

Chairman's Announcement - Wiltshire Local Plan Review

At its meeting on Tuesday 11 July, Cabinet will consider the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan, as this important document approaches the final stages towards adoption. [The papers for this meeting can be found here.](#)

The Plan will set out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years, until 2038. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It also identifies sites for development throughout the county, as the council looks to plan for 36,740 homes (of which over 20,500 homes have already been built or are committed) and will look to allocate 115 hectares for employment sites.

The Plan must be positive and address the need for new homes, jobs and infrastructure, and also provide ways to protect the environment and the environmental impact on communities, while helping to deliver the council's ambitions to be carbon neutral by 2030, and for Wiltshire to have a smaller carbon footprint. It must also align with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

If the Plan passes through Cabinet, it will then go to Full Council 18 July before a final public consultation in the autumn. Once the public consultation is complete and all comments have been considered, the Plan will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector before it is adopted.

We will have more details on the public consultation stage in the coming weeks.

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