

Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning 2021

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On Plans and Planning

**“Peace-time plans are of no particular value,
but peace-time planning is indispensable.”**

1984, The Papers of **Dwight David Eisenhower**,
Volume XI: Columbia University, Editor Louis Galambos et al,
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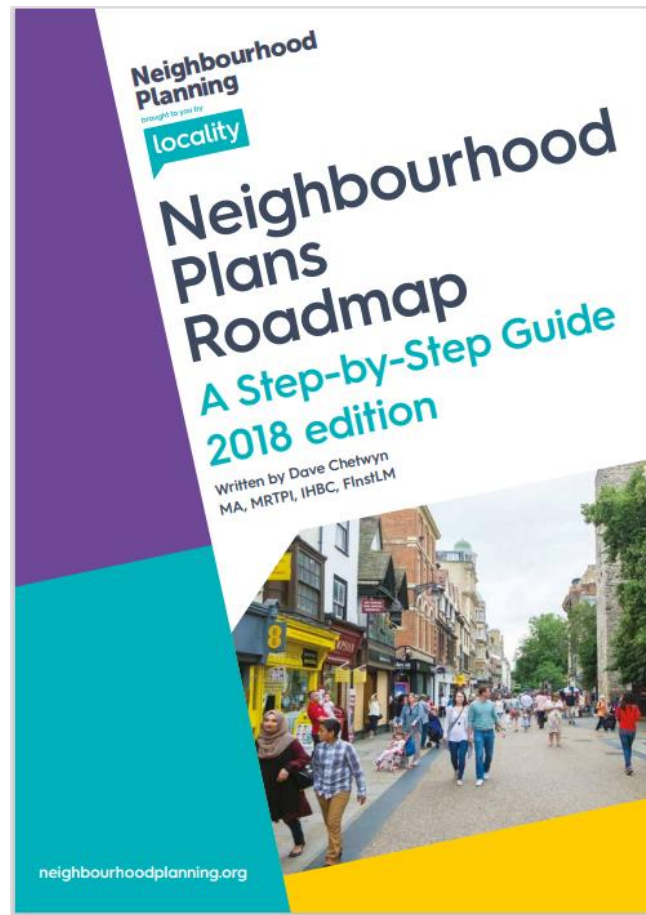
Neighbourhood Planning - Topics

- Introduction
- Current Process
- Previous planning
 - Amesbury Community Strategic Plan
 - Neighbourhood Plan Area
- To discuss
 - Whether to proceed to planning
 - Area to cover
 - Lines of development
 - Stakeholders
- Next steps

What a Neighbourhood Plan is

- Planning policy for a Neighbourhood area to guide future development.
- About the use and development of land
- May contain
 - a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities
 - allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development
 - a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues
 - housing, employment, design, heritage and transport or one or two issues the area has been identified and approved by the parish council

2021 Process



- Stage 1 – Getting established
- Stage 2 – Preparing the plan
- Stage 3 – Bringing the plan into force

Steps to a Neighbourhood Plan in 3 stages

- Town Council identify and approve the **area**
- Submit this to the local planning authority for **designation**.
- Develop community **engagement** and proportionate **evidence** base to understand area, views, aspirations, wants and needs of local people.
- Complete Neighbourhood **Plan**
- Submit Plan to the local planning authority
- Independent **examination**, revisions
- Public **referendum** - Requiring more than 50% of those voting to vote “yes” to bring plan into force

The Basic Conditions

- All Neighbourhood plans must meet the ‘basic conditions’ set out in planning law as tested by independent examination:
 - have regard to national policy
 - contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
 - be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area
 - be compatible with EU obligations

Evidence

- Local plan, and the evidence underpinning that plan or any emerging local plan;
 - Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMA)
 - Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessments (SHELAA), Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments (SHLAA)O
- Other local authority plans and strategies, such as
 - Economic development strategies;
 - Opinion-based research for Local Authority
 - Socio-economic data for district/ward (census and other data);
 - technical reports

Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning

- 1990s - Amesbury Vision
- 2000s Amesbury Market Town Partnership
 - Amesbury Community Strategic Plan (ACSP)
 - Retail Inquiry
 - Wiltshire Core Strategies
 - “Hinterlands”
- 2010s Amesbury Neighbourhood Plan
 - Defining the Neighbourhood – 2014-2016
- 2018 Guidance
 - For town or parish councils, there is a **presumption** that the Neighbourhood area will be **the same as the parish boundary.** However, they may choose a smaller and more focused area, such as a town or local centre –That may not fit here

