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1 Introduction

- 1.1** The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 requires the council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The Wiltshire LDS sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) prioritised for production by Wiltshire Council and the timetable for their preparation that will, when complete, together with other adopted documents, comprise the Local Plan for Wiltshire. It also includes information on Neighbourhood Plans that form part of the development plan for Wiltshire, as well as those at an advanced stage of preparation.
- 1.2** The LDS should be kept up to date and was last reviewed in December 2016 to cover the period 2016 to 2019. This was an interim update to respond to changes in circumstance that affected DPD preparation since the LDS published in January 2015.
- 1.3** This full review of the LDS takes into account ongoing joint working with Swindon Borough Council and includes the following:
- An updated timetable for the production of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD. It will identify, where necessary, new sites for housing, to provide surety of delivery over the plan period to 2026. It will also include a review of the settlement boundaries in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
 - A new timetable and scope for a Wiltshire Local Plan⁽¹⁾ Review which incorporates the previously proposed partial review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller DPD.
- 1.4** The Wiltshire Local Plan Review includes the council's commitment to the preparation of a new Joint Spatial Framework prepared in co-operation with Swindon Borough Council for the combined area of Swindon and Wiltshire.
- 1.5** The LDS does not include a timetable for the preparation of individual neighbourhood plans as the timing and delivery of these are the responsibility of the 'qualifying bodies' which, in Wiltshire, is generally the parish councils. However, the LDS does provide a summary of those plans that have been made and now form part of the development plan and those that have progressed to at least the submission stage at the time of writing (August 2017).
- 1.6** The LDS recognises the need to review adopted Minerals and Waste DPDs to check their consistency with the NPPF and identify the need for any additional policy development.

1 While the Wiltshire Core Strategy was being prepared changes in Government advice resulted in a change of terminology and content of council wide plans. Specifically the term 'Core Strategy' was replaced by 'Local Plan' in the National Planning Policy Framework. To avoid confusion the title 'Wiltshire Core Strategy' was retained until it was adopted. However, it is appropriate to now adopt the new terminology as, in line with the NPPF, the review will bring into it the development management policies currently referred to as 'saved policies of the former District Councils'

2 The Wiltshire Development Plan

Existing Development Plan

- 2.1** Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act states that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The development plan comprises both DPDs prepared by Wiltshire Council as local planning authority and made (adopted) Neighbourhood Development Plans prepared by Parish and Town Councils within Wiltshire. Policies within the documents listed in Tables 2.1 and 2.2 below currently form the development plan for Wiltshire (and Swindon⁽²⁾).
- 2.2** The Wiltshire Core Strategy replaces many of the 'saved' policies within the former North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011, the Kennet Local Plan 2011, the West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 and the Salisbury Local Plan 2011, as well as some policies within the West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD. The remaining extant policies from these documents are listed at Appendix D of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

Table 2.1 Wiltshire Development Plan - Development Plan Documents, August 2017

Document	Area Covered	Status
Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (adopted May 2017)	Chippenham (principal settlement)	Current policy. Sets out the sites and details of development to accommodate strategic growth options for Chippenham in accordance with Core Policy 10 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2015)	Wiltshire council	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of Wiltshire and strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision setting out principles of development for the county to 2026, including strategic site allocations.
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations DPD (adopted November 2012)	Wiltshire council and Swindon borough	Current policy. Identifies land for future waste management facilities and aggregate recycling facilities up to 2026 in accordance with the Swindon and Wiltshire Waste Core Strategy
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Site Allocations DPD (adopted December 2012)	Wiltshire council and Swindon borough	Current policy. Identifies land for future mineral (aggregates) working and aggregate recycling facilities up to 2026 in accordance with the Swindon and Wiltshire Minerals Core Strategy.
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies DPD (adopted September 2009)	Wiltshire council and Swindon borough	Current policy. Sets out generic policies to assist in determining planning applications for waste development up to 2026.

