



Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan

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1. Introduction

1.1. The Localism Act received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011 and subsequent regulations came into force in 2012. It aims to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. The Localism Act introduced a legal 'Duty to Cooperate' in relation to plan making, replacing what was previously informal guidance on cooperation. An assessment of whether the 'Duty to Cooperate' has been satisfied by Wiltshire Council will be undertaken during the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Public Examination. This report is a statement of how the duty has been met so far by the Council and outlines how Wiltshire Council has co-operated with relevant organisations as part of the plan preparation process.

2. National Context

The Localism Act 2011

2.1. Section 110 of the Localism Act introduces a 'Duty to Cooperate' in relation to planning for sustainable development (as a new section 33A into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). This requires Wiltshire Council to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise planning on strategic cross boundary issues. In effect, for Wiltshire Council, this means in preparing its development plan documents, the Council must co-operate with

- Neighbouring Local Planning Authorities and County Councils (see map of neighbouring authorities in Appendix 1)
- Other local planning authorities and county councils where sustainable development or use of land would have a significant impact on at least two local planning areas or on a planning matter that falls within the remit of a county council, or on other strategic issues such as infrastructure which may have an impact; and
- The prescribed bodies defined in part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which are the:
 - Environment Agency
 - Historic England
 - Natural England
 - Highways England
 - Civil Aviation Authority
 - Homes & Communities Agency
 - NHS England
 - Office of Rail Regulation

2.2. The Localism Act requires the Council and relevant statutory agencies to:

- 'engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis' with these authorities and bodies to develop strategic policies.'
- set out planning policies to address issues which arise from the process of meeting the Duty; and

- consider joint approaches to plan making.
- 2.3. Wiltshire Council must also engage closely with the Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP), in terms of strategic planning matters in emerging development plans and especially where key development proposals are reliant on public infrastructure funding to assist deliverability and any Local Nature Partnership to deliver a strategic approach to encouraging biodiversity.

Housing White Paper

- 2.4. The housing white paper¹ 'Fixing our broken housing market' published in February 2017 sets out the government's plans to reform the housing market and boost the supply of new homes in England. It states that the Government would like to see more and better joint working where planning issues go beyond individual authorities, building on the existing duty to co-operate. The importance of the duty to cooperate to address cross boundary issues is set to grow in importance with further national guidance expected in this respect.

National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Policy Guidance

- 2.5. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides some guidance on the interpretation of the duty to cooperate. It emphasises the importance of collaborative working and sets out strategic planning issues² which could cross administrative boundaries, where cooperation might be appropriate, as:
- The homes and jobs needed in a geographical area
 - The provision of infrastructure for transport telecommunications, waste management, water supply, waste water, flood risk and coastal change
 - The provision of retail, leisure and other commercial developments
 - The provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities and social infrastructure
 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.
- 2.6. The NPPF states that 'local planning authorities will be expected to demonstrate evidence of having successfully cooperated to plan for issues with cross boundary impacts when their Local Plans are submitted for examination'³.
- 2.7. This is reinforced within the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) which sets out what is required and gives further guidance on the Duty to Cooperate, including that local authority officers and councillors have an important role to play in the process and that the duty requires active and sustained engagement, working together constructively from the outset of plan preparation.

¹https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/590464/Fixing_our_broken_housing_market_-_print_ready_version.pdf

² NPPF paragraph 156

³ NPPF paragraph 181

3. Local Context

Wiltshire Core Strategy

- 3.1. The adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS) sets out the spatial strategy for Wiltshire, identifying tiers of settlements as Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. The WCS then allocates an indicative quantum of development to Principal Settlements, Market Towns and community areas (the latter which include the Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages). The principle of directing growth to the most sustainable settlements, as well as the quantum of development, has therefore already been set. Significant development can already be accounted for since the beginning of the WCS plan period in 2006 by way of commitments and completions, this plan will seek to identify sites to contribute towards meeting the remaining indicative requirements in each Housing Market Area.
- 3.2. Neighbouring authorities and relevant prescribed bodies have supported the spatial strategy and quantum of development through the Core Strategy process. The spatial strategy and quantum of development can be considered to be strategic issues where the duty to cooperate has already been fulfilled through the Core Strategy process⁴.