ACSP



Amesbury House

2. Profile of the Amesbury Area

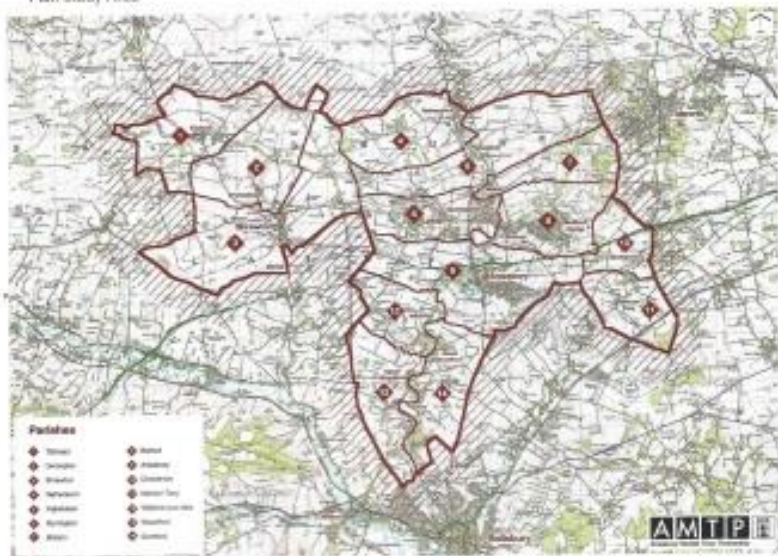
This chapter provides some key facts about the Amesbury area, to give a background for our Community Strategic Plan.

Amesbury is a small town with a population of around 9,500, overlooking the valley of the River Avon.



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AMESBURY MARKET TOWN PARTNERSHIP - Community Strategic Action Plan Study Area



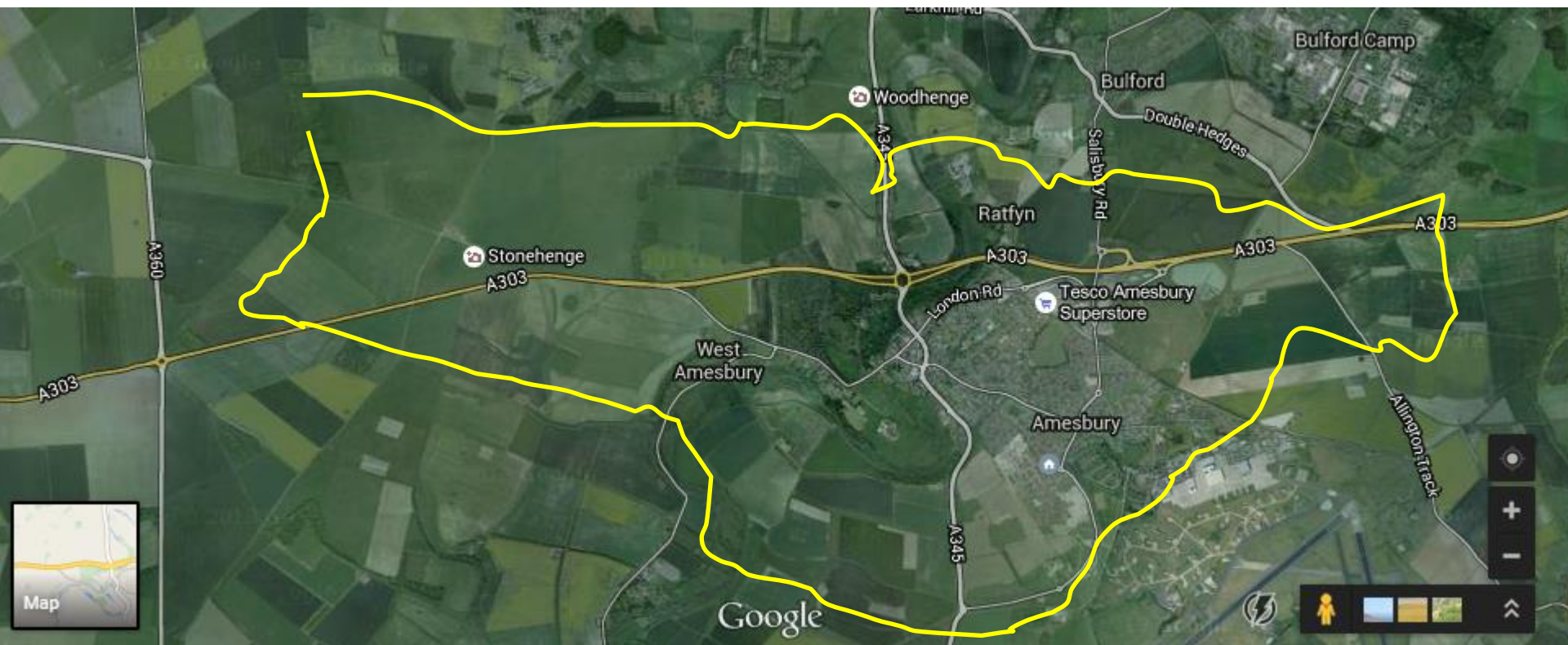
4. Our Vision for Amesbury in 2026

We envisage that by 2026 Amesbury will be the natural choice for residents from the town and surrounding parishes for a wide range of quality shopping in safe and convivial surroundings. We will have conserved the best of the past, celebrating our rich natural and archaeological heritage, but we will be also looking to the future with high quality design of houses, good transport and community facilities and a thriving retail and commercial centre to the town.

