

## Chippenham Area Board – Monday 4 July 2011

### Chairman's Announcements

#### Help Plan for Wiltshire's Future

Local people are being encouraged to have their say on plans which would make communities strong and sustainable by ensuring jobs, services and homes are developed in a balanced way.

Protecting the unique identity of each community as well as creating jobs and managing development underpin the council's Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS) consultation document, which will be subject to an additional round of consultation until August 8.

To ensure as many people as possible can comment on the plans and have the opportunity to ask questions, Wiltshire Council has organised the following exhibitions across the county:

- 24 June Paragon Hall, Westbury 2pm-8pm
- 28 June St Margarets Hall, Bradford on Avon 2pm-8pm
- 29 June Marlborough Town Hall, Marlborough 2pm-8pm
- 29 June Guildhall, Salisbury 2pm-8pm
- 4 July Methuen Hall, Corsham 2pm-8pm
- 5 July Bouverie Hall, Pewsey 2pm-8pm
- 5 July Assembly Hall, Melksham 2pm-8pm
- 6 July Neeld Hall, Chippenham 2pm-8pm
- 7 July Antrobus House, Amesbury 2pm-8pm
- 11 July Ceres Hall, Corn Exchange, Devizes 2pm-8pm
- 12 July Nadder Hall, Tisbury 2pm-8pm
- 13 July Bridge House, Trowbridge 2pm-8pm
- 13 July Village Hall, Lacock 2pm-8pm
- 14 July Warminster Library, Warminster 2pm-7pm
- 14 July Memorial Hall, Downton 2pm-8pm
- 15 July Town Hall, Calne 2pm-8pm
- 18 July Wesleyan Hall, Malmesbury 2pm-8pm
- 18 July Wootton Bassett Library, Wootton Bassett 2pm-8pm
- 20 July Memorial Hall, Ludgershall 2pm-8pm

The responses gathered through the consultation will be used to help draft the WCS – a plan which sets out long-term planning and development aims and principles. This will ensure local people continue to have an integral role in shaping plans which will affect them and their communities.

Last month cabinet approved an additional stage of consultation on the document. It details the amount of new employment land to support job growth and suggests

figures for new homes required over the next 15 years to ensure the county's community areas can grow in a way that meets the needs of local people.

The extra round of consultation comes after the WCS process was delayed following the government's announcement of its intention to revoke regional spatial strategies – binding housing targets set by government. As a result of the announcement, cabinet decided Wiltshire's housing requirement should be reviewed.

The council carried out a review and found that the number of homes required in Wiltshire over the next 15 years should be reduced from the government target of 44,400 new homes to the council's assessment of 37,000. Approximately half of the homes required have already been completed or are in the process of being developed.

Cabinet member with responsibility for economic regeneration and spatial planning, Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, said: "We want the local people to look at this document, have their say and help us make sure communities are as resilient and sustainable as possible. We must encourage appropriate growth so people rely less on travelling out of their communities to access services and jobs."

The consultation lasts until August 8 and all documents are available by logging on to council's website <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal> or [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wcsconsult2011](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wcsconsult2011).

The documents can also be viewed at the council's offices in Chippenham (Monkton Park), Devizes (Browfort), Salisbury (Milford Street) and Trowbridge (County Hall and Bradley Road) as well as all local libraries.

Comments can be submitted online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal), by email to [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk) or in writing to Spatial Planning, Economy and Enterprise, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 8JN.