Wiltshire Housing Sites Allocations Development Plan Document

- 3.3. The draft plan has two key purposes:
- a. Reviews settlement boundaries: It reviews all 'settlement boundaries' or 'limits to development' in the Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS) (except for Chippenham, which has been addressed through the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan); and
 - b. Allocates sites for housing development: It identifies, where necessary, new allocations for housing at settlements to provide for additional housing to help deliver the WCS housing requirement of at least 42,00 dwellings over the plan period 2006 to 2026.

⁴ 'Working Towards a Core Strategy for Wiltshire Statement on Duty to Co-operate' July 2012: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/statement-on-duty-to-co-operate> and Wiltshire Core Strategy: Factual addendum on Wiltshire Council's Statement on Duty to Cooperate, May 2013 <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/corestrategydocument?directory=Examination%20Documents&fileref=56> 'Chippenham Site Allocations Plan Duty to Co-operate' July 2015: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/chippenham-duty-to-cooperate.pdf>

- 3.4. The draft plan process has been collaborative and to date has included a number of formal and informal consultation stages as outlined in the table below.

Consultation	Dates
Formal Regulation 18 consultation on the scope of the draft plan. This consultation included neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies.	24 th March-5 th May 2014
Informal consultation with town and parish councils on draft proposals for amending settlement boundaries.	28 th July – 22 nd September 2014
Informal consultation on the site assessment methodology and initial site options. This consultation included neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies.	23 rd February – 31 st March 2015
Informal consultation on the approach to Large Villages.	30 th June – 12 th August 2015
Landowner deliverability consultation.	21 st August – 2 nd October 2015
Consultation with neighbouring authorities.	13 th – 24 th June 2016

- 3.5. There has also been ongoing and regular interaction with the prescribed bodies as part of the site selection technical process. This has included liaising with the prescribed bodies at different stages of the site selection process on specific sites and draft allocations.
- 3.6. Given the scope of the draft Plan, in exercising the duty to cooperate, the plan process needs to be alert to any further strategic cross boundary issues that may arise and address them through policies of the draft Plan.

4. Fulfilling the Duty to Cooperate

- 4.1. The next three sections will outline potential cross boundary strategic considerations and how we have engaged and worked with neighbouring authorities and the prescribed bodies on these.
- 4.2. As explained above the draft plan is largely focused on non-strategic housing sites to ensure housing supply is provided across the county for the plan period. Sites are only identified in locations where current housing supply is less than the core strategy indicative housing required for that area. Also explained above, the draft plan sits under the Wiltshire Core Strategy where close cooperation has already occurred on all key strategic issues effecting planning for Wiltshire. As a consequence, it has not been necessary to actively engage with the Civil Aviation Authority or the Office of Rail Regulation as the geographical coverage of the plan does not affect these bodies.

- 4.3. Similarly, the strategic housing issues in which the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) would have an interest have already been discussed through the Wiltshire Core Strategy. However the council will consult the HCA through the formal stages of plan making to ensure this position doesn't change.
- 4.4. In relation to the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP) the draft plan is generally non-strategic in nature and is not directly related to economic matters in the county and therefore there has been limited engagement with the SWLEP. However, the Council will consult the SWLEP through the formal stages of plan making to ensure this situation doesn't change.
- 4.5. There is no Local Nature Partnership currently operating in Wiltshire. Instead local organisations have been and continue to be consulted on the draft plan at statutory stages to ensure that there is opportunity to comment on local biodiversity and landscape issues.