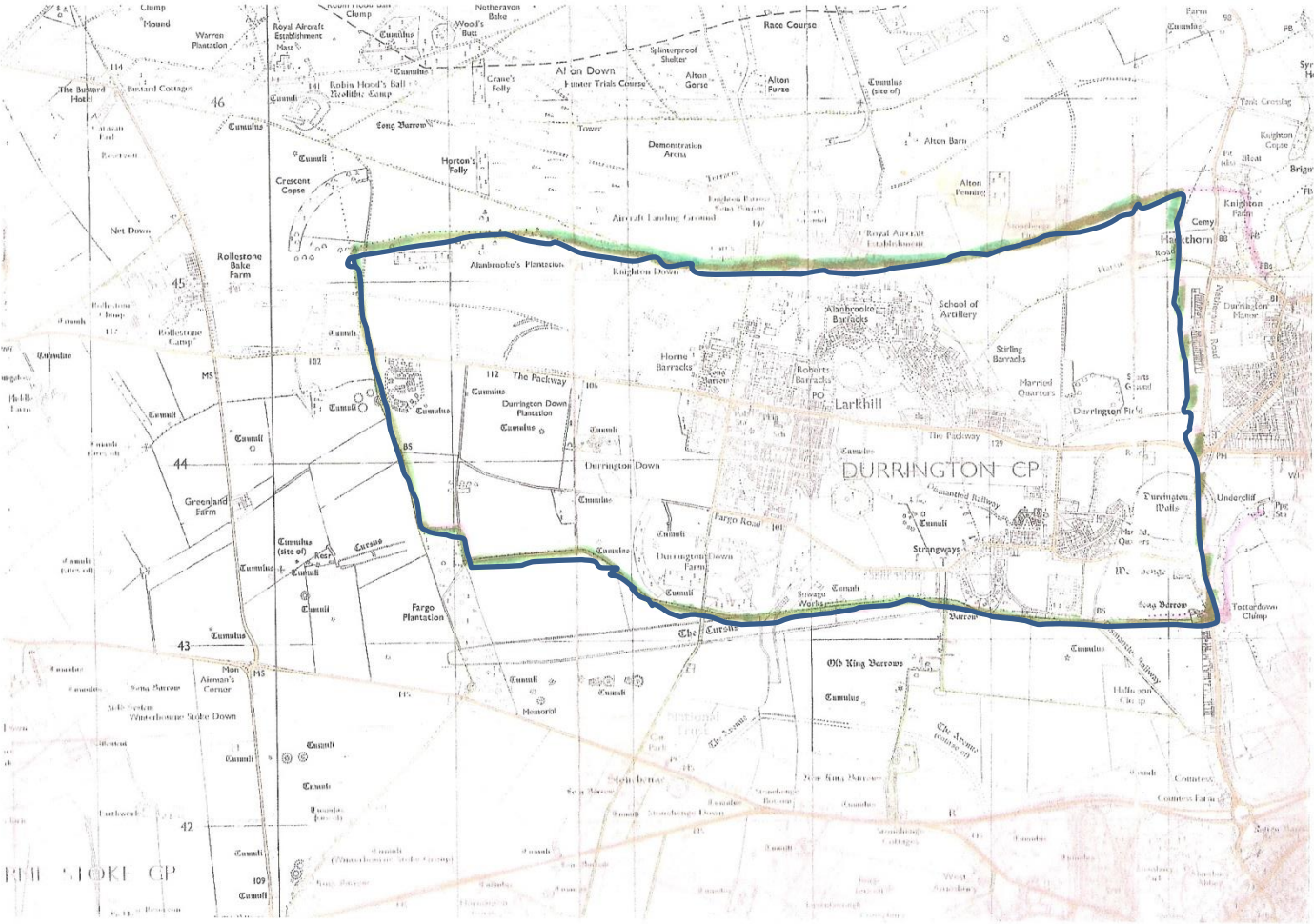
Amesbury will be above all a comfortable place for people to live, where our young people will be able to buy or rent homes and have meaningful education and employment. But we will also be an enjoyable and welcoming place for people to visit, with high quality parking and amenities.

