

## **Chairman's Announcement : Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy**

### **Pre-submission consultation**

On 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Calne 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

(A copy of the draft core policy for Calne, to be considered by Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, is attached for information. This policy should be read in conjunction with the other policies of the plan that will apply to development in the local area, such as affordable housing policies, climate change policies and transport policies.)

## Core Policy 8 – Spatial Strategy: Calne Community Area

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

Market Towns:	Calne
Larger Villages:	Derry Hill/Studley
Smaller Villages:	Bremhill; Cherhill; Compton Bassett; Heddington and Hilmarton

Over the plan period, 6 hectares of employment will be provided, including:

Land East of Beversbrook Farm and Porte Marsh Industrial Estate	Saved North Wiltshire District Plan Allocation	3.2 hectares
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The following Principal Employment Area will be supported in accordance with Core Policy 35: Porte Marsh Industrial Estate.

Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), at least 1,380 new homes will be provided, of which 1,240 should occur at Calne and 140 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area. There will be no strategic housing sites allocated in Calne. Non strategic development in the Calne Community Area over the plan period may consist of a range of sites in accordance with Core Policies 1 and 2. Development proposals in the Calne Community Area will need to demonstrate how those issues and considerations listed in paragraph 5.42 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.

Notes for chairmen:

- Core strategy will be available for inspection in all local libraries. The summary display is available in only one location within the community area unless requests for additional copies from other organisations have been received. We are hoping to agree to the display being available in the Calne community hub but this has not been finalised yet (2/2/12)
- Documents which form part of the consultation are Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal Report, Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- All evidence prepared to support the production of the core strategy will be available from 20 February on the planning pages of the web site.
- Where an area board meeting takes place within the consultation period spatial plans officers will attend on request.
- Workshops have been arranged for rural parish councils to outline the approach in identifying large and small villages within the core strategy and to discuss the relationship between the core strategy and neighbourhood plans. Rural parishes will receive an invitation to attend closer to the start of the consultation. Dates are:
  - Biddestone Village Hall, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
  - Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7pm start
  - Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start

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