2 Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council prepare minerals and waste local plans on a joint basis

Document	Area Covered	Status
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Development Control Policies DPD (adopted September 2009)	Wiltshire council and Swindon borough	Current policy. Sets out generic policies to assist in determining planning applications for minerals development up to 2026.
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)	Wiltshire council and Swindon borough	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy covering waste provision up to 2026 including the strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision.
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)	Wiltshire council area and Swindon borough	Current policy. Sets out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy covering minerals provision up to 2026 including the strategic policies and proposals to deliver the vision.
West Wiltshire Leisure and Recreation DPD (adopted February 2009)	Former West Wiltshire district area	Provides additional recreational policies for the West Wiltshire area for the period up until 2016. Certain policies have been replaced by the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Remaining policies are 'saved' and will be replaced by policies in future DPDs.
North Wiltshire Local Plan (adopted April 2006)	Former North Wiltshire district area	Certain policies continue to be 'saved' until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
Kennet Local Plan 2011 (adopted June 2004)	Former Kennet district area	Certain policies continue to be 'saved' until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
West Wiltshire District Plan First Alteration 2011 (adopted June 2004)	Former West Wiltshire district area	Certain policies continue to be saved until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.
Salisbury Local Plan 2011 (adopted June 2003)	Former Salisbury district area	Certain policies continue to be saved until replaced by policies in a subsequent DPD.

Document	Area Covered	Status
Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan (adopted November 2001)	Wiltshire council and Swindon	One policy (Policy 35 Preferred Areas for Sharp Sand and Gravel) continues to be saved.

Table 2.2 Wiltshire Development Plan - Made Neighbourhood Plans, August 2017

Document	Area covered	Status
Idmiston Neighbourhood Development Plan Made April 2017	Idmiston Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Urchfont, Wedhampton and Lydeaway Neighbourhood Development Plan Made April 2017	Urchfont Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2017	Ashton Keynes Parish	Covers the period 2017 to 2026
Holt Neighbourhood Development Plan Made January 2017	Holt Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Downton Neighbourhood Development Plan Made January 2017	Downton Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Potterne Neighbourhood Development Plan Made January 2017	Potterne Parish	Covers the period 2016 to 2026
Devizes Neighbourhood Development Plan Made December 2016	Devizes Town, Bishops Cannings Parish and Roundway Parish (part)	Covers the period 2015 to 2026
Warminster Neighbourhood Development Plan Made November 2016.	Warminster parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2026.

Document	Area covered	Status
Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Development Plan Made May 2016	Compton Bassett Parish	Covers the period 2015 to 2030.
Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Development Plan Made November 2015	Freshford and Limpley Stoke Parishes	Covers the period 2014 to 2039
Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan Made October 2015	Pewsey Parish	Covers the period 2006 to 2026
Malmesbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Made February 2015	Malmesbury Town, St Paul Malmesbury Without and Brokenborough Parishes	Covers the period 2014 to 2026

Development plan documents in preparation

2.3 The DPDs that are under preparation are summarised in Table 2.3, with more detailed information in Appendix A and a summary of the overall programme in Section 3.

Table 2.3 Development Plan Documents in preparation

Document	Area covered	Anticipated adoption date	Comments
Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD	Wiltshire council (excluding the Principal Settlement of Chippenham)	Winter 2018	Will set out additional site allocations for housing across Wiltshire to ensure supply throughout the plan period to 2026. In addition, the document will address the review of existing settlement boundaries.
Wiltshire Local Plan DPD Review	Wiltshire council	Spring 2021	A review and roll forward of the housing and employment requirements in the Wiltshire Core Strategy to relate to the period 2016 to 2036. It will incorporate the previously proposed partial review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

2.4 Each document included in Table 2.3 is discussed further below.

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD

2.5 Consultation on the scope of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD was undertaken in 2014 and informal consultation subsequently undertaken with Parish and Town Councils in 2014 and 2015. A pre-submission draft plan was published for consultation over the period **14 July to 22 September 2017**. Delays to the timetable have occurred due to the complexity of the plan, the considerable interest with Neighbourhood Planning across Wiltshire, which the Council has a duty to support, and more recently local and general elections. The timeline has been updated with submission to the Secretary of State for examination now programmed for Spring 2018.