Relevant Strategic Issues

- 4.6. The allocation of non strategic sites for housing development needs to address the full range of planning policy matters. Some site specific impacts could be potentially strategic in nature and across geographical boundaries irrespective of the scale of the site. For example, protecting and enhancing internationally/nationally important ecological designations. Equally, the identification of sites for housing could raise geographic, cross boundary, demand and supply issues that may have implications within Wiltshire and neighbouring authorities.
- 4.7. The following 'strategic' issues have been identified as relevant to the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan. They have been discussed during plan preparation and work in all areas is both collaborative and ongoing. (Please note this list is not exhaustive)
 - Flood and surface water drainage considerations for individual sites and the impact of cumulative development is being discussed with the Environment Agency.
 - Impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) and how that impact can be mitigated is being discussed with the Highways Agency, particularly for potential site allocation in Salisbury.
 - Site specific landscape considerations are being discussed with Natural England.
 - Biodiversity considerations are being discussed with Natural England.
 - Site specific heritage considerations are being discussed with Historic England.

- Any impact on the New Forest National Park by way of potential increased recreational use is being discussed with the New Forest National Park Authority.
- Ensuring that future development helps address and manage phosphate levels in the River Avon, its tributaries and surrounding catchment area. The management of phosphates in the River Avon catchment water system is being discussed with the Environment Agency and Natural England on an ongoing basis. A Nutrient Management Plan has been published and is being monitored⁵.

4.8. In addition to the strategic issues raised above, the prescribed bodies are also involved on a local site specific basis on issues that are non-strategic when considered in isolation but which are essential to the development of the plan and ensuring that wider issues are incorporated in the fabric of the plan. These have also been covered in this report and are summarised in **Appendix 4**.

Cooperation with Neighbouring Authorities

4.9. Wiltshire is a large county with a number of neighbouring district and county authorities as shown in **Appendix 1**. The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan (WHSA DPD) will be allocating a number of sites on a variety of scales. The neighbouring authorities have been invited to comment at the Regulation 18 consultation, in relation to the evolving methodology for site selection and in a targeted consultation in June 2016 to ensure any issues of a strategic nature are identified. The table below identifies the strategic cross boundary issues identified to date.

Table 1: Strategic issues and partnership working in relation to the preparation of the draft plan with Neighbouring Authorities

Strategic Issue	Partners	Joint working – evidence, arrangements, agreements
Transport infrastructure related to in-commuting to Bath for locations within Wiltshire and in particular any impact on the proposed East of Bath transport measures.	Bath and North East Somerset Council	Meeting held between Bath and North East Somerset Council and Wiltshire Council on the 10 th March 2017
A number of issues are being discussed with the New Forest National Park Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on Natura 2000 sites and HRA issues. • Impact of additional recreation use of the 	New Forest National Park Authority Natural England	Regular meetings between Wiltshire Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and Natural England.

⁵ 'Nutrient Management Plan – Hampshire Avon' May 2015
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nutrient-management-plan-hampshire-avon>

national park and the development of a Recreation Mitigation Strategy in line with Core Policy 50 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.		
Shaftesbury is within the North Dorset District boundary but there are limited land options for further growth within their administrative boundary. In their plan examination report the Inspector recommends that a site in the Wiltshire administrative area adjacent to Wincombe Business Park could be considered for housing or employment use.	North Dorset District Authority	The inclusion of this site would not be in general conformity with the Wiltshire Core Strategy and should therefore be considered through a planned review of the Core Strategy rather than within the context of the WHSA DPD. Joint working will continue with North Dorset District Council on this.
The in combination effects of the Chippenham Plan and WHSA DPD require exploration.	South Gloucestershire District Council	Ongoing discussion with South Gloucestershire District Council
The impact of development at Ludgershall on the wider road network.	Test Valley Borough Council	Correspondence with Test Valley Borough Council and draft plan amended to include reference to the A342 Andover Road accordingly.