Satellite view of – Amesbury Parish

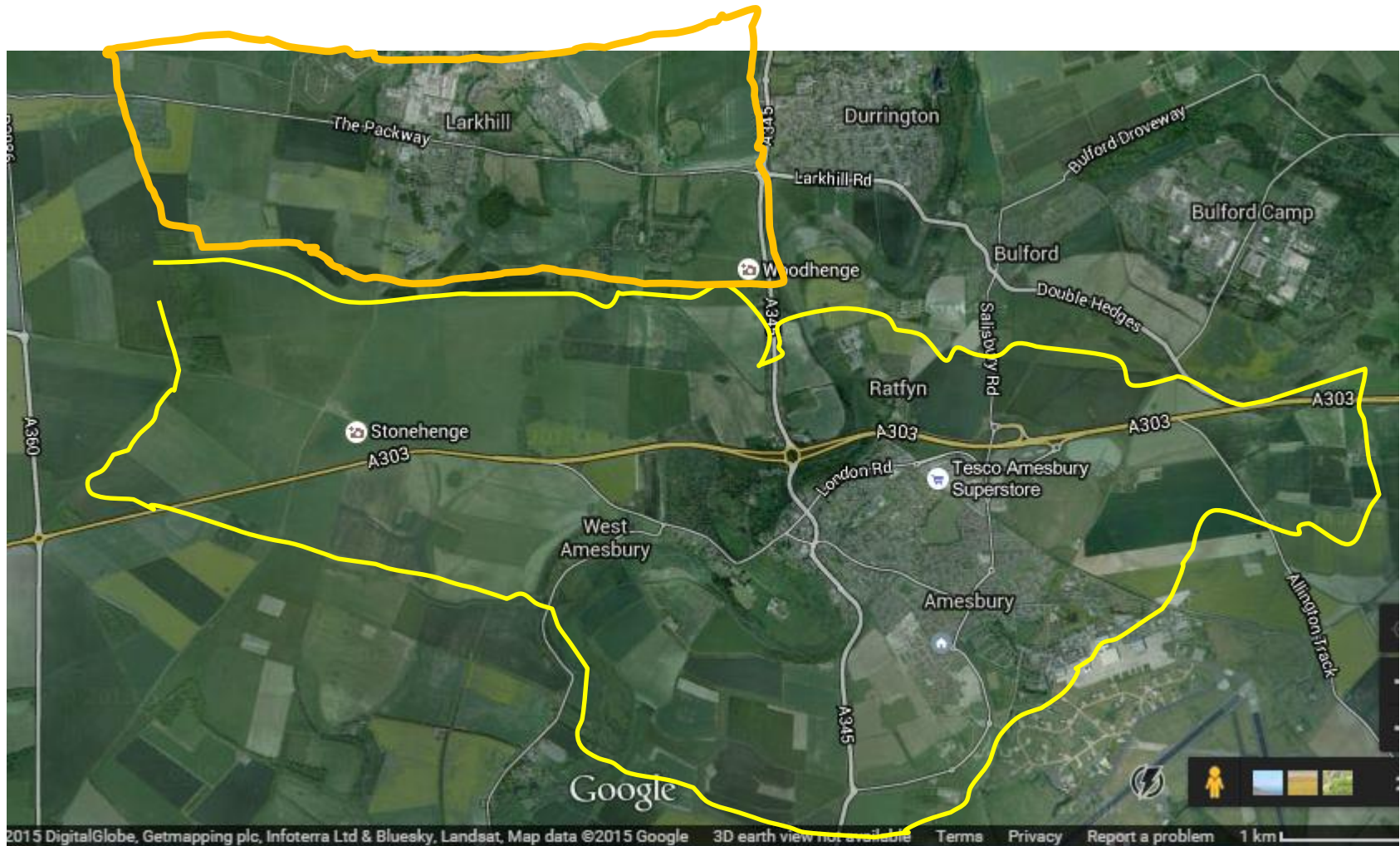
- Scope?



