

Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board – 25 January 2012**Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum (parish/town council representatives and representatives from the community-led planning steering groups) met on 14 December and agreed to support continued working towards the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the community area as a whole.

The Forum is next due to meet on 1 February 2012 when it is expected to formally endorse its proposed Terms of Reference and begin to draw up a programme of work.

The Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Submission Document formally recognises the existence of a community-led neighbourhood planning process for the community area and of the role it is expected to play in helping to protect the distinct character and identity of the villages and settlements to the west of Swindon and the associated open countryside (Core Policy 51)