Cooperation with Prescribed Bodies

4.10. The table below identifies the strategic issues identified to date with the Prescribed Bodies.

Table 2: Strategic issues and partnership working in relation to the preparation of the draft plan with Prescribed Bodies

Strategic Issue	Partners	Joint Working – evidence, arrangements, agreements
Any impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN), in particular the impact of development in Salisbury on the SRN.	Highways England	Regular monthly meetings between Wiltshire Council as Highway Authority and Highways England. Plan making is a regular item on the Agenda to share knowledge and identify any potential issues in a timely manner. Specific recognition of

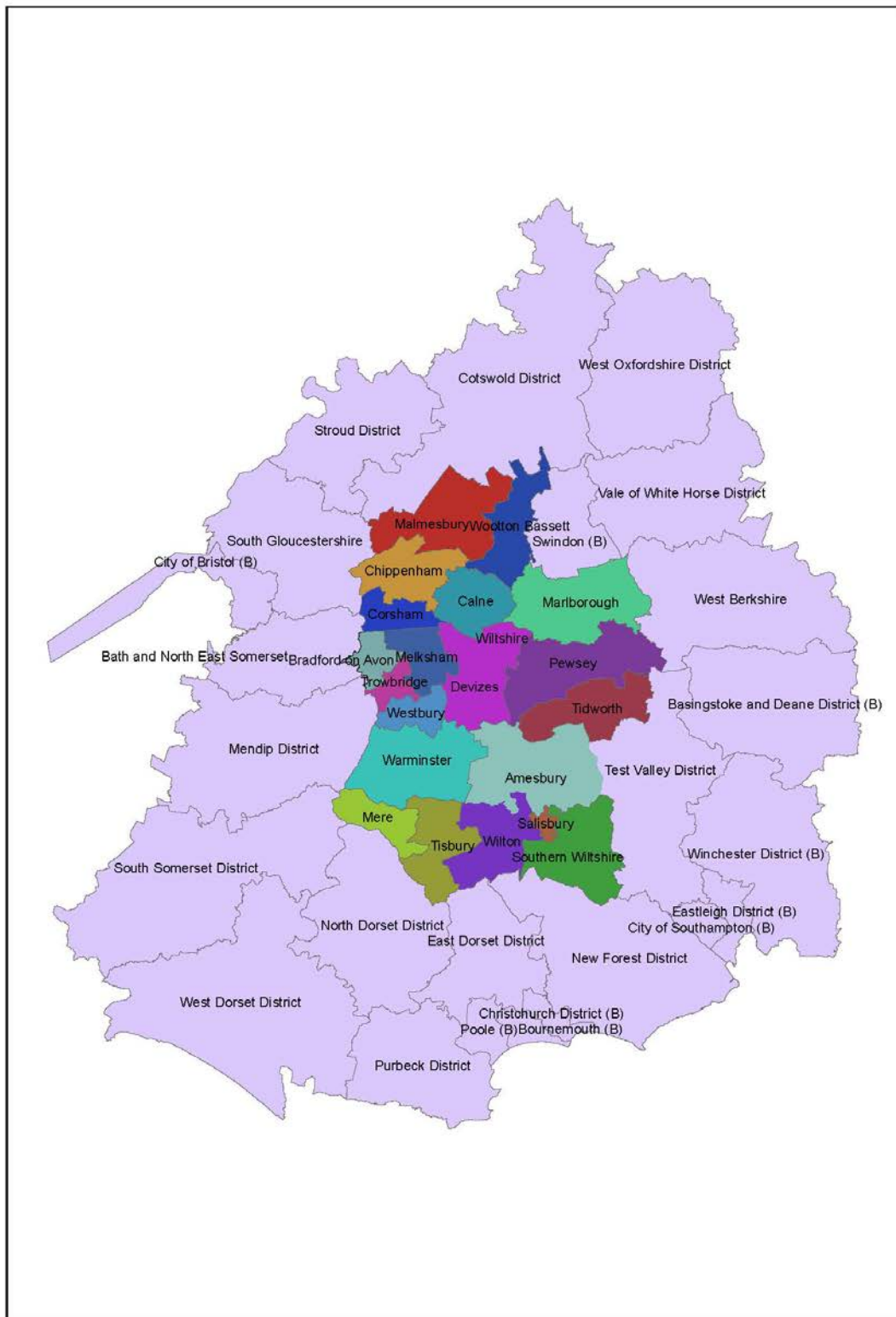
		transport issues in the Salisbury area included in the Plan.
<p>The following issues are being discussed with Natural England on an on-going basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of phosphate in the River Avon and surrounding area and the monitoring of the Nutrient Management Plan to ensure future development addresses these phosphate issues. • Any potential impact of on the Bath and Bradford Bat Special Area of Conservation. • Environmental issues on Salisbury Plain. • The New Forest Special Area of Protection. • Green infrastructure. • Public rights of way. • Site specific considerations for the proposed allocations. 	Natural England	<p>Meetings and correspondence.</p> <p>Specific recognition of ecological sensitivities in the Trowbridge area included in the Plan (Bath and Bradford on Avon Bats SAC).</p> <p>Specific recognition of biodiversity issues in the Salisbury area included in the Plan (River Avon SAC).</p> <p>Specific recognition of biodiversity issues in the Warminster area included in the Plan (River Avon SAC).</p>
<p>The following issues have been discussed with the Environment Agency on an ongoing basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood and surface water drainage consideration for individual sites and the impact of cumulative development is being discussed with the Environment Agency. • Levels of phosphate in the River Avon and surrounding area and the monitoring of the Nutrient Management Plan to ensure future development addresses these phosphate issues. 	Environment Agency	<p>Meetings and correspondence</p> <p>Specific recognition of biodiversity issues in the Salisbury area included in the Plan (River Avon SAC).</p> <p>Specific recognition of biodiversity issues in the Warminster area included in the Plan (River Avon SAC).</p>
<p>The following issues have been discussed with English</p>	English Heritage	Meetings and correspondence

Heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on heritage assets. • How heritage should be assessed through the site selection process. • Site specific considerations for the proposed allocations. 		
Requirements for GP capacity have been sought from NHS England.	NHS England	Correspondence through the technical site selection process.

5. Conclusions and Next Steps

- 5.1. The principle of directing growth to the most sustainable settlements has already been set in the WCS. Neighbouring authorities and relevant prescribed bodies have supported the spatial strategy and quantum of development through the WCS process. The spatial strategy and quantum of development can be considered to be strategic issues where the duty to cooperate has already been fulfilled through the WCS process. This draft plan must be in conformity with the WCS and builds upon the collaboration and cooperation that has already been carried out.
- 5.2. As outlined in the report there have been a number of cross boundary strategic thematic and place based themes that are being discussed with the relevant prescribed bodies and neighbouring authorities.
- 5.3. The draft plan has now moved forward to the formal 6 week public consultation and further cooperative working will be carried out as part of this. In particular the following actions will be carried out:
- Ongoing work with Natural England and the Environment Agency to address:
 - The proactive management of phosphates associated with development through monitoring the current Nutrient Management Plan.
 - Impacts associated with increased recreational pressure (derived from additional housing) on the Bradford and Bath Bats and Salisbury Plain Special Areas of Conservation.
 - On-going discussion with Highways England on potential impacts on the Strategic Road Network, particularly from development in Salisbury.
 - Ongoing discussion with all prescribed bodies on site specific requirements.
- 5.4. This report will be submitted with the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (draft plan) for Examination.

Appendix 1: Map showing Wiltshire Community Areas and neighbouring authorities



Appendix 2: Evidence showing how duty to cooperate has been implemented with neighbouring authorities

Strategic Issue	Stakeholder	Why engaged	How engaged	When engaged	Key outcomes
Transport infrastructure related to in commuting to Bath.	Bath and North East Somerset Highways England	Ongoing dialogue in relation to current and longer term plans for Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire. Included discussions to ensure any impact on East of Bath transport measures and wider transport issues have been considered.	Correspondence Meeting 10-3-17	Mid 2016	No concerns about emerging site allocations plan proposals. Commitment to ongoing dialogue in relation to longer term plans.
Assessment of impact on the New Forest National Park and impact of potential additional recreation use.	New Forest National Park Authority Natural England	To ensure impact on the New Forest National Park and Natura 2000 sites has been considered.	Correspondence and meetings	From 2014	Development of a Recreation Mitigation Strategy.
Consideration of a site in Wiltshire to address population growth in Shaftesbury North Dorset.	North Dorset District Authority	Outside of the context of the draft plan			Outside of the context of the draft plan
Consider any impact of in combination effects of the	South Gloucestershire District Council	Issue flagged up during consultation	Correspondence	Mid 2016	