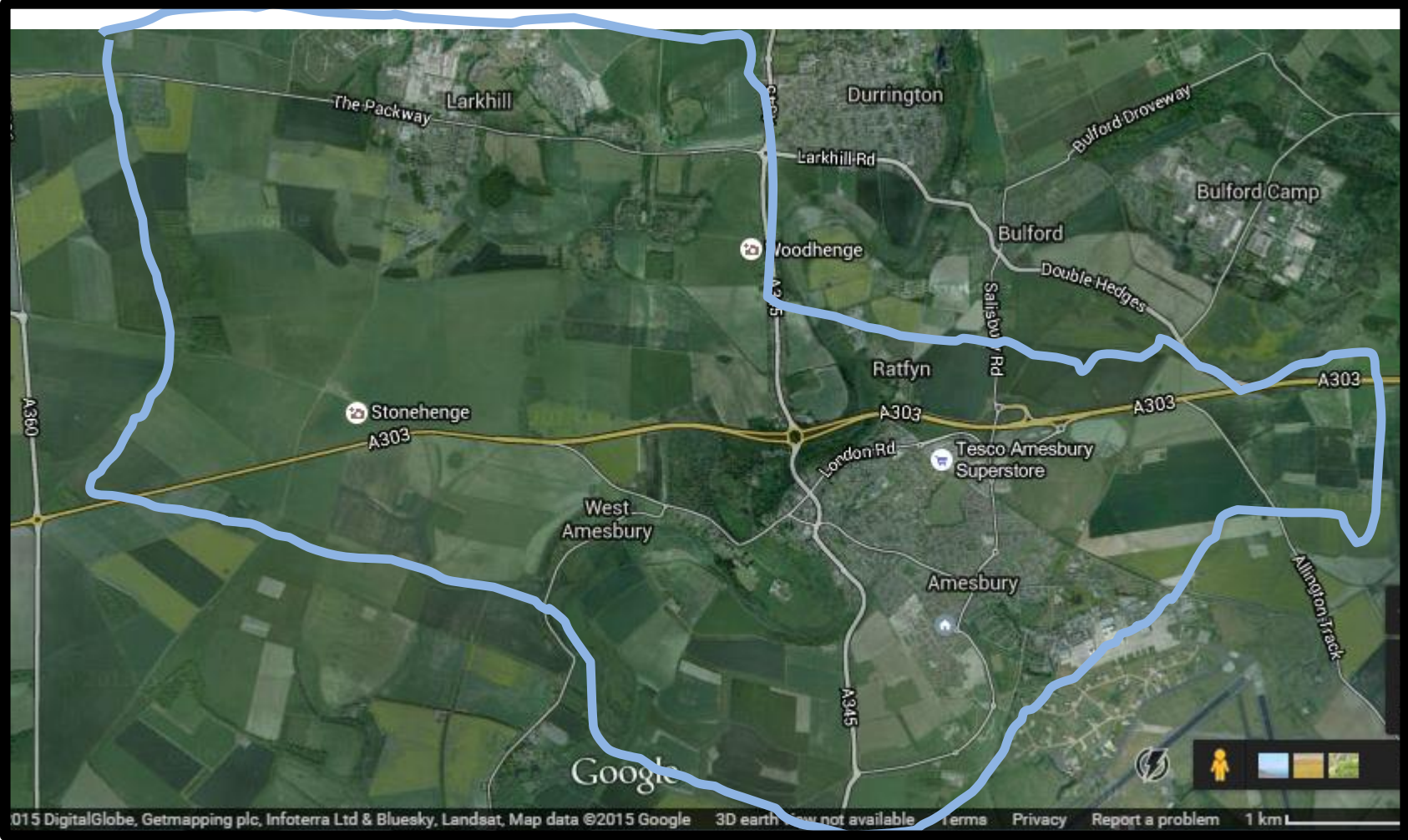
Durrington Parish – Western area



Combined Areas for ANP



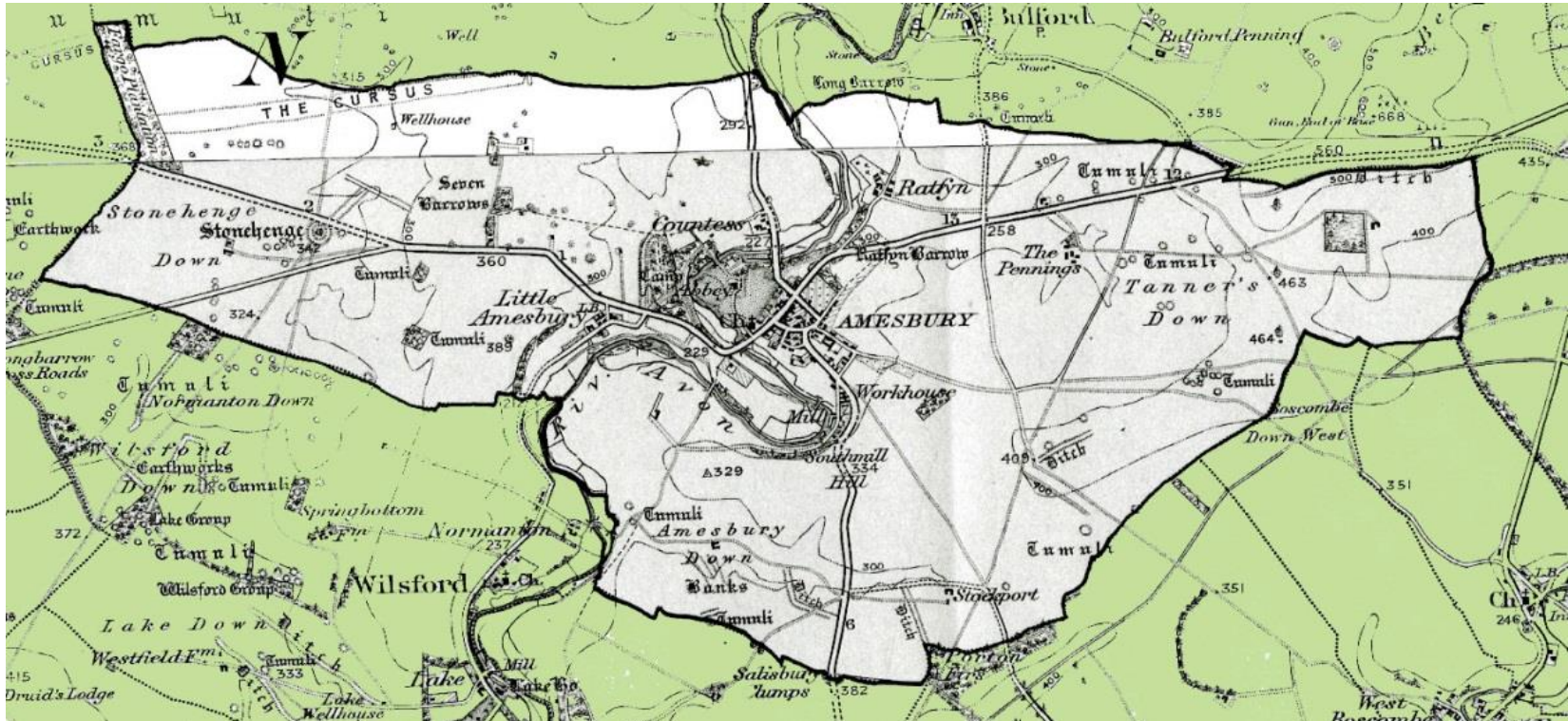
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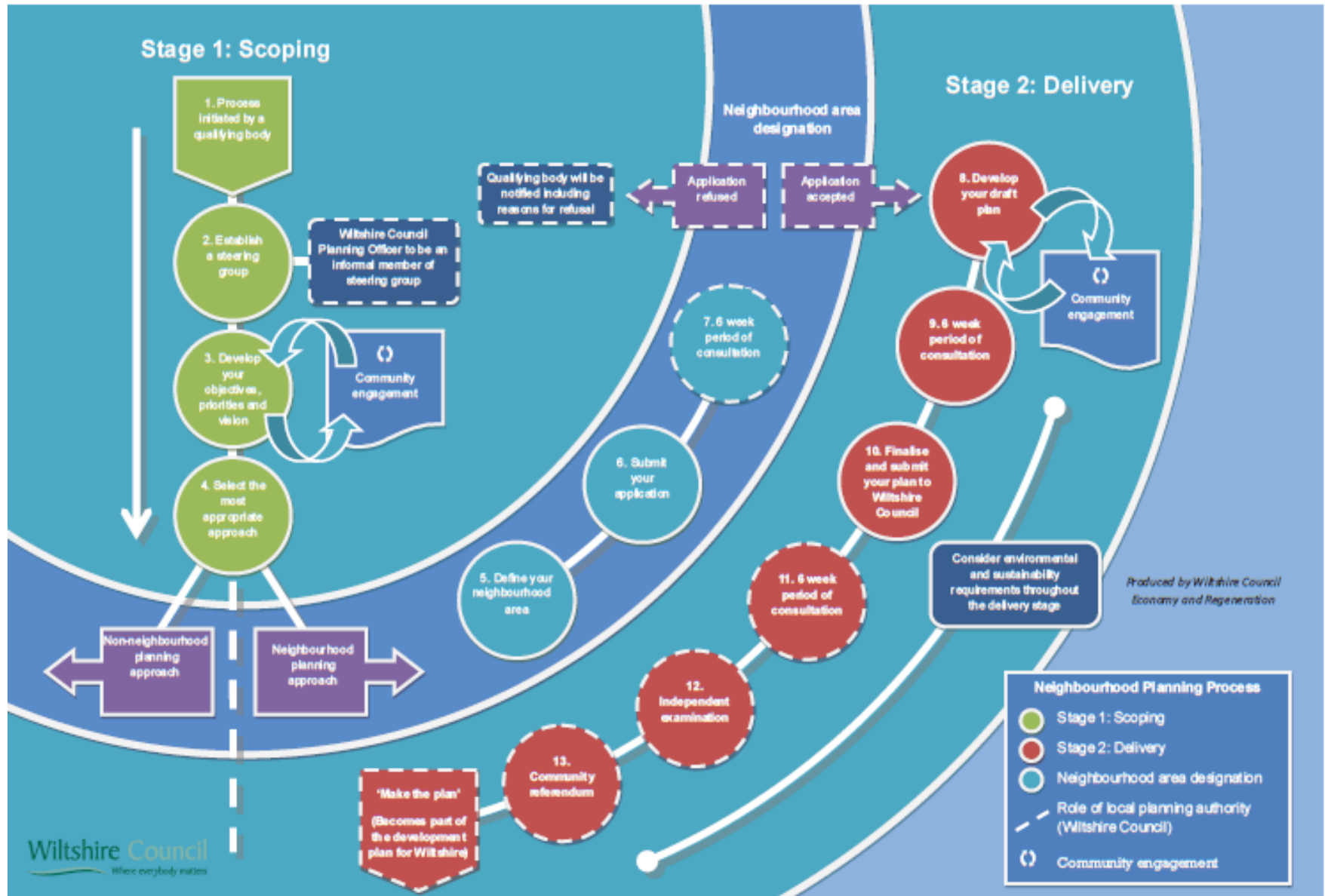
2016 - Amesbury and Durrington



Map – Amesbury 1894



Process (2014-16)



2016 Consultations - Evidence



- Bowman Centre February 2016
- Knowledge Sharing with other Neighbourhoods
- Area Designation in draft then paused

Amesbury Neighbourhood Plan – Themes

- Community Infrastructure
- Environment
- Local Economy
- Transport
- Housing
- Education
- History and Tourism
 - *Amesbury History Centre, FirePower, Aviation*
- Army Rebasing
- Local community volunteers pursue those themes of particular interest to them within an overall structure.

Paper - Stonehenge Trader & The Times

Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning

Where houses and offices and other development should be built? Develop a shared vision for the area?

Identify and protect important green spaces?
Influence what new buildings should look like?

Thank you to all those who responded to the Town Council following the last article on this topic, we will be contacting you soon. But we still need more input from residents and users of the Town.

