is a mixture of facilities across the county. These include privately owned, council-operated, community run and some that are jointly used by local schools. The council contributes towards the running of 23 indoor facilities and would need to spend £93 million just to maintain them for the next 25 years. This would not include any improvements, refurbishments or building any new facilities and the Council believes this would be an inefficient use of resources.

The review looks at leisure provision for the next 25 years and focuses on a programme of replacement, refurbishment and devolvement of leisure facilities. The proposals are fundamental to the delivery of campuses in key strategic locations. Within the review, Devizes leisure centre is scheduled to be expanded in 2016 and the Councillors committed to carrying out local consultations closer to the time. Further information can be found on the Wiltshire Council website, [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

### Consultation on Initial Site Options for the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations

**Department:** Neighbourhood and Planning  
Davies

**Further Enquiries to:** Sophie

**Date Prepared:** August 2010

**Direct Line;** 01225 713429

A consultation on potential sites for sand and gravel extraction commenced on 5 August 2010. Because the consultation is starting in August it will run for a period of eight weeks.

It is important to stress that the plan is at a very early stage of production and only proposes potential site options for minerals extraction. At this stage none of the sites listed in this document have any firm planning status - i.e. they are not the councils' preferred sites, but areas of land that have been promoted for consideration by landowners and the minerals industry.

The potential sites fall within the Electoral Divisions of:

- Alderbury and Whiteparish
- Winterslow
- Minety
- Cricklade and Latton
- Bromham, Rowde and Potterne
- Melksham Without North
- Calne Rural

- Calne South and Cherhill
- Melksham Without South
- Corsham Without and Box Hill
- Chippenham, Lowden and Rowden
- Kington.

The consultation report identifies key issues and constraints for development of each of the proposed sites and represents the first opportunity for communities and stakeholders to share their views on the suitability of the sites included in this plan.

We would encourage anyone wishing to view and comment on the report to use the online portal <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Alternatively, the report will be available for viewing at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices and libraries throughout the county and borough.

The Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices are located at:

- County Hall – Trowbridge
- Bradley Road – Trowbridge
- Monkton Park – Chippenham
- Browfort – Devizes
- Wyndham Road – Salisbury
- Watt Tyler House – Swindon.

The comments received through this consultation will be used to help inform the scope of further detailed assessments on the potential sites. This in turn will inform which sites should be carried forward into the formal plan and which should be dropped from further consideration. A formal draft of the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations DPD, presenting the sites selected to be carried forward, is timetabled for publication and consultation in spring 2011.

Further information is available by contacting the Minerals and Waste Policy team on 01225 713429, or e-mail [mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk).

### **Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation**

Consultation planned on possible new Gypsy and Traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June this year has now been put on hold. The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision. Officers are currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations document. The Area Board will be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.

### **Reminder to Parish Councils regarding Community Flooding Consultation**

Please could any parishes that have not yet returned their flooding information request details, do so as soon as possible. These should be sent to Renate Malton (Project Officer) at the address below:

Derby Court  
White Horse Business Park  
Trowbridge  
BA14 OXG.

If you have lost your original pack or require an additional one for any reason, please contact Renate Malton, on 01225 712514 or [renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Wiltshire Council has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act to establish, quantify and record the levels of flooding within the county following on from the Pitt review and recent major flooding events. As a lead authority, Wiltshire Council can ask other bodies within the county to provide relevant information in order to allow the discharge of duty. This duty is on both lead and local authorities, which includes town and parish councils.

Wiltshire Council is beginning to get enough data to start making statistical comparisons, for example the number of parishes who have reported internal property flooding, have flood supplies and are on the Environment Agency warning telephone list. This is providing information on where in the county Wiltshire Council might like to prioritise storing flood supply equipment, or where the parish have identified issues with blocked culverts/drains enabling us to investigate the current schedules.

The information Wiltshire Council has received to date has been on the whole very good, it has been loaded onto the GIS system and the overlay is taking shape and is very informative.

If issues are subsequently raised at Area Board level by the parishes who have not responded, this will impact the time taken for their work to be undertaken and it will impact on any planning issues, as access to this information is very important. This work will benefit the parishes as well as county.

### **Wiltshire Intelligence Network**



#### **New Research Website Launched**

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, [www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk](http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk), is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data to make informed decisions. A broad range of information is available, organised into the following topic themes:

- Consultation
- Local Area Profiles
- Population & Census
- Health & Wellbeing
- Education & Skills
- Economy
- Crime & Community Safety
- Community

- Planning & Housing
- Transport & Communications
- Environment, Climate Change, Waste & Recycling
- Culture, Leisure & Tourism

The content of the site will continue to grow over the coming months and the research team is keen to hear any suggestions for content that people would like to see on the site. The site was developed by Wiltshire Council's corporate research team in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing, in conjunction with the South West Observatory and working in partnership with NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police. For more information, or to give your views and feedback, please contact Sally Hunter on 01225 713289, or email [sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk).

### **Petitions Scheme**

Wiltshire council is committed to ensuring people have a voice and a real say in local decision making. The Council welcomes all petitions from anyone who lives, works, or studies in Wiltshire or who uses the services provided by the Council. The Council recognises that petitions are one way in which people can let us know their concerns. A new procedure for petitions came into place on 15 June 2010 and sets out how petitions can be submitted, how they are handled and dealt with.

All petitions sent or presented to the Council will receive an acknowledgement from the Council within 10 working days of receipt. This acknowledgement will set out what the Council plans to do with the petition: the response to a petition will depend on what a petition asks for and how many people have signed it. The petition will also be published on our website.

Petitions which have been signed by more than 2.5% of the population of a Community Area will automatically be forwarded to the relevant Area Board for a full debate. Petitions with fewer signatures will be referred to the Area Board Chairman to decide on the best way to deal with it, although this may be discussed outside of a full formal meeting

The Council will treat something as a petition if it is identified as such, or if it seems that it is intended to be a petition. You can submit your petition on paper or electronically. Online/electronic petitions can be sent to [committee@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:committee@wiltshire.gov.uk) and the Council is developing its own e-Petitions facility, which will allow the creation, signing and viewing of e-Petitions online at a new e-Petitions site, which will be available later this year.

For more information, including details of the petitions scheme, frequently asked questions, and details of all petitions submitted so far, please visit:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=Petitions%20Homepage&bcr=1>

...or simply search for Petitions from the Council's homepage – [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Alternatively, please contact Democratic Services on 0129 706612.

## **Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026**

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
  - support economic growth
  - reduce carbon emissions
  - contribute to better safety, security and health
  - promote equality of opportunity
  - improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

**Consultation Portal Link:** <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>