Wiltshire Local Plan DPD Review

2.6 Historically the Wiltshire LDS included a commitment to complete a Wiltshire Core Strategy Partial Review which was to draw into the Core Strategy the saved policies of the former district plans, introduce town centre and open space policies that were compliant with the NPPF and relate to a period to 2026.

2.7 Separately, the 2015 LDS envisaged future joint working with Swindon Borough Council to inform the review and roll forward of the housing and employment requirements for each local authority area for a period to 2036. The completion of a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and Functional Economic Market Assessment (FEMAA) for the combined area of Swindon and Wiltshire was the trigger for this work to commence. This work is now near completion and provides the opportunity to develop joint working with Swindon Borough Council with a clear understanding of the current housing and employment relationships between the two authorities. To enable this, the 2017 LDS includes a timetable for a Wiltshire Local Plan Review which incorporates the previously proposed partial review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and Gypsy and Traveller DPD which was included in the 2015 LDS.

2.8 The Wiltshire Local Plan Review process will take forward the outcomes of: consultation on the scope of the Partial Review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy DPD and evidence prepared to inform the partial review which was completed in May 2015; and the outcome of consultation on the scope of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD and evidence prepared to inform the traveller plan which was completed in 2014.

Supporting Evidence for the Wiltshire Local Plan DPD Review: Swindon and Wiltshire Joint Spatial Framework

2.9 The programme for the Wiltshire Local Plan Review includes a proposal for a Joint Spatial Framework prepared with Swindon Borough Council which will relate to the combined area of Swindon and Wiltshire. This document will set out in broad terms the quantum and spatial distribution of new jobs, homes and infrastructure in the period to 2036. It will become evidence to inform each individual local plan reviews enabling the preparation of separate but aligned local plans.

2.10 The relationship between the Wiltshire Local Plan Review and the Swindon and Wiltshire Joint Spatial Framework is an important one, as the local plan will take its lead from the broader strategy included within the Joint Spatial Framework. The programme for the Wiltshire Local Plan Review takes into account the need for work on the Joint Spatial Framework to be completed before the Wiltshire Local Plan Review is published at pre-submission stage

2.11 The methodology for joint working with Swindon will be developed further as part of the proposed Regulation 18⁽³⁾ consultation programmed for Autumn 2017.

Emerging Neighbourhood Plans

2.12 Neighbourhood planning is popular across Wiltshire. Currently, around 65 Neighbourhood Areas have been formally designated for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan; and there are 12 'made' (adopted) plans within Wiltshire, which are listed in Table 2.2 above. In addition to the development plan documents in preparation, the following neighbourhood development plans are at an advanced stage of preparation having been submitted to Wiltshire Council for consultation and examination⁽⁴⁾ (they have reached the Regulation 16 stage of plan preparation)⁽⁵⁾. Following successful examination and referendum they can be 'made' at which point they will also form part of the development plan for Wiltshire:

- The Bradford on Avon Neighbourhood Plan
- Bremhill Parish Neighbourhood Plan
- Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan
- Christian Malford Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan
- Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Neighbourhood Plan
- Langley Burrell Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Wootton Rivers Neighbourhood Development Plan

3 Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to notify consultation bodies of the subject of a local plan which the local planning authority propose to prepare, and invite each of them to make representations to the local planning authority about what a local plan with that subject ought to contain.

4 List correct at 1 August 2017. For latest progress, see neighbourhood planning website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-latest-news>

5 Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to as soon as possible after receiving a plan proposal to publicise the plan on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the proposal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area and include details on how to make representations on the plan over a period not less than 6 weeks.

