

## Update for Chippenham Area Board

<b>Update from</b>	<b>Chippenham Vision</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	Monday 12 September 2011

### Headlines

Core Strategy Consultation . The Chippenham Vision produced a detailed response to the Core Strategy Consultation Document. This response was based on the broad consensus view of the Vision partners however individual partners have also submitted their own responses, particularly where individual views have differed from the group as a whole. Full details of the Vision response can be found at <http://www.thechippenhamvision.co.uk/documents.aspx>

Planning Applications. The Chippenham Vision raised an objection to the proposal to redevelop the out of town Focus DIY store on the junction of the Bath Road and A350 in Chippenham. The Wiltshire Northern Area Planning Committee approved the application. Full details of the Vision's argument and the Planning Committee decision can be found on the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal.

Public Sector Relocation. The Chippenham Vision hosted a workshop on the potential of Public Sector Departments relocating to Wiltshire out of London. The workshop was presented by public sector consultants Governetz. The workshop was attended by local authority officers, councillors, members of the Vision, developers, land owners and agents. The workshop concluded that Chippenham provided the potentially the most attractive location in the County. Work is now progressing to explore this potential in more detail.

### Projects

Langley Park. A number of different development options have been assessed by Carter Jonas (Oxford) for this site. A meeting between the owners of the site, Ashtenne, and Wiltshire Council Spatial Planning is being arranged for early September to discuss the implications of these assessments.

Employment Land Study. Roger Tym & Partners have been commissioned to carry out this study. It has the support and backing of the Wiltshire Strategic Economic Partnership and the local economic partnerships for Wiltshire as well as the Spatial Planning service for the Council. Chippenham Vision is providing project management and co-ordination. The study will be complete by the end of September. The resulting assessment will inform the Core Strategy

Chippenham Vision will be inviting neighbouring Area Boards to engage more formally with the Vision. The Core Strategy and a number of recent planning applications have highlighted the need for better communication where development issues cross Area Board boundaries.

### Future Events/Dates for the diary

Chippenham Vision Board Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September (Please note change of date from 6<sup>th</sup> September)