

Chairman's Announcement

Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-submission document

The Wiltshire Core Strategy pre-submission document was published for consultation on 20th February 2012. The six week statutory consultation period will continue until 2nd April 2012. The Wiltshire Core Strategy details a spatial strategy for Wiltshire and related polices 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.

At this stage the Council are inviting comments on the 'soundness' of the plan and whether the correct legal processes have been followed. To be sound the core strategy policies must be based on clear, robust, up-to-date information. Copies of the core strategy can be viewed in all local libraries and there will be a display about the document in Chippenham library. All the consultation documents are also 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.

This is your opportunity to comment on the Council's plans and proposals for Chippenham community area and have them considered by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

The Council, subject to no fundamental issues being raised on the soundness of the core strategy, intend to submit the document to the Secretary of State in July. At this stage formal examination of the plan will begin leading to an Examination in Public into the soundness of the document.

(A copy of the community area specific core policies for Chippenham is attached for information. These 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 9 - Chippenham Central Areas of Opportunity

The redevelopment of the following sites will be supported:

- (i). Bath Road Car Park/Bridge Centre Site - to form a retail extension to the town centre to provide a supermarket and comparison units.
- (ii). Langley Park - to deliver a mixed use site solution for a key redevelopment opportunity area to support the retention of significant business uses on part of the site.

In addition, the River Avon Corridor will be enhanced for leisure and recreation uses in an environmentally sensitive manner and developed as an attractive cycle/pedestrian route connecting the town centre with the wider green infrastructure network, while conserving and enhancing its role as a wildlife corridor

Development will be delivered on opportunity sites elsewhere in the central area in accordance with the key principles listed in paragraph 5.51.

All proposals should meet high quality design and sustainability standards including exemplary public realm and strong pedestrian and sustainable transport links.

Targets: Planning permission granted and implemented redevelopment within plan period

Monitoring and Review: AMR

Delivery Responsibility: Developers, Wiltshire Council, community groups, service providers

Core Policy 10 - the Spatial Strategy: Chippenham Community Area

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

Principal Town:	Chippenham
Larger Villages:	Christian Malford; Hullavington; Kington St Michael; Sutton
Smaller Villages:	Biddestone, Burton, Kington Langley, Langley Burrell, Lower Stanton St Quintin, Nettleton, Upper Seagry and Stanton St Quintin.

The following Principal Employment Areas will be supported in accordance with Core Policy 35: Bumpers Farm Industrial Estate; Methuen Park and Parsonage Way Industrial Estate.

Over the plan period (2006 to 2026), 26.5 ha of new employment land (in addition to that already provided or committed) and at least 4,500 new homes will be provided. 4,000 should occur at Chippenham, including the following land identified for strategic growth:

North Chippenham	2.5 ha employment	750 dwellings
Rawlings Green, East Chippenham	6 ha employment	700 dwellings
South West Chippenham	18 ha employment	800 dwellings

The strategic allocation will be brought forward through a master planning process agreed between the community, local planning authority and the developer and should meet any requirements as set out in the Development Templates shown by Appendix A.

Land South-West of Abbeyfield School (Landers Field) is identified as a non-strategic site to deliver 100-150 homes and 1ha employment land as part of a sustainable mixed use site including a business/enterprise centre linked to Abbeyfield School. Further details will be developed through an SPD or alternative planning mechanism.

500 homes will be provided in the rest of the community area over the plan period.

Development proposals in the Chippenham Community Area will need to demonstrate how those issues and considerations listed in paragraphs 5.48 and 5.54 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 is 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.
- Documents which form part of the consultation are Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy, Sustainability Appraisal Report, Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- All evidence prepared to support the production of the core strategy is also available on the planning pages of the web site.
- Where an area board meeting takes place within the consultation period a spatial plans officer 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. Dates are:
 - Biddestone Village Hall, Wednesday 7th March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start
 - Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton, Thursday 15th March, 6.30 for a 7pm start
 - Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, Monday 19th March, 6.30 for a 7 pm start