3 Overall programme for development plan document preparation

- 3.1** The overall programme for the preparation of the new DPDs, listed at Table 2.3 above, including significant milestones, is summarised in the following chart. **Appendix A** includes profiles for each document.
- 3.2** Progress has already been made on the delivery of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan which means, accordingly, only the later stages of preparation are shown. Each DPD document follows a similar process:
- Public consultation on the scope of plan
 - Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation)
 - Publication of the plan for pre submission consultation (i.e. before submission to the Secretary of State)
 - Submission to the Secretary of State
 - Examination (including hearings and receipt of Inspectors report)
 - Adoption
- 3.3** An important milestone for each document is the point at which the document is submitted to the Secretary of State. Critical to maintaining progress in relation to each document is the role of Cabinet and Full Council. Cabinet provides Member approval to progress key stages of plan preparation and authorise consultation procedures. Full Council is required to approve the DPD for submission to the Secretary of State and finally adopt the plan as required by the council's constitution and legislative requirements
- 3.4** For information Figure 3.1 includes a programme for the preparation of the proposed Joint Spatial Framework which will inform and be informed by the local plan review process. The Joint Spatial Framework is not a development plan document and will not become part of the Wiltshire Development Plan. Instead it will become evidence to the draft Wiltshire Local Plan Review and draft Swindon Local Plan when they are submitted to the Secretary of State.

4 Supporting statement

Duty to Co-operate in the preparation of development plan documents

- 4.1** Throughout the preparation of DPDs, the council will exercise its duty to co operate, focusing on the main cross boundary and strategic issues highlighted by the evidence base.
- 4.2** The Duty to Co operate was introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and requires councils and public bodies to ‘engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis’ in the preparation of Local Plan documents, including in the preparation of evidence to underpin these documents. The duty relates to sustainable development or use of land that has a significant impact on at least two local planning areas. Issues that may not be able to be wholly addressed by one local planning authority working alone are set in paragraph 156 in the NPPF.
- 4.3** The NPPF states Local Authorities should consider producing joint planning policies to address some of these strategic matters, as well as informal strategies such as joint infrastructure and investment plans. A joint approach will not be required where an issue can be addressed adequately within one administrative boundary. When compiling its scheme of work, the council considers and discusses with neighbouring authorities whether production of joint documents is a sensible course of action, such as with minerals and waste planning. The decisions associated with such considerations will be carefully recorded. Clear justification by way of an explanation of the strategic context behind the course of action taken will be set out and, where necessary, a memorandum of understanding between the bodies published.

Wiltshire and Swindon Joint Spatial Framework

- 4.4** Each authority’s responsibilities under the duty to co-operate was taken into consideration to inform the decision to produce a non-statutory Wiltshire and Swindon Joint Spatial Framework to inform the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan and the Swindon Local Plan. Preparation of the framework will require close working and decision making at member and officer level and effective working with neighbouring authorities and the prescribed bodies under the duty to cooperate. This will be an essential element to inform the preparation of both the Joint Spatial Framework and the review of each authority Local Plan.

Minerals and Waste

- 4.5** As outlined in Table 2.1, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council have successfully cooperated in the preparation and adoption of a complete set of Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents. These plans are being implemented and monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) process.
- 4.6** Government Planning Practice Guidance advises that most local plans are likely to require updating in whole or in part at least every 5 years. Accordingly, a gap analysis will be undertaken in 2017/2018 of the existing adopted minerals and waste policies, taking into consideration the requirements of the NPPF, to identify whether the existing adopted policies need to be amended or replaced. This exercise will be undertaken in co-operation with Swindon Borough Council and will also review the evidence base. If it is considered necessary to programme a review, this will be set out in the next update to the LDS.

