

Chairman's Announcement : Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy

Pre-submission consultation

On 17th January Cabinet considered a submission draft Wiltshire Core Strategy. Full Council will now be asked on 7 February 2012 to approve this draft for publication and to agree a six week statutory consultation period commencing on 20 February 2012.

At this stage the consultation will be inviting comments on the 'soundness' of the plan, for example, have the correct legal processes been followed or are the policies based on clear, robust, up-to-date information. During the consultation a summary of the document will be displayed in Devizes library for the duration of the consultation. Copies of the core strategy can be viewed in all local libraries. All the consultation documents will be made available on the Council's web site and at the Council offices at Bradley Road and County Hall, Trowbridge; Browfort, Devizes; Monkton Park, Chippenham and Milford Street, Salisbury. Comments can be submitted on line or in writing but must be received by Monday 2nd April 2012.

Subject to no fundamental issues being raised on the soundness of the core strategy, it is the Council's intention to submit the document to the Secretary of State during the summer. At this stage an Inspector will be appointed to undertake an Examination in Public into the soundness of the document. As part of this examination he/she will consider the representations received during the consultation which is to start on 20 February.

The Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy details a spatial strategy for Wiltshire and related policies to deliver that strategy. The core strategy incorporates a strategy for each community area which identifies specific development sites where appropriate and highlights specific considerations in each area.

Core Policy 12 - Spatial Strategy: Devizes Community Area

Development in the Devizes Community Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Strategy set out in Core Policy 1:

Market Towns:	Devizes
Local Service Centre:	Market Lavington
Larger Villages:	Bromham; Great Cheverell; Potterne; Urchfont; West Lavington / Littleton Pannell; Rowde and Worton
Smaller Villages:	All Cannings; Bishop Cannings; Easterton; Erlestoke; Etchilihampton and Marston and

9.9 ha of employment land will be provided.

Land between A361 and Horton Road	New strategic employment allocation	8.4 ha
Nursteed Road	Saved Kennet District Plan allocation	1.5 ha

The strategic employment allocation will be brought forward through a master planning process agreed between the community, local planning authority and the developer and should be in accordance with the Development Templates shown by Appendix A:

The following Principal Employment Areas will be supported in accordance with Core Policy 35: Banda Trading Estate; Folly Road; Hopton Industrial Estate; Hopton Park; Le Marchant Barracks; Mill Road; Nursteed Industrial Estate and Police Headquarters

Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), at least 2,150 new homes will be provided of which 1,730 should occur at Devizes. 420 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area. There will be no strategic housing sites allocated in Devizes. Land for residential development in the Devizes Community Area may consist of a range of sites in accordance with Core Policy 2. If required, non strategic sites within the community area will be identified through either a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) or a Site Allocation Development Plan Document (DPD).

Development proposals in the Devizes Community Area will need to demonstrate how those issues and considerations listed in paragraph 5.65 will be addressed.

Targets: See housing and employment numbers above; Reduction in local unemployment figures.

Monitoring and Review: AMR housing completions; NOMIS official labour market statistics.

Delivery Responsibility: Wiltshire Council; Developers.