Strategic Issue	Stakeholder	Why engaged	How engaged	When engaged	Key outcomes
Chippenham Plan and WHSA DPD on infrastructure.					
The impact of development at Ludgershall on the wider road network.	Test Valley Borough Council	To address any cross boundary impact on the wider road network.	Correspondence	April 2017	Correspondence with Test Valley Borough Council stated that at an officer level there was no objection to the principle of the development. They highlighted the need to consider the visual/ landscape impact on the approach to Ludgershall from Test Valley and the need to recognise the need to assess possible transport impact on the local highway. It was requested that this should include the A342 Andover Rd. The draft plan text has been amended accordingly.
Implications of housing requirements of the wider South Wiltshire Housing Market Area that are within the New Forest	New Forest National Park Authority New Forest District Council	Outside of the context of the draft plan			Outside of the context of the draft plan

Appendix 3: Evidence showing how duty to cooperate has been implemented with prescribed bodies

Strategic Issue	Stakeholder	Why engaged	How engaged	When engaged	Key outcomes
Phosphates issues	Natural England Environment Agency	Specialist input on phosphate management	Ongoing meetings and correspondence	From 2014	Ongoing work towards agreeing a Nutrient Management Plan and acceptable mitigation to address existing phosphate issues relates to the River Wylde and surrounding area.
Protection of the Bath and Bradford Bat Special Area of Conservation.	Natural England	Specialist input on the special area of conservation and bat populations	Ongoing meetings and correspondence	From 2014	On-going work to ensure the protection of the bat population and habitat related to the Bath and Bradford Bat Special Area of Conservation.
Consideration of impact on Salisbury Plain.	Natural England	Specialist input on habitat protection on Salisbury Plain.	Ongoing meetings and correspondence	From 2014	On-going work to ensure that any wider impact of development on Salisbury Plain due to increased recreational impact is taken into account.
Consideration of impact on the New Forest Special Area of Conservation.	Natural England New Forest National Park Authority	Specialist input on habitat protection in the New Forest National Park.	Ongoing meetings and correspondence	From 2014	On-going work to ensure that any wider impact of development on the New Forest due to increased recreational impact is taken into account.
Incorporation of green infrastructure considerations in development proposals.	Natural England	Specialist input on green infrastructure	Ongoing meetings and correspondence	From 2014	On-going work to ensure the maintenance and development of a green infrastructure in Wiltshire.
Flood and surface water drainage consideration.	Environment Agency	Specialist input on flood and	Ongoing meetings and	From 2014	Development will be onsite with the least impact on

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	Wiltshire Council Drainage Team	drainage	correspondence		flood land and with drainage issues that have mitigation actions in place.
Consideration of any impact on the Strategic Road Network.	Highways Agency	Specialist highways input	Ongoing meetings and correspondence	From 2014	Ensure any impact on the strategic road network is considered and mitigated.
Review of methodology to ensure that it acknowledged a positive strategy towards conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, and that it enabled historic assets to be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance. A sliding scale of impact and grouping historic designations would be beneficial.	Historic England	Issue flagged up during consultation	Correspondence	2015	Methodology amended to reflect suggestions.
Advice on the proposed draft plan allocation H2.6 Southwick Court, Trowbridge.	Historic England	Specialist historic environment input	Correspondence	2017	Changes made to draft policy H2.6 and supporting text.
Advice on the proposed allocation land east of the Deben, Warminster	Historic England	Specialist historic environment input	Correspondence	2017	Changes made to paragraph 5.79
Advice on text regarding avoiding impact on the universal value of Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site	Historic England	Specialist historic environment input	Correspondence	2017	Changes made to paragraph 5.120
Advice on ensuring a consistent approach to requirements for keeping and improving public rights of way	Natural England	Specialist natural environment input	Correspondence	2017	Changes to the draft plan supporting text to reflect comments on public rights of way
Advice for proposed draft	Natural England	Specialist natural	Correspondence	2017	Changes to supporting

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allocations at Harnham and considering how to link to public rights of way to the west of the site.		environment input			text.
Advice on the transport evidence base.	Highways England	Specialist highways input	Correspondence	2017	Change to text to reference the transport evidence base.