Implementing the Wiltshire Core Strategy

4.7 The Wiltshire Core Strategy was adopted in January 2015 it will remain the adopted policy for Wiltshire until adoption of the Wiltshire Local Plan review currently envisaged in Spring 2021. To support the continuing implementation of the Core Strategy there are a number of other projects completed or in preparation. These are:

- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) 3 - sets out detailed guidance on what infrastructure will need to be provided to support planned development. **Completed December 2016**
- Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule⁽⁶⁾ - sets out the type and scale of contributions that will be required to help provide the infrastructure to support development, based on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Wiltshire Core Strategy. **Approved May 2015⁽⁷⁾**
- The Wiltshire Regulation 123 List - sets out the infrastructure that the council may fund, in whole or in part, by the Community Infrastructure Levy. **Approved September 2016**
- Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document - provides detailed guidance on the application of Core Policy 3 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The SPD sets out how the Council will use section 106 planning obligations alongside other mechanisms for securing developer contributions towards infrastructure. **Adopted October 2016**
- Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy - to set out a strategic Wiltshire wide green infrastructure network that will comprise of both new and existing green spaces; walking, cycling and horse riding routes; parks, recreational spaces and play areas; water courses and water bodies; areas of high biodiversity value; and access and wildlife corridors such as inland waterways and rivers. **In progress**
- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document - to set out detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of affordable housing policies in the core strategy. **In progress**
- Wiltshire Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document - to set out guidance on both the design approach and the assessment of development proposals in the application of Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 57 'Ensuring high quality design and place shaping'. **In progress**

Annual Monitoring Report

4.8 Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) monitor and review how well the council has performed against the timetable set out in the LDS and any changes needed to maintain an up to date LDS. The role of the AMR is also to monitor the effectiveness of the policies included in each DPD.

6 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which local authorities in England and Wales are empowered, but not required, to charge on most types of new development in their area. CIL charges are based on simple formulae which relate the size of the charge to the size and character of the development paying it. The proceeds of the levy will be spent on infrastructure to support the development of the area.

7 Planning Practice Guidance states that "...charging authorities should also consider linking a review of their charging schedule to any substantive review of the evidence base for the relevant Plan." The need to review the CIL Charging Schedule for Wiltshire will be informed by the evidence gathered to support the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan.

4.9 The Localism Act contains provisions to remove the requirement to submit the AMR to the Secretary of State for approval; it does not contain provisions to remove the need for an AMR. It is now for each council to decide what should be included in their AMR while ensuring that they are prepared in accordance with UK and EU legislation⁽⁸⁾. Wiltshire Council continues to produce annual monitoring data.

Risk assessment

4.10 Risk assessment will be undertaken during the LDS period by senior managers and will consider mitigation and contingency measures that may need to be implemented in order to ensure that sound DPDs are prepared and developed in a timely manner. Significant risks that have been identified include:

- failure to secure consensus with members leading to significant milestones being missed
- changes to legislation and regulations delaying the plan making process
- lack of an appropriate and up to date evidence base
- insufficient resources (financial and staff) at critical points in the process

8 Letter to chief planning officers on preparation and monitoring of local plans, March 2011

Appendix A: Document profiles

Table A.1 Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES	
Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD	
Role and subject	<p>The Wiltshire Core Strategy provides the context for the scale of growth in each community area but it is not specific in every community about the location of growth.</p> <p>The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation DPD will provide surety of housing delivery for the Wiltshire Core Strategy plan period and will be used to identify sites where there is a potential shortfall in supply on the horizon, or neighbourhood planning is failing to deliver the numbers required to meet local needs. In addition, the document will address the review of settlement boundaries currently outlined in the 'saved' policies of the existing district local plans.</p> <p>The document will share the same plan horizon as Wiltshire Core Strategy (i.e. 2026).</p>
Geographic coverage	Wiltshire excluding the Principal Settlement of Chippenham
Document type/ status	Development plan document
Chain of conformity	Wiltshire Core Strategy, national policy
Timetable	
Stage	Dates
Initial consultation on the scope of plan	April 2014 May 2014
Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation)	May 2014 May 2017
Publication of plan for pre submission consultation	Commencing Qtr 3 2017
Submission to Secretary of State	During Qtr 2 2018
Examination (including hearing and receipt of Inspector's report)	Over the period Qtr 3-4 2018
Adoption	During Qtr 4 2018

Table A.2 Wiltshire Local Plan Review (2016-2036)