At the last steering group meeting it was recognised that there is a need to keep the residents of Amesbury informed of not only the Neighbourhood plan but the progress made. This will be addressed with the inclusion of a Web page on the Town Councils website, a Facebook page as well as notices in and around Town. Other media options are being investigated such as radio and newspaper articles.

In last month's article, mention was made of points of interest that have been made to the steering group, in addition they would like to hear from you any ideas or indeed dislikes that you may have that could be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan for Amesbury.

In the New Year questionnaires will be circulated and open meetings arranged to give more information on this important topic. It is the residents of the Town who will write the Neighbourhood Plan and be able to vote in the referendum on the plan, however we welcome views and ideas from residents of surrounding parishes. All are welcome to join us at any time whether you would like to join a committee, attend a meeting or just to send in your ideas or views.

Members of the steering group will put the plan together, research questions and provide answers as well as doing the boring stuff like studying the Core Strategy, Development plans, National Planning Policy framework etc.

We look forward to hearing from you. Contact details are:
Town Clerk, Amesbury Town Council, Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7XT. Or amesburyclerk@btconnect.com

And Now from the Chair

(Councillor Ian Mitchell, Chairman of The Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning Group)

The aim of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee is to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Amesbury. This will establish general planning policies, parts of the planning system; a way to influence development on a coherent basis.

Previous efforts, such as the Amesbury Community Strategic Plan 10 years ago and the Amesbury Vision before it, have made progress, even without statutory weight. The Neighbourhood Plan will have this weight because of the involvement of local people. It has to be approved by a referendum to merit this weight.

There are constraints on what and how we can proceed. The Neighbourhood Plan is led by Amesbury Town Council, the nominated qualifying body, but its strength depends on the volunteers. Their views in 2014 established five themes for the plan:

1. Community Infrastructure
2. Employment and Transport
3. Local Economy and Traffic
4. Education and Housing
5. Heritage and Archaeology

These structure the plan, as chapters and offer a programme to work through in building the plan. The intention is to concentrate on each theme for a time.

Those ideas should be from the people of Amesbury. The steering group is there to co-ordinate the development of the plan, not dictate its content. We want people in Amesbury to join in the discussion about the subjects that interest them in the ways that suit them best. Look at Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/AmesburyNeighbourhoodPlan> as well as the pages of the Stonehenge Trader.

I must thank Mr Wigglesworth for writing to the Town Council. He has many views. With some I agree and that is the basis for discussion so that a meaningful Neighbourhood Plan will emerge. As he writes: "Amesbury really needs the support not only of its own Public but all the villages surrounding it. You need us and we need you!"

Councillor Ian M Mitchell.

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Stonehenge tunnel 'will destroy links to Ice Age Britons'

By [Name]

Stonehenge, the ancient monument in Wiltshire, is set to be buried under a new road tunnel, a move that has caused concern among archaeologists and historians.

The proposed Stonehenge Tunnel, which would connect the A303 to the A330, is a controversial project that has been the subject of a public inquiry. The tunnel would be built through the Stonehenge World Heritage Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to the ancient monument.

Archaeologists and historians have expressed concern that the tunnel would destroy links to Ice Age Britons, who are believed to have lived in the area around Stonehenge. The tunnel would also destroy the Stonehenge Avenue, a prehistoric monument that is believed to be a link to the Ice Age.

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STONEHENGE, O.R. AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING - A NEW INITIATIVE BY PUBLIC POLICY DESIGN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

IAN MITCHELL

It was unusual to see Stonehenge in Birmingham.

The familiar hills were an scene in a pub showing view of the tunnel to be built under the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. With time to spare before their turn, participants from the first Public Policy Design Special Interest Group meeting passed to discuss how to work with local government on a policy design process.

The evening event was an successful application of the process to the local development plan in Amesbury, the home of Stonehenge. An informal Neighbourhood Plan has resulted which is now being used to work with local government on a policy design process.

The Plan appears at www.facebook.com/amesburyneighbourhoodplan complements the page on the A303 through the World Heritage site www.facebook.com/A303Barnes

David Fellows was able to visit the Amesbury History Centre during a visit of Amesbury. As a result the Stonehenge, Heritage and Archaeology to view the site of the first for posterity. The day after the visit the labels were in the news again because of concerns over the potential impact on the archaeological site, always seems to be one of the most challenging subjects.

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Amesbury Neighbourhood Planning

Residents of Amesbury have an opportunity to influence: Where houses and offices and other development should be built. Develop a shared vision for the area. Identify and protect important green spaces. Opportunity to help with designs of new buildings.

Amesbury Needs YOU

Would you be interested? then NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING is your opportunity.

So what is a Neighbourhood Plan?

In short it can establish general planning policies for the development and use for land in a defined neighbourhood area. The plan might specify, for example, where new homes and offices should be built, and what they should look like. The plan can also set a vision for the future, and can be detailed or general depending on what local people want.

Who can take the lead?

The Localism Act requires Neighbourhood plans to be prepared by a qualifying body. In the case of Amesbury the qualifying body is the steering group approach which will include members of the community, other stakeholders and a link officer from Wiltshire Council.