Appendix 4: Site Specific Outcomes

Area, Site or issue	Stakeholder	Why engaged	How engaged	When engaged	Outcomes
East Housing Market Area					
Impact on the road network for allocation H1.1 land at Empress Way, Ludgershall.	Highways England	Specialist input on impact on the SRN	Correspondence	Spring 2017	Further work with transport on any impact on the A303T road
North and West HMA					
Trowbridge – there are a number of key issues that affect planning for the whole town of Trowbridge. Development will increase demand for primary healthcare and funding contributions will be required to expand GP services and dentistry.	NHS England	Specialist input on primary health care	Correspondence at stages of the technical site selection process – see paragraph 4.6 for further detail.	Throughout the process	Supporting text requires contributions to be justified on a site by site basis in discussion with the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England (paragraph 5.45 of the draft plan).
Allocation H2.6 and paragraph 5.68 of the draft plan. Impact on Grade II* listed Southwick Court Farmstead.	Historic England	Specialist input on heritage	Correspondence at stages of the technical site selection process – see paragraph 4.6 for further detail.	Throughout the process	Paragraph 5.76 states: The area is of historic significance as water meadows associated with the Grade II* Listed Southwick Court Farmstead. An essential objective of detailed design will be to minimise harm to its significance. The setting to this heritage asset will be preserved, to the greatest extent possible, informed by the results of more detailed Heritage Impact Assessment. Taking account of the weight

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					attached to the significance of the asset any residual harm requires a clear and convincing justification and should not be substantial.”
South Housing Market Area					
Development of draft policy H3.1 land at Netherhampton Road in Salisbury.	Environment Agency	Specialist input on flood and drainage	Correspondence at stages of the technical site selection process – see paragraph 4.6 for further detail.	Throughout the process	<p>Draft policy H3.1 includes the following requirements following liaison with the Environment Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Country Park of at least 10ha in size with associated parking and facilities, located in the east and south of the site, to provide an important buffer to open countryside, Harnham Hill Chalk Pit SSSI and Harnham Slope County Wildlife Site and to include substantial new tree planting reflecting typical downland characteristics • strategic landscaping and open space provision to retain and reinforce existing hedgerows

Area, Site or issue	Stakeholder	Why engaged	How engaged	When engaged	Outcomes
					<p>and establish new areas of tree planting</p> <p>The supporting text was also influenced by the Environment Agency at paragraph 5.113 which requires a water infrastructure capacity appraisal, a flood risk assessment, sufficient land to be put aside for surface water management and a surface water drainage scheme.</p>
Development of draft policy H3.1 land at Netherhampton Road in Salisbury.	Historic England	Specialist input on heritage	Correspondence at stages of the technical site selection process – see paragraph 4.6 for further detail.	Throughout the process	<p>Draft policy H3.1 includes the following requirements following liaison with the Historic England:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all development to be located below the 75m contour in order to provide a sufficient visual buffer to the open countryside and maintain visual connections to important landmark features
All sites affected by heritage assets.	Historic England	Specialist input on heritage	Correspondence at stages of the technical	Throughout the process	Heritage Impact Assessment required where appropriate. This

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			site selection process – see paragraph 4.6 for further detail.		has been included in supporting text.

Appendix 5

Audit trail of key decisions and processes

Stage of plan	Date	Key decision or process
Formal regulation 18 consultation	24 th March-5th May 2014	Input of neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies on scope
Targeted consultation with neighbouring authorities	13 th – 24 th June 2016	Targeted consultation with neighbouring authorities on emerging findings
Ongoing site selection technical process	Ongoing 7 stage process	Prescribed bodies have been consulted on sites filtering through stages 3, 4a and 4b of the site selection process where relevant. This has been to provide specialist input and identify any strategic issues.
Plan development	April 2017	Liaison with prescribed bodies on draft proposals

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<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshsgsiteallocationsplan.htm>