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES	
Wiltshire Local Plan Review (2016 2036)	
Role and subject	<p>The purpose of the review of the adopted Local Plan will be to assess the future levels of need for new homes (including market, affordable and specialist housing and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation) and employment land over the period 2016-2036 and to provide an appropriate basis for housing, employment land and infrastructure provision over that period.</p> <p>It will involve considering if the existing adopted development strategy remains relevant, identifying new site allocations relating to housing and employment together with supporting services and infrastructure.</p> <p>The review will also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some updating of existing Wiltshire Core Strategy development management policies to ensure their continued consistency with national policy; • Page 340 the introduction of additional development management policies in response to the review of the saved development management policies not replaced by the Wiltshire Core Strategy; and • developing additional locally distinctive policies to plan positively for all town centres in Wiltshire consistent with national policy <p>It will not be the purpose of the review to change or remove strategic objectives or policies that remain in accordance with national policy and support the delivery of sustainable development.</p>
Geographic coverage	Wiltshire
Document type/ status	Development plan document
Chain of conformity	National policy
Timetable	
Stage	Dates
Initial consultation on the scope of plan	Commencing Qtr 4 2017
Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation)	Over the period Qtr 1 2018 to Qtr 2 2019
Publication of plan for pre submission consultation	During Qtr 2 2019

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PROFILES

Submission to Secretary of State	During Qtr 1 2020
Examination (including hearing and receipt of Inspector's report)	Over the period Qtr 1 – Qtr 4 2020
Adoption	During Qtr1 2021

Appendix B: Glossary

A guide to the terminology used in this document

Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) This reports on how the council is performing on the implementation of the development plan document policies e.g. statistics on housing land supply. It includes a review of the Local Development Scheme's timetable and monitors the success of development plan document policies.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - A charge levied by the council on new development to fund the provision of infrastructure and wider community benefits. In order to charge the levy, the council must have an adopted CIL Charging Schedule.

Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule - A document that sets out the council's schedule of charges on various forms of development. The Charging Schedule must be based upon a robust evidence base (linked to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and robust viability assessments) and subjected to meaningful consultation. The Schedule is examined by an independently appointed assessor (generally the Planning Inspectorate); and if found sound, the council can then charge CIL.

Development Plan - The development plan comprises a number of documents that in combination provided adopted planning policy for Wiltshire. It comprises - Development Plan Documents produced by Wiltshire Council, saved policies in the former district local plans and Neighbourhood Plans. Planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Development Plan Documents (DPD) These are planning policy documents prepared by Wiltshire Council, as local planning authority, that set out the approach to development in the local area and together form the Local Plan. They are subject to community involvement, consultation and independent examination. A sustainability appraisal is required for each development plan document. In Wiltshire these comprise the Wiltshire Core Strategy, Chippenham Site Allocations Plan, and various minerals and waste policy documents.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) - A timetable for the preparation of local development documents.

Local Plan - The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) defines a local plan as: The plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Core strategies and other planning policies, which under the regulations are considered to be development plan documents form part of the local plan. The term includes old policies which have been saved under the 2004 Act.

National Planning Policy Framework - The National Planning Policy Framework was published on 27 March 2012. The framework gives guidance to local councils in drawing up local plans and on making decisions on planning applications. This is a key part of the government's reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible, and to promote sustainable growth.

Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) - A plan generally prepared by a Parish Council, which establish planning policies for the development and use of land in a defined neighbourhood area. A neighbourhood development plan must be in conformity with the Local Plan and undergo examination and a referendum. Adopted development plan documents and 'made' (i.e. adopted) neighbourhood development plans comprise the development plan in Wiltshire.

Neighbourhood Planning - The Localism Act, which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011, introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans.

Saved Policies The Government has set out procedures for saving adopted local plan policies beyond the period allowed in the Planning Act for saved Local Plans, until they have been replaced by policies in local development documents.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) This is required under national legislation for emerging policy and include consideration of social and economic impacts as well as impacts on the environment. Wiltshire is producing a combined SA and Strategic Environmental Assessment (see below).

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) A Local Development Document which provides additional advice and information relating to specific policy or proposals in a Development Plan Document.

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