How much work is involved?

This is dependent on the content and scope of the plan. For example a plan could focus on a single topic such as development sites or multiple aspects of life within the parish. It is anticipated that from start to finish a plan for Amesbury will take up to two years.



Who will pay for the plan?

Well the qualifying body will not be asking you to put your hand in your pocket! The cost of the plan will be met from The Town Council and Wiltshire Council.

Interested?


If you would like to join in with how the future of Amesbury is formed or perhaps just to express an interest please send your name and address, maybe including concerns you have, to either:

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Or email: amesburyclerk@btconnect.com

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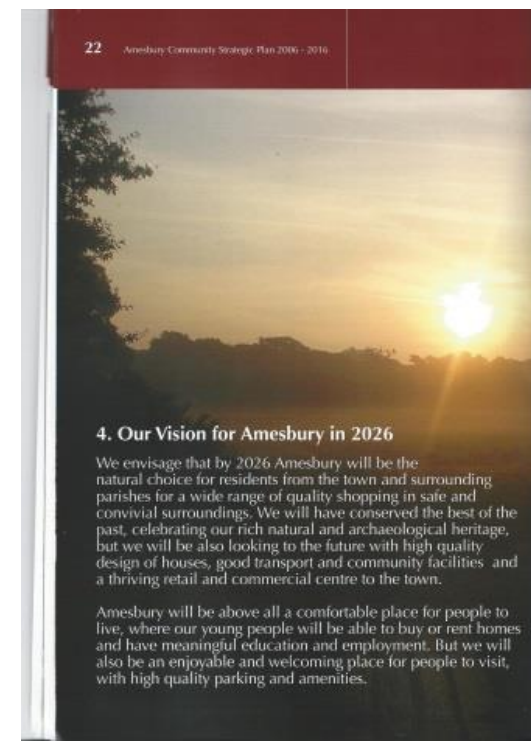
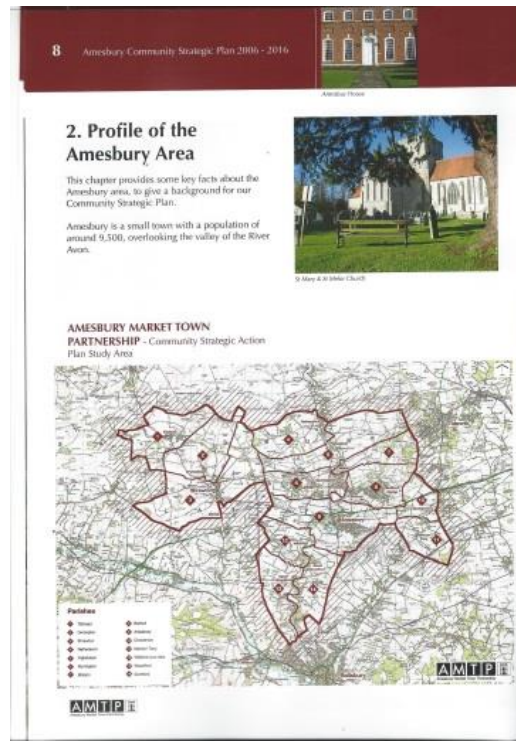
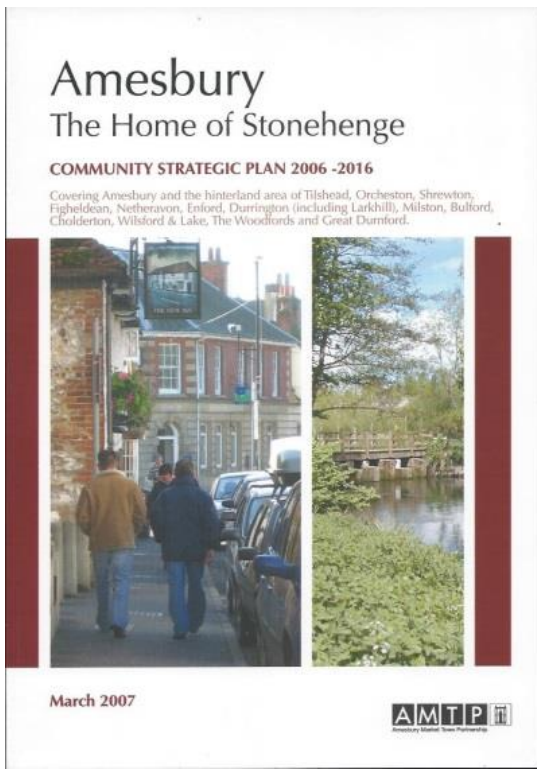
Electronic Connections

Pages on Facebook

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2007 Amesbury Community Strategic Plan on OR
Society document repository

<https://www.theorsociety.com/DocumentRepository/Browse.aspx?s=Amesbury>



Neighbourhood Planning - Now

- To discuss
 - Whether to proceed to planning
 - Area to cover
 - Lines of development
 - Stakeholders
- Next steps
 - What
 - Why
 - How
 - When
 